



LEADERSHIP TRAINING MOVEMENT FOR THE TRANSFORMATION AND THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Report of the conference VISION 2007

INTRODUCTION

From November 26th to December 1st 2007, the Evangelic Federation of Côte D'Ivoire in collaboration with the Samaritan Strategy and Breakthrough Partners, has organised a conference with the topic: Leadership and Holistic Vision.

There were speakers from Côte D'Ivoire and those coming from abroad. At a national level, we have appreciated the contribution of Pastor Koffi Celestin, President of the church CMA (Christian Missionary Action) and Pastor Gouentoueu Gilbert President of the church UEESO.

The main lecturer coming from abroad is the REV. Gary Edmonds, founder of Breakthrough Partners, former secretary general of World Evangelic Alliance assisted by the Rev Christopher Ampadu from Ghana.

Dr. Jean Baptiste Nelbien, President of the Evangelical Federation of Côte d'Ivoire opened the ceremony by a welcoming speech, besides his presence there were leaders of the churches who are members of the federation.

Rev. Gary Edmonds said he was very honoured to be here in Côte d'Ivoire. To the leaders he said this; "you are the leaders of the nation but not of the church; because the church is the hope of the nation. I came in Côte d'Ivoire 35 years ago. I hope there will be a change in 35 years to come."

The conference gathered 99 delegates representing 33 different organizations. We have 26 appellations, 7 ministries and NGO. One important thing needs to be highlighted: there were delegates from catholic, protestant and evangelical churches as well as churches from African inspiration. We can thus conclude that the development is really everyone's matter. It's a miracle that the conference gathered so many people from different confessions.

The conference covered a week with some sessions in the morning and in the afternoon. The themes developed were so interesting that participants decided to stay during the whole week, including Saturday morning from 8 to 12 a.m. A certificate award ceremony closed the conference.

A meeting has been held on Saturday December 1st 2007, to set up a group of facilitators in order to develop the vision in Côte d'Ivoire.

Follow-up activities

Since the meeting on Saturday, December 1st that was attended by Rev. Gary, the committee met at the following dates:

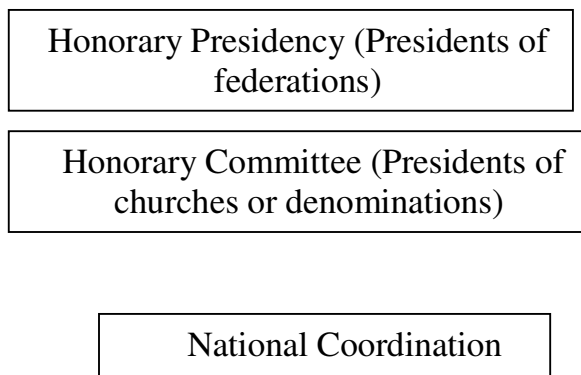
- December 19th 2007
- January 9th 2008.
- 14th January 2008
- 21st January 2008
- 25th January 2008

From these various meetings, the following decisions have been taken according to the advice of Reverend Gary in his message of December 18th 2007.

I- Organization of SAMARITAINE STRATEGY in Côte d'Ivoire

- A group of 10 facilitators has been appointed, taking into account the denominations represented at the conference.
- So, we have 10 denominations within the staff.

ORGANIZATION CHART



Action plan

- February 14th 2008, meeting with all the participants of the conference of 26th to 30th November to inform them about the establishment of the group and spread the network among them.
- Give them the programme of the year
- Seek for their support

- Make leaflets to present the SAMARITAINE STRATEGY (logo, heading paper already done)
- After the meeting of February 14th 2008, visit Presidents of churches to obtain their agreement and support.
- Visit the federations' Presidents
- Visit authorities in charge of Education and development in the country (Ministers of the government and the administration)
- Vision conference 2008 from Monday august 4th to Saturday august 9th 2008 at Hotel Ivoire (place where we had this meeting this evening)
- Production of textbook and documents
- Setting up of a small training committee and make sure that churches put the teaching into practice.

After the visits to Presidents of Churches, we will be allowed to go in the local churches.

III -Fundraising

- Contribution of the staff members and participants
- Subscription of different churches
- Production and selling of documents
- Donations

Questions

- 1- What do you think about the date of August the 4th to the 9th? (Is it suitable for you?)
- 2- At what time should we start the training of trainers? (Before or after the conference?)
- 3- How many trainers do we need for the first year? (10 or 20, etc...)
- 4- what should be the duration of the training (2 or 3 days)

IV- The Results of the conference

What are the conference expectations?

Before the conference, the leaders used to privilege their churches, their denominations in their activities. The idea of unity and partnership was weak. Many pastors did not have a good definition of the word leadership. For them, the leader must be the only one to be served. Some of them behaved as boss. Some of them did not understand that the church have a mission towards people outside of the spiritual

domain. In short, after the conference, the indispensable necessity of genuine unity in the work was born in each participant. The example given by reverend Gary through the story in Thailand where the buckets were used by each person to put the fire out and saved the house was edifying. All understood that the leader is the one who helps the other and makes his work easier. During an assessment meeting, on Saturday December 1st 2007, Reverend Gary asked a question: is the seminar good for Côte d'Ivoire? These are some answers which sum up the impact of the conference.

- 1- The conference is welcomed in Côte d'Ivoire.
- 2- The conference helps us to break the barriers of denominations.
- 3- God wants to do something new in Côte d'Ivoire.
- 4- A fire is burning. It is a program which helps us to establish the reign of God in Côte d'Ivoire. God arouses a new generation to change Côte d'Ivoire.
- 5- The conference equipped us to teach the others in order to share the vision with those who are missing.

We are ready to take up the challenge of the transformation in our country.

Conclusion

We bless the Lord for having sent this vision of development in Côte d'Ivoire just when the country is progressively recovering from the crisis. This programme gives us a great hope for the future of the country.

We register our sincere thanks to Rev. Gary Edmonds, Pastor Christopher Ampadu, the Breakthrough Partners and the Samaritan Strategy, as well as all those people who supported this important training programme of leaders by their prayer and financial means.

May God bless you all, and glory be with GOD!

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