

Prayer points for the Nigeria ACU (Africa Christian University) Project:

As you are likely aware, this project involves a variety of diverse activities. However, a foundational element is finding ways to give back to Imala, the community that has given the great gift of land. The Imala community often talk about being “forgotten”; a rural community without running water, little to no power and limited access to medical care. As such CDF has partnered with various ministries, churches and individuals to come alongside the community, particularly in the areas of health care, children’s education, microloans and training.

The project started hosting mission teams last year; New Beginnings International Church Lagos (NBIC) sent one of the first teams. NBIC returned earlier this month; over a six-day period their 21-person missions team, led by pastors Emma Lou and Gary Maxey, engaged in: children’s ministry (to around 130 kids), nightly film evangelism (with crowds up to 300, and many commitments to the Lord), a two-day medical clinic, pastors’ training, house-to-house school visitation and evangelism. NBIC was joined by the West Africa Theological Seminary Hospital team to provide the medical component which involved five nurses, one doctor and included two medical professionals from the USA. The medical outreach saw 271 persons: treating, counseling and referring more serious cases to area hospitals. (See pictures below)

The king asked us to convey his heartfelt appreciation to NBIC. We are so glad God has not forgotten IMALA!



PRAISE ITEMS:

- ACU foundational activities:
 - Construction of training center ongoing – roof being installed!
 - Good progress on development of Providence Academy training program and chickens added to finish training farm prep.
- Planned community – 25k-acre Imala Project / Ext Sites:
 - Cassava planting restarted: tractor issue resolved rains subsided.
 - Final steps ongoing for goat breeding farm expansion.
- Other Praise Items:
 - Successful NBIC community outreach
 - New additions to our amazing project team, faithful prayer warriors, and incredible partners.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Establish Africa Christian University (ACU consortium, Providence Academy, partner institution programs)
 - Ongoing development of Farmer and Media certificate programs, programs certified by STAR. Ready by end Sept!
 - Funding for Providence Academy training center and dormitory (additional \$125,000)
- Develop planned community (securing the land, establishing the commercial foundation and initial city development)
 - Additional family signoffs. Securing airstrip land. Government permitting (registration and or CoOs).
 - Continued farm progress (land clearing and cassava planting prep; goat farm expansion) – Government grants / loans.
 - Final commitment of hotel investor – payment of commitment fee deposit.
 - Peaceful interactions with the Fulani cattlemen. Peaceful possession of land in Mowe (prior site) - Jordan Estates plot sales.
- Imala community, Project Organizations and Other Items:
 - God’s funding through kingdom-minded partners – fully facilitating pursuit of 2020 plan.
 - For expanding team (leaders, staff, volunteers). For wisdom & spiritual protection – that we serve & represent Christ well.

We are thankful for those joining us in prayer; we recognize, pursuant Ephesians 6:12, we are in a spiritual battle that can only be won through prayer! We ask especially that you pray for us on the 20th of each month, in recognition of the ACU project 2020 Master’s Plans. Please particularly note underlined priority prayer points and praises.

Thanks for your prayers,

James Rose (CDF President, ACU Project Leader)

ADDENDUM

ACU background and 2020 Master's Plan:

- ACU Vision and values statement were first developed in 2000 (documents and list of signatories can be found on the CDF website at <http://cdfafrica.org>). If interested in making a contribution or investing, please email us.
- 2020 STRATEGIES and Master's Plan, a phased approach (approved in 2014/15).
 - By 2020, begin building ACU within a planned community, one that attracts quality educators.
 - "Oxford Model" (group of semi-autonomous orgs) -- inter-denominational, shared facilities (e.g., auditorium)
 - Property secured and maintained leveraging large-scale agricultural project
 - Offer existing eLearning programs through church hubs.
 - Establish ACU mentoring program such that students "stand for a life-time".

See January prayer letter for the prayer requests for 2019.