

All Christians' Fellowship International

*Mission
in Jeopardy*

A call for help

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INTRODUCTION

In Europe today there has been a sharp decline in the number of Christians and for one to say he is a Christian is not a popular thing and in most cases will be received with hostility since the continent is being rapidly secularised. This has resulted to a great resistance to the spread of the gospel in European continent as a whole so much that most ministries find it difficult establishing churches and carrying on with the work of evangelism, as it is in other parts of the world. The truth remains that Christianity is gradually declining today in Europe a far cry from what it used to be in the early church, with great missionaries and evangelists from Europe who some say practically evangelised the world.

However some ministries believe that notwithstanding the difficulties, Europe can still be evangelised and the Church in Europe can return to its “glory days” and in this category falls ALL CHRISTIANS’ FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL. From its Headquarters in Padova with its other branches in Italy, London and Maryland (U.S.A), the ministry has been training people towards this goal.

This booklet is aimed to highlight some of these problems and how ACFI as one of the pioneering churches in Italy today has been able to confront these difficulties. The booklet is also aimed at highlighting challenges still facing the ministry today. It will also showcase some of the projects the ministry is currently embarking on with the aim of creating awareness to the public and the body of Christ, particularly to the potential partners who may be moved by the Lord to identify areas in which they can collaborate with the ministry to achieve this goal.

We pray that reading this booklet one can identify the voice of the Holy Spirit as he speaks to the heart of the reader. Since this vision goes beyond any individual ministry, we hereby solicit the assistance of the entire body of Christ.

God bless you in Jesus name amen.

ACFI - FROM THEN TILL NOW!

It is God given vision to this Ministry to be a solution ground where the lost, the hurting, the depressed, the frustrated, the poor and the confused can find real and lasting love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, prosperity and encouragement [John 3: 16-17; John 17:1-3; Isaiah 3:10; 2 Chronicles 31:21; Psalm 36:79]

It is the Ministry's fervent vision and desire to welcome every living soul in all Cities irrespective of their Nationality, Race or Colour into this Assembly. Ours is a Family Church and it is the situation in each of our Assemblies. We are committed to being our brothers' keeper and to going all out for lost souls at all cost. [Isaiah 60:22; Psalm 2:8; Luke 14:23]

It is the Ministry's effectual vision to develop every believer to spiritual maturity through raw Bible preaching and teachings, eye-opening messages and focus on the Family Seminars, Home Fellowships, School for Disciples, Conventions and Convocations, Camp Meetings etc. [Deuteronomy 4:49; Ezekiel 44:23; Job 36:1011]

It is the Ministry's unrelenting vision to train and equip every believers especially our members for visibly significant Christian ministries, such as Helping or Supporting, Evangelizing, Counselling, Teaching etc., by helping them discover, develop and properly display their God-given gifts and talents. [I Timothy 4:14]

It is the foundation vision of this Ministry to build a solid and profitable relationship with similar Churches, Ministries and Christian Organisations world-wide. We are also committed to assist in training, and equipping potential church leaders. By this, we would be better able to assist individ-

uals and Christian Ministries world-wide to maximize the potential of God's gifts to His church.

It is the vision of this Ministry to embark on a massive Global Harvesting as God would enable us, and therefore it is an essential part of the vision to be a Church where every member is an Evangelist, (Matthew 8:19-20) every Worker, a Warrior and a Conqueror [Jeremiah 51:20; Romans 8:37] (Psalm 68:11).

It is the Ministry's absolutely committed vision to reach the ends of the earth and the entire inhabitant of this nation as a starting point, with the saving and healing power of the gospel. [Matthew 28: 19-20; Romans 10:14-15; Deut. 32:30; Leviticus 26:8; Ecclesiastes 4:9]



Pastor Ufere Nwankwo ACFI National Overseer. Building project visionary.

OUR VISION

The Vision of this Ministry is directed towards all mankind in the areas of Soul Winning and Christian Fellowship. Therefore, we are committed to engaging in varieties of Christian Missions, and Leadership Development Programs (LDP).

All Christians' Fellowship International is a Ministry that have grown by the will of God for the propagation of Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world; establishing and maintaining a place for the worship of one true God; to provide Christian Fellowship for people of different Christian denominations and nations and for those of like precious faith, irrespective of social position or worldly possessions by the conviction of the mandate received from the Lord Jesus Christ to:

- *Proclaim the Gospel to all nations (Matt. 28:19),*
- *Preach good news to the poor,*
- *Bind up the broken-hearted,*
- *Proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).*

Inevitably, this document includes certain affirmations about Christ Faith and Gospel. It is not meant to compel assents or to replace the confession of faith of other Evangelical, Pentecostal or Charismatic Churches across the World; rather it is descriptive of *Central matters of faith - ALL CHRISTIANS' FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (ACFI)*. It is noteworthy, however, that (ACFI) is basically an Evangelistic Oriented Ministry and our vision as seen above is to “Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, and exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

We hold that the Bible is the word of God and that all statements in it are truly stated and are of relevance from generation to generations. We are quite aware of the existence of many denominations and their different doctrines and beliefs. However, in order to maintain unity among the genuine Christians in the body of Christ, the Bible is our only standard and Jesus Christ is our great example.

We affirm that Christian fellowship, mutual edification and evangelical effort, in and through the form and body of local churches is God's ordained order for His people, and, that those of each local Church are enjoined to assemble themselves together for Worship, Fellowship, Counsel, and Instruction in the Word of God, and the work of the ministry; and for the exercising of those mutual gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament; and that the local Church is charged by the Word of God and the light of that Word by the Spirit in all godly fear and love; and believing that those things are essential to obtaining the Christian goal, "Be ye therefore holy even as your Father in heaven is holy;" and further, believing that God has called us, anointing us to emphasize the fullness of the Gospel in and through the Baptism of Water and with the Holy Ghost (*which is our distinctive testimony*) according to the scriptures; (*John 3:5; Acts 1:4-5, 2:4, 2:38, 8:36-37, 10:44-48, 19:2,6; Matthew 28:19*).



Worship session.

MISSION

The ACFI President together with the National Administrative Board(s) have set before themselves the following objectives:

- To be dynamic spiritual body empowered by the Holy Spirit to teach, baptize, disciple and help believers realize their spiritual gifts and encourage them to use these gifts in the sharing of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12).
- To challenge, to inspire and to empower Christian leaders, by delegating ministerial authority to them.
- To see to the setting up of new Assemblies and Branches of this Ministry in other places within and outside the Country(s).
- To monitor the Assemblies of the Ministry, by seeing to their problems, assessing their progress providing resources and recommending necessary strategies for growth.
- To provide support for smaller Churches/Christian Groups and/or Ministries in their effort to reach the unreached. Such groups could be recommended by the National Administrative Board(s) to the President, or they contact the President at acfi@acfiministries.com with their intentions, including affiliation purposes.
- To organize and/or support Humanitarian Activities for the needy in our local communities and anywhere in the world.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1 The Lord God is one Lord and has external existence in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the maker of all things – (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 3:16, John 14:16-17*).
- 2 The virgin birth, the sinless humanity and the miracles of Jesus Christ – (*Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:20-23, Hebrews 4:15, John 2:11*).
- 3 The death, resurrection and the ascension of Jesus Christ – (*Mark 10:45, Luke 24:39, Acts 1:9-11, I Peter 2:24*).
- 4 The imminent personal return of Jesus Christ – (*Matthew 24:37-51, 25:31-46, 24:37-51, Acts 1:10-11, I Thessalonians 4:16-17*).
- 5 The new birth as a condition for entering into the Kingdom of God and for receiving eternal life – (*John 3:3-7, Titus 3:5-7*).
- 6 The baptism of the Holy Ghost accompanied by such signs as established in the Bible – (*Acts 1:8, 2:4, I Corinthians 12:1-11, Galatians 5:22-26, Ephesians 5:18*).
- 7 Practical holiness and the doing of good works when still alive – (*Romans 6:11, 12:2, Ecclesiastics 9:10, Ephesians 2:10, 4:22-24, James 5:13-20*).
- 8 Divine healing through faith as a provision in the atonement – (*I Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:16-17, James 5:13-18*).
- 9 The preaching of the Gospel – (*Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 4:2-5*).
- 10 The future resurrection and immortality of the bodies of believers (*Romans 8:23, I Corinthians 15:1-end*).
- 11 The establishment of a New Heaven and a New Earth in which the righteous and righteousness will reign forever – (*Isaiah 65:17, 66:22, II Peters 3:13, Revelation 21:1*).
- 12 Eternal life for believers and eternal punishment for the unbelievers - (*Daniel 12:1-2, Matthew 25:46, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 20:11-15*).

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY

This ministry, All Christians Fellowship International (ACFI) since its inception twenty years ago has devised and implemented various strategies while upholding the undiluted Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has achieved successes in various areas of its operation notwithstanding the limitations and challenges facing it.

Listed below are some of the ministry's achievements.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The ministry has been training ministers since it was founded to serve in the ministry as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Church administrators etc. and some have already identified their individual call and moved on to begin their own ministry.

ESTABLISHMENT OF WORSHIP CENTRES

As the ministry continues to expand to other cities and countries there is need to establish branch churches to meet the local need of the brethren there and to bring them up in the way of the Lord as well as to carry on with the vision of the ministry. As a result the ministry is now located in cities like Padova, Susegana, Bassano in Italy, Frederick in Maryland (USA) and London (United Kingdom).

INTERDENOMINATIONAL HOME FELLOWSHIP CENTRES

One of the strategies which the ministry has implemented and recorded successes, is in the establishment of home fellowship centres, which accommodates people from other denominations so as to create an environment where members and non-members of the ministry who reside within the same community, come together to have house fellowship and bible studies. These fellowship centres are structured in a way to eliminate the prevalent denominational barriers.

CHILDRENS' ACCADEMY

Because of the importance of training children in the fear of the Lord especially knowing that we live in a secular society, the ministry has developed a functional children's department to address this need and in doing this, the ministry has been preparing teachers and equipping them with the special skills needed to train the children. This we are partly realising through partnership with other ministries who also have experience in this area.



Children academy.

WELFARE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE

The ministry also partners with the government in helping to curb the menace of drug abuse and prostitution in the society by adopting a strategy that is aimed at reaching out to these destitute on the street with plans to rehabilitate and reorient them. This has resulted in changing the lives of some persons involved in these acts, some of which are now happily married and living a crime free life and more especially are now born again Christians.



Worship session.

CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULTIES

Like every other undertaking there have been challenges, which the ministry has faced, ranging from human, material and financial resources. These challenges have been on the increase especially in the present economic situation in Europe and particularly in Italy.

Outlined below are some of the challenges facing the ministry.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The economic situation today in some of these countries where the ministry is located has deteriorated so much that some people find it difficult to cope with the situation. Loss of jobs, businesses failing and companies closing down has resulted in migration of people to other countries in such a scale as never been seen before. This has to a large extent not only affected the operations of the ministry financially but also in terms of personnel.

TRAINING FACILITIES

As a result of the multi-ethnic nature of the environment in which the ministry operates, there is need for people to be trained as interpreters. The need for equipment for message interpretation is also highly required. The ministry is looking forward to be able to train more interpreters and acquire necessary equipment. We also desire to acquire a befitting training facility to train these personnel and members of the church.

ACCOMODATION

Up till date, the ministry has since been operating from temporary locations and this has been affecting its operations, as it is sometimes forced to change venues even at a most inconvenient time. Because of this, we have decided to embark on a project of constructing a permanent structure to accommodate a worship centre and a place where ministerial assignments will be carried out.

FINANCE

- I It is good to say that most of the operations of this ministry involve finance and its short supply has limited it so much especially in areas such as Mobilizing and sending out ministers.
- II Training and rehabilitation of those who have abandoned the way of prostitution and drugs on the street.
- III Acquiring or renting worship centres for our branches.



PROPOSED PROJECT

Our goal is to continue with this mission regardless of the unhealthy state of the economy of this country (Italy). A couple of years ago, we planned to acquire a hall of worship in order to be able to save money from the ever increasing rent for other programs, and to be able to have more space whereby we can diversify our programs by creating other social services like information centre, language classes for children and adults, secular and spiritual counselling and many more. Apart, the condition of the structure of our current rented hall is nothing but dilapidated. In many occasions, the hall has been flooded when it rain heavily in the area (see the pictures), causing damages to the church properties.

Therefore the ministry has decided to embark on a THREE PHASED PROJECT which will be executed in the order of priority and availability of fund and resources.



PHASE ONE

The first phase of the project is acquisition or CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT STRUCTURE that will serve as headquarters and administrative base from where all operations of the ministry will be overseen and will comprise the following

- A worship hall
- Guest house for ministers
- Administrative wing
- Car park

The estimated cost of this phase is one million two hundred thousand euro (euro 1.2m). The seating capacity of the hall of worship is proposed to accommodate about two thousand people.

PHASE TWO

In this phase the ministry is proposing the construction of an APARTMENT BLOCK for ministers and guests and also a temporary place of refuge for the homeless and destitute.

The estimated cost of this phase of the project is five hundred thousand euro (euro 500,000).



Missionary Block.

PHASE THREE

Because of the increasing growth of the CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT and the special techniques required to train these young ones, the ministry is proposing an independent facility where children of various age groups will be adequately cared for. Estimate for the children's department is about three hundred and fifty thousand euro (euro 350,000).

A CALL FOR HELP!

Dear Friends,

We are privileged to be living in the greatest time in human history. Never before has the gospel had entrance in to this very nation (*Italy*) that is opening up today. In this country, there are approximately one and a half million Christian immigrants and with more than a thousand Ministries and Churches, all of which are struggling to make a difference in the communities. Our aim in All Christians' Fellowship International has always been to evangelize and to create forum for Christians of all denominations and nations, who by virtue of where they found themselves, could no longer get on with their first love for Christ to stir up that love again. We are also making tremendous contribution to the efforts of many other international Christian bodies to overhaul the dwindling trend in the growth of Christianity in this country.

We are sure you are aware of the important role that All Christians' Fellowship International plays in helping people whose lives are impacted by our mission stated above. For more than two decades that this mission started, we have witnessed a number of divine interventions of God saving power in the lives of many in our community. We have recorded an incredible number of drug dealers and peddlers returning to God, and prostitutes giving it up for Jesus. Our welfare program has been meeting the needs of many members and non-members. We have organized and participated in many interdenominational evangelistic campaigns throughout the region. Though, All Christians' Fellowship International is a non-profit organization and as an independent church, we depend upon the generosity of our members to sustain and advance the mission of the ministry. Many of these members have relocated to other parts of the country for job purposes and some moved out of the country. This of course has been affecting the income of the church.

Beloved, if God is speaking to you about His vision as given to this Ministry,

we implore you not to hesitate, but to stand up with us. This is a huge mission for us, and it would be great to have partners who are willing to ride out the storm with us. Your participation, prayer and financial support would be highly appreciated.



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Thanks and God bless you

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Pledge Form

Mission In Jeopardy - A Call For Help

Let your heart be grateful in giving to God's work

Names: _____

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E-mail: _____

I express my commitment to our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the many good work of "All Christians' Fellowship International" with pledge of:

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Date

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also



The Harvest Is Plentiful, But The Workers Are Few

“Then saith He unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his har-vest” (Matthew 9:37-38)

People aren't saved from their sins by accident. They don't become Christians by osmosis. Some-one has to go. Someone has to pray. Someone has to give. Someone has to serve. Someone has to work. So, ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:13-15