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# SENEGAL TRIP REPORT

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## TRIP AIMS

1. Come to Dakar, Senegal on first visit with biblical teaching on stewardship and point ministries to AfCAA (African Council for Accreditation and Accountability) standards.
2. Collaborate to spread Stations of Generosity training with the Regional Facilitator to equip and activate trainers.
3. Cultivate relationships in Senegal with key people at meetings and meals and through prayer, fasting, and confession together.

## TRIP VERSE

*Acts 20:18, 35*

*When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia... In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Act 20:18, 35*

Gary Hoag (GTP President & CEO) and Samson Adoungbe (GTP Regional Facilitator for Francophone Africa) traveled to Dakar, Senegal from 14-18 March 2023 with 3 aims in view (listed at left). This picture features 46 pastors and ministry workers at the onsite biblical teaching event in Dakar: "Stewardship and Standards – Two Keys to Strengthen Sustainable Ministries." This report shares the fruits of this first-ever GTP trip to Senegal.

# AIM #1 – COME TO DAKAR, SENEGAL ON FIRST VISIT WITH BIBLICAL TEACHING ON STEWARDSHIP AND POINT MINISTRIES TO AFCAA STANDARDS

We report 5 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Scholar.** On the teaching day in each of the 4 countries, Samson emphasized Gary's Rev. Dr. credentials to urge them to listen to the teaching. God's Word got them thinking and convicted them to grow generous stewards and follow standards similar to the biblical example of Paul. **Fruit #2 – Standing.** After teaching and discussion, Samson had the group stand and read the AfCAA standards. This "Stand and Declare" activity coupled with discussion on the relevance of standards for the setting inspired many to want to bring standards to Senegal. **Fruit #3 – Standards.** These ministries plan to pursue the AfCAA accreditation process: Assembly of God denomination, Mission ABMC of Dakar, Temple of Nations Church, His Grace Ministry, MCSG, and Ministere international de la Moisson. Samson will assist them and connect them to AfCAA. **Fruit #4 – Seeds.** Pastor Ndour and others spoke of this visit as sowing seeds that will bear much fruit if nurtured. Pray for this for Francophone Africa. **Fruit #5 – Spreading.** Word has spread to Democratic Republic of Congo and Cameroon already. Pray for the seeds planted on this trip to bear fruit as a basis for future work.



*I want to bless the Lord for the quality of the GTP events. The teaching inspired us to follow AfCAA standards and the Stations training will have great impact because those in attendance were leaders and it will be easy for them to impact others in Senegal. We pray that what we have seen in these two days will be like seeds that give fruits. God bless you.*

*– Mignane Ndour  
Pastor, Temple of Nations Church  
Vice President, Assembly of God, Senegal*

*I thank the Lord for the opportunity that He gave us on these two days with GTP. It was a good thing for me. We need to work on AfCAA standards. And I will do all I can to repeat Stations in my church.*

*– Sylvain Iba  
Pastor, Foursquare Church of Dakar*

## AIM #2 – COLLABORATE TO SPREAD STATIONS OF GENEROSITY TRAINING WITH THE REGIONAL FACILITATOR TO EQUIP AND ACTIVATE TRAINERS



We report 3 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Fresh.** Participants spoke about Stations as interesting and different from other trainings. The 28 who got certificates are eager to replicate it. **Fruit #2 – Fun.** Pastors used the word "fun" to describe the interactive format with motions, Scripture, questions, and activities. They loved acting out passages and engaging children in the motions (both ideas pictured below). **Fruit #3 – Faith.** Many commented on shifting from fear to faith. Pastors said that they thought their church had nothing to give. Now they want to invite everyone to give God what they have by faith.



*This Stations training is a real blessing for the body of Christ in Senegal. Certainly many saw themselves generous, but just with the surplus of their goods in order to ensure their tomorrow. But this training teaches us that we can even share the little that we have, because God is the One who supplies all our needs and that all that we have as wealth comes from Him. For me, personally, these moments of biblical generosity training with GTP encouraged me to be more generous without fear of tomorrow because my life does not depend on my goods on earth but on God.*

*– Marie Rose Agbefan  
Interpreter, Temple of Nations Church*

## AIM #3 – CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS IN DAKAR WITH PEOPLE AT MEETINGS AND MEALS AND THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING, AND CONFESSION TOGETHER

We report 4 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Violent Protesting.** On the day of our Stations training, there were demonstrations throughout the city including just outside the Temple of Nations Church where we met. Protesters set afire anything found in the streets (pictured at right). Two explosions shook our building. This led us to frequent prayer. We bonded in the crisis. Our hosts appreciated that we did the training despite the danger. **Fruit #2 – Mignane Ndour.** He hosted GTP at his church on day two for the Stations training. He's a key influencer whose wholehearted support will help spread generous stewardship and standards to many churches and ministries (pictured at far left at right). **Fruit #3 – Jériel Famien.** He is respected and well-connected among evangelical pastors. Though the church is small in Senegal it is strong. He will serve as County Coordinator (pictured at far right at right) **Fruit #4 – Jean-Pierre Ndour.** He's the National Coordinator for Methodist ministry in Senegal and is eager to spread GTP trainings and tools (pictured next to Gary below).



*I am very happy for these two days of events with GTP. We had great time of praying, teaching, training, and sharing. It was fun. I reached out to many pastors. They came because they are my friends. But after the training on the second day, many came to me and testified the good things that they received. I know that they are satisfied, so I am very happy. And I want to bless the Lord Jesus Christ for the opportunity to be chosen to serve as the GTP Country Coordinator for Senegal. For me this is a new adventure, and I pray it opens many doors to serve.*

*– Jériel Famien  
Pastor, Mission ABMC of Dakar  
GTP Country Coordinator for Senegal*