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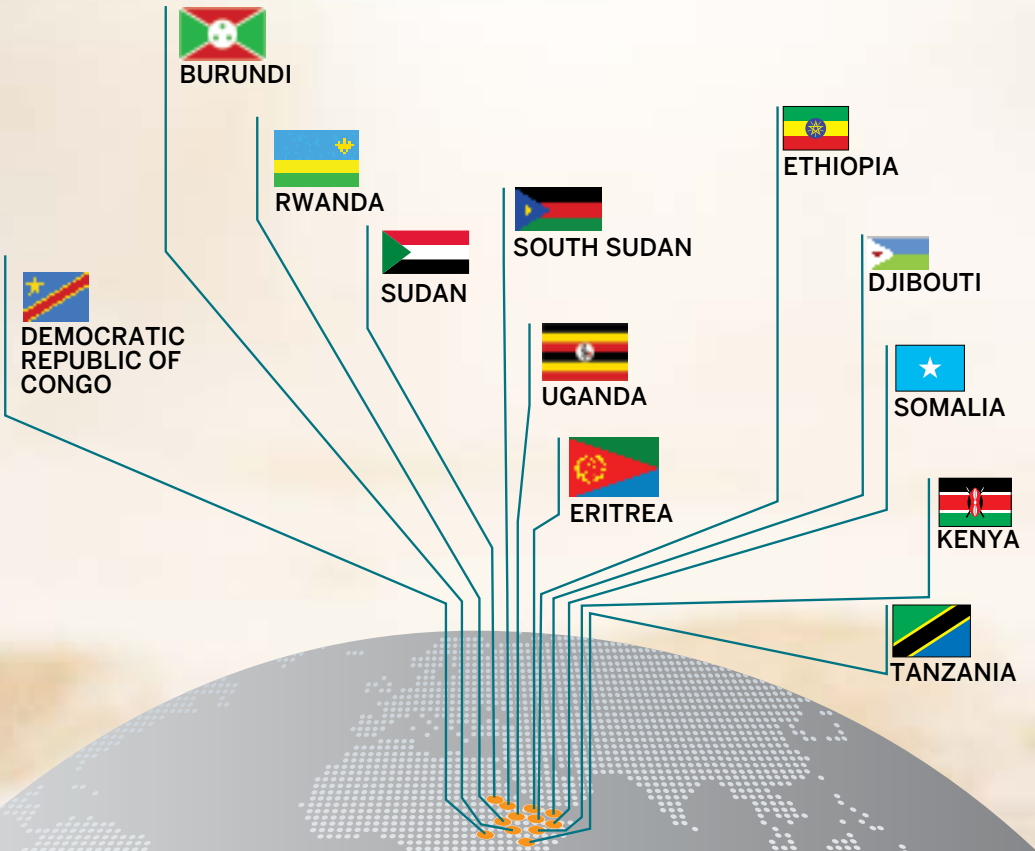
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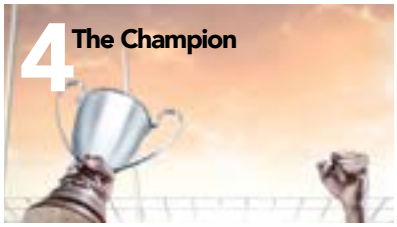
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From Spectators to Disciple Makers

In the previous quinquennium, the theme for the East-Central Africa Division was "Mission Priority: It's Harvest Time!" Through the Lord's kindness, the church developed a deep sense of mission and hunger for evangelism at every level of the church. As God did this in us, the membership of the church grew in this Division by approximately 1.5 million people. A feat that had never been done before in the history of the church!

But along the way, God revealed that the growth in membership that we were experiencing was not the ultimate goal for the church. The mission priority that we had, was to make strong, mature disciples of every single member of the Church. After all, what good does it do to fill churches unless it is with people who have been transformed by Christ and who are ready to follow Him wherever He is leading?

God has led ECD to believe that it is possible to reach the world for Christ in this generation, if only God's people are ready to follow Him. If only we're ready to lay aside prejudices, and greed. If only we can grow in our faith so that every plan and purpose is made based on seeking eternal advantages and benefits rather than political and temporal ones.

The good news is that there is so much evidence that the Lord is succeeding in this great transformation among His people. In this issue of CONNECT, you will read dramatic testimonies of the faithfulness of God as He is changing His church. Each testimony, each story and each feature will give reason to praise God, and also to plead with Him for mercy and the power to do more to glorify His name.

Times are changing, and it seems that the Spirit of Christ is preparing His people for a special work.

Each of the ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 efforts is discussed in this issue. And the striking reality is that the star of these efforts is not any particular speaker, but rather, the members themselves. The clear heartbeat of the initiative is to celebrate members who have made the decision to become disciple makers for the glory of Christ.

The COVID pandemic was a critical catalyst for the current mission focus of the church. We were forced to wonder what the church will be and do when persecution makes it impossible to hold public meetings and gather as we are allowed to do today. Are we ready to stand firm and even shine more brightly when the darkness around us is even deeper?

Times are changing, and it seems that the Spirit of Christ is preparing His people for a special work. The burden of EEI 2025 is not gaining members as much as it is about strengthening members to finish the work themselves. May God be faithful to complete this great work that He has begun in His people!

Emanuel Pelote CONNECT Editor



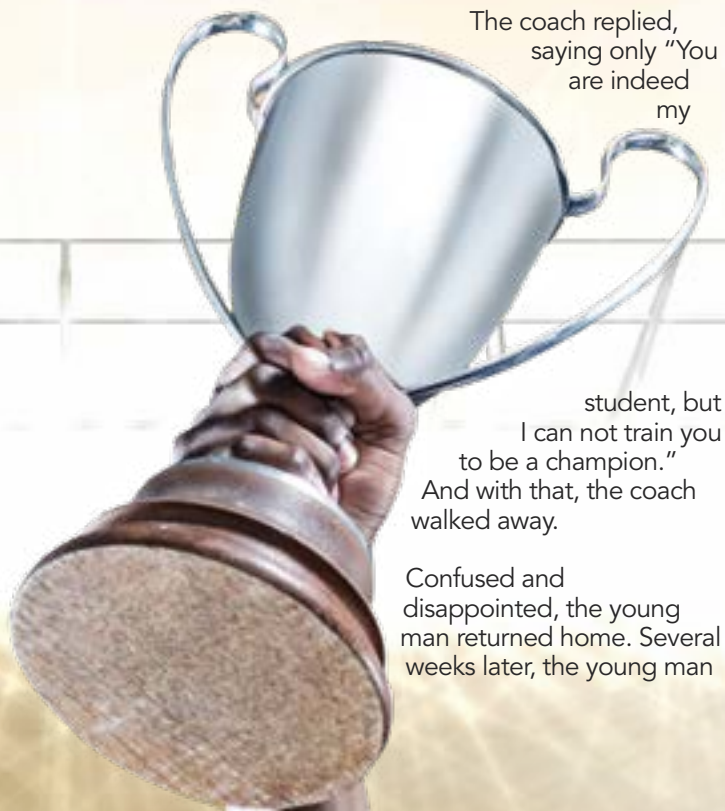
The Champion

Imagine with me for a few moments, that in a bustling city, there was once a young man named Alex dreamed of becoming a champion. He sought out the wisest coach known for training the greatest champions. Determined to reach his goal, Alex approached the coach and asked, "Will you train me to be a champion?"

The coach, a stoic man with a piercing gaze, replied, "I will train you. But first, you first accomplish several tasks. You must always follow me, and never give up. If you succeed, then you shall be my student, and you will become a champion."

Excited yet apprehensive, Alex accepted the challenge. The tasks were grueling, demanding far greater levels of effort and sacrifice than he had ever imagined possible. Each task tested his physical endurance, mental acuity, his perseverance, and even his faith.

Months passed, and Alex overcame each hurdle with determination and grit. When he finally completed the last task, he returned to the coach, heart pounding with anticipation. "I have done everything you asked. Will you train me now?" Alex inquired, breathless with hope.



The coach replied, saying only "You are indeed my student, but I can not train you to be a champion." And with that, the coach walked away.

Confused and disappointed, the young man returned home. Several weeks later, the young man happened to see the famous coach in the streets of the city. All of the questions and frustrations welled up in him, and he determined to approach the coach to speak with him. "Why did you reject me as a student? I succeeded at every challenge that you gave me!" the young man exclaimed.

> "Champions are not produced through techniques and drills. They are produced through commitment to a vision and a calling.

With compassion, the coach replied, "My son, I have never rejected you. You are, indeed my student. But you have not succeeded at every challenge." "In what challenge have I failed? I accomplished everything on the list that you gave me."

The coach replied, "Champions are not produced through techniques and drills. They are produced through commitment to a vision and a calling. You succeeded in your assignments, and the effort required to do so developed in you the heart of a champion. That is why I made you my student. I could not train you to be a champion, because you had already become one. But the greatest challenge was the last challenge. When I walked away, the greatest challenge was put before you. To have the humility to follow, even when you do not fully understand."

ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 is much more than a series of programs, events and campaigns. It is a call to revival and reformation. It is a call to live the lifestyle of disciple makers, seeking to bless the world for the glory of God. For the wise, these efforts will lead us to have a closer walk with Christ, the true Champion.

Pastor Blasious Ruguri is the President of East-Central Africa Division of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ELLEN G. WHITE WRITINGS



A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.
— True Revival P. 9

When we pray for others, we are engaging in one of the most powerful forms of evangelism. It is through intercessory prayer that the Holy Spirit can work in the hearts of men and women, drawing them to Christ. The success of the gospel work is in large measure dependent on the prayers of God's people. Those who engage in earnest prayer for the salvation of souls become channels through which the grace of God flows to reach others."
— Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 316

There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. It is the prayer of such a person that avails much. True prayer is a life of consecration, and those who live this life become channels of God's blessing. The Holy Spirit works through them to accomplish His will on earth, and their prayers are answered as they seek to glorify God.
— Desire of Ages, p. 250

Prayer is not so much asking for things as it is a desire to draw closer to God. It is the means by which we come into communion with the Father, and through which we grow in grace. In prayer, we acknowledge our dependence on God, and we seek His will, not only for ourselves but for others. True prayer is not about selfish desires but about allowing God's will to be done in our lives and on earth. It is through prayer that our hearts are transformed, and we become more like Him."
— The Great Controversy, p. 518

The family is the foundation of all society. It is the first school, the first church, the first mission field. The work of the Christian home is missionary work. The influence of the home should be such as to lead those who come under its influence to Christ. If parents would make the home what it should be, a little heaven on earth, they would not only bless their children, but would give a testimony to the world of the power of godliness in the life. The home is the first and most important missionary field for the Christian family.
The Adventist Home, p. 32

The youth are the ones who will carry the gospel to the world. They are in a position to be among the most successful missionaries, because they are not burdened with the cares and anxieties that often come with age. The fervor, the zeal, the enthusiasm, and the energy of youth can be directed in missionary service. In their service, they will find joy, satisfaction, and the approval of God.
— Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 64

The children who are baptized should be taught to love and obey the commandments of God. They are not too young to be baptized, for Christ has said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.' When children are baptized, they should be taught that their duty is to live for Christ, to follow His example, and to make a decision to accept Him as their Savior.
— The Adventist Home, p. 493

Ellen G. White (1827-1915) was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist church and wrote extensively providing biblical spiritual insight to the faith community on a wide range of topics.

ADVENTIST AIDS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY (AAIM)

The Adventist AIDS International Ministry (AAIM) is one of the Church's most effective community-focused ministries, yet it is little known by many members. The General Conference (GC) established AAIM in October 2002 in response to the devouring epidemic of HIV/AIDS and to acknowledge that our members live in this world and are directly affected by HIV/AIDS in the same way that other world citizens are.

AAIM was established and continues to be a "grace filled ministry." As part of the Health Ministries Department (HMD), AAIM contributes to the "right hand of the gospel," furthering Christ's mission of mingling with men and seeking their good. "He showed his empathy for them, met their needs, and gained their trust. Then He said, 'Follow Me'." (Ellen G. White, The Ministry of Healing, page 143.)

Dr. Bangwato Sikwa Ramabu directs the AAIM office in Pretoria, South Africa, which oversees three African divisions: East Central Africa (ECD), Southern Africa Indian Ocean (SID), and West Central Africa (WAD). The ministry's governance concerns are managed by a board composed of both GC and division members.

AAIM has been dedicated to assisting HIV/AIDS-impacted and affected individuals by disseminating information on clinical, political, socioeconomic, environmental, and spiritual aspects of the disease. This information is disseminated through various channels, including lectures, seminars and workshops, collaborations with other church departments, campaigns, literature distribution, and church participation.

> **AAIM's mission is to convert souls to Christ and encourage obedience to God's commandments, particularly the 7th and 10th commandments, which prohibit illegal sexual encounters and lustful pleasures.**



AAIM uses social media platforms like **www.adventistaidsinternational.org** and Facebook, as well as traditional media like radio and television. It also engages with community-based programs financed by church organs through support groups in all divisions. Income-generating activities (IGA) are driven by community needs and include projects like gardening, chicken production, bakery, beekeeping, fencing production, apparel, bags, and jewelry.

All of these projects and initiatives are performed with the goal of assisting our church's efforts to reduce infection rates, as well as driving the church's mission to go and minister to a dying world. AAIM is aware of the World Health Organization's (WHO) and United Nations' (UNAIDS) data and updates on the global HIV/AIDS situation,



"Who am Eye" campaign aims to prevent HIV infection

which include the following:

According to UNAIDS data in 2022,Sub-Saharan Africa remains the epicenter of HIV transmission and prevalence, accounting for 65% of all people living with HIV/ AIDS worldwide and 83% of new infections in 2022 among children aged 0-14 years. This necessitates coordinated efforts by all, including faith-based

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HIV Prevalence Regional data for 2022 (Updated August 2023)

	People living with HIV	New HIV Infections	New HIV Infections (Adults, aged 15+)	New HIV Infections (Children, aged 0-14)	AIDS-related deaths
GLOBAL	39.0 million [33.1 - 45.7 mill.]	1.3 million [1.0 - 1.7 mill.]	1.2 million [900 000 - 1.6 mill.]	130 000 [90 - 210 000]	630 000 [480 - 880 000]
EASTERN & SOUTHERN AFRICA	20.8 million [17.4 - 24.5 mill.] (53%)	500 000 [370000 -670000] (38%)	440 000 [330 000 -590 000] (36%)	58 000 [38 000 – 100 000] (44%)	260 000 [200 – 370 000] (41%)
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA	190 000 [160 – 220 000]	17 000 [13000 – 23000]	16 000 [12 000 – 21 000]	1700 [1300 – 2100]	5300 [4000 – 7100]
WESTERN & CENTRAL AFRICA	4.8 million [4.2 – 5.5 million] (12%)	160 000 [11000 -250 000] (12%)	110 000 [66 000 – 190 000] (9%)	51 000 [34 000 – 69 000] (39%)	120 000 [96000- 160000] (19%)

Source: UNAIDS 2023 epidemiological estimates

communities, to collaborate on HIV prevention activities. Despite the presence of anti-retroviral drugs, HIV/AIDS continues to claim lives, with the majority in Africa.

Adventist church members are notably included in these data, and they are encouraged to join the fight against HIV. Our latest effort, "Who am Eye, and whose Eye is watching me?" was unveiled at the Tri-Divisional Summit in Kigali, Rwanda, in April, 2024. The "Who am Eye"campaign aims to prevent HIV infection, particularly among young people. It is highlighted that the primary goal of HIV spread in Africa is sexual intimacy, which occurs most rapidly among young single women.

The campaign thus seeks to educate teenagers that no matter where they are, they must consider their status—Who am I?—as God's children and recognize that nothing is hidden from the Eye of God. Whatever one is doing, no matter how clandestine, an eye is on them. So, who is the 'Eye', and whose eye is on me? We invite all Adventists in Africa to support this campaign using the new AAIM emblem, which represents the Three Angels' messages embodied in the HIV red ribbon.

AAIM's mission is to convert souls to Christ and encourage obedience to God's commandments, particularly the 7th and 10th commandments, which prohibit illegal sexual encounters and lustful pleasures. If more deliberate attention is given to human emotions and relationship desires, families and individuals can be led to Christ, and through partnerships with other church ministries, the church will continue to experience great baptisms.

Bangwato Sikwa is the Executive Director at the Adventist Aids International Ministries in Africa

EEI2025 Overview

During the Division's Leadership Education And Development Conference at the end of October 2022, Pastor Blasious Ruguri, President of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) announced to Church leaders from across the territory that ECD was being called by God to double its membership by 2025. This was to be accomplished by inviting the Holy Spirit to lead each individual Adventist into greater discipleship and personal disciple making. In this way, members would be transformed, as the theme of the initiative states, "From Spectators to Disciple Makers". The grand initiative was called ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 (EEI2025).

"From Spectators To Disciple Makers"

The announcement that the Division would embark on the greatest expansion of the Adventist and perhaps the Christian church in history was both inspiring and daunting. Many wondered why what was already the largest and fastest growing Division of the General Conference would see the need to engage in such an ambitious effort? Others wondered what would make ECD believe that it was possible? The answer to these questions, and to thousands of others is simply: "Because Jesus commanded every disciple to say "I Will Go!"

At its core, the Church recognized that its role is to not only to be a growing



community by making disciples through evangelistic outreach, but also to be a community of growing disciples who are mature enough to make new disciples themselves. This means that the church leadership and organizations would need to shift from being the primary source of evangelistic programs which the members would be called to support, to becoming a supportive community designed to nurture and encourage members in their disciple-making efforts.

A new approach was clearly necessary because the explosive growth of our cities and populations was rapidly outpacing our success in making disciples through traditional public evangelism. Today, there are over half a billion people in the ECD territory. But according to population projections, in just 25 years, if the impact and reach of the three angels' messages are not dramatically improved, we expect that by 2050, there will be over one billion unreached people living in this same territory.

Reinventing Evangelism

The rollout of the new approach utilized the familiar language of evangelistic campaigns. Although the language of public campaigns was used, the six campaigns of EEI2025 launched thus far have all been designed to call members into personal disciple-making. The Hope For Africa campaign redefined satellite/broadcast/net evangelism, transforming it into a tool that enables members to deliver high-quality, world-class evangelistic messages at any time, in a local language, to their friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors. As a



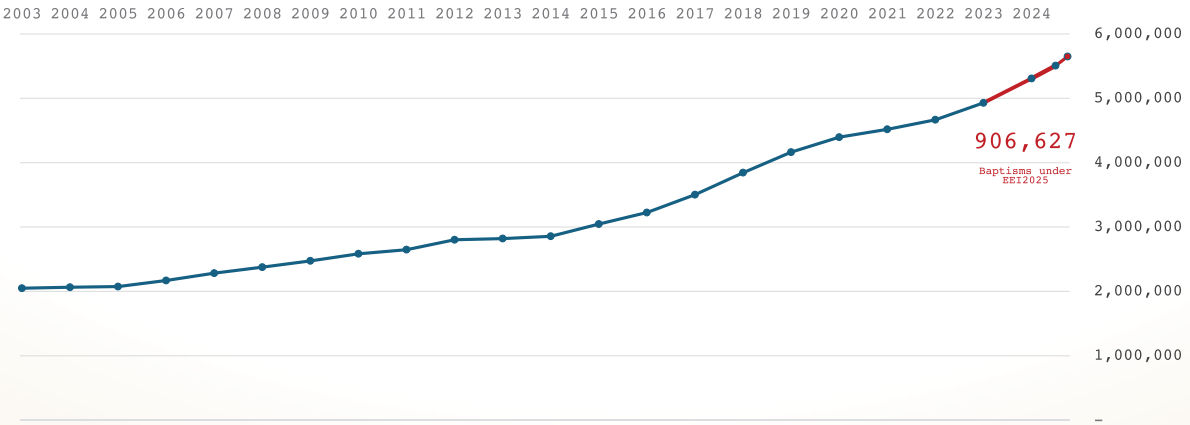
result, it achieved the greatest harvest of any satellite campaign in Adventist history. Next, the Family Impact campaign called for families to not only return to the altar of worship but to do so with the purpose of sharing God's light with other families. The Homecoming Impact campaign reframed the traditional concept of public evangelistic outreach, calling not only pastors but every believer around the world to be ready to stand and declare the gospel of Christ in their "home" communities, and then to the ends of the earth.

In an effort to call young people to strong participation in the mission of Christ, the Youth Impact campaign provided an opportunity for youth and young adults to use their influence on their campuses, in their communities and online to touch lives and offer hope in the name of Christ. Of course, perhaps one of the highest priorities in disciple making is for followers of Christ to make disciples of their own children. The Children's Impact campaign served as an awakening for the Church to the reality that if we do not call our own children and their friends to make a willing, understanding commitment to Christ, then we will have no basis on which to stand against the enemy of their souls when he uses all of his deceptive charm to warmly welcome them to worship the things of this world.

Ultimately, EEI2025 is a reform movement designed to refocus the church on Christ's original call for each disciple to actively work with the Holy Spirit in making disciples of Jesus Christ. No one loves the Church or its mission more than Christ Himself. It is inspiring to note that Jesus did not prioritize grand public initiatives or budgets to reach the world with the gospel. Instead, He simply issued a call for individuals to proclaim the gospel wherever they go. Today, just as in the time of Christ, the power of public speaking will be much more effective after faithful disciples have already witnessed and demonstrated through personal action the power of God's love.

The day is coming when people will come in numbers beyond our imagination to hear the gospel, as a result of the witness of faithful disciples. May God use EEI2025 powerfully to mobilize His people to faithfully answer Christ's call by saying, "I will go!"

Chart showing church growth since the creation of ECD highlighting the increase since the start of EEI 2025



From Spectators to Disciple Makers

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Prayer Impact

All true revivals begin with prayer. The result of discipleship and disciple-making is the creation of men and women who reveal complete trust in Christ through a devoted life of prayer. Psalm 127:1 reminds us, no matter what methods we use to build the church, that "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

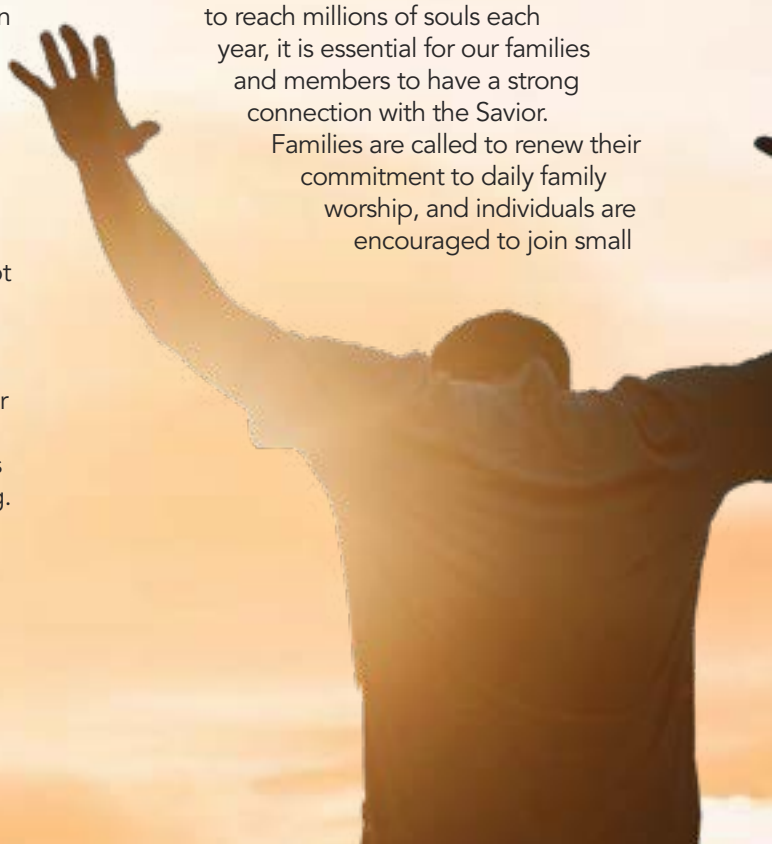
For these reasons, the ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 initiative (EEI2025) launched the Prayer Impact campaign as a call to every member and every congregation in the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) to devote themselves to a deeper experience with Christ through prayer. As a denomination with disciple-making at the core of our mission, the prayer campaign is the foundation of all our efforts for EEI2025 and beyond.

In her book True Revival, Ellen G. White wrote: "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer." (True Revival, p. 9)

The Prayer Impact campaign has three main elements: First, members and families are called to return to the altar of the true and living God by making their connection with, and worship of Christ their top priority. Second, members are called to invite Christ to use them to guide others to Him, as they pray daily for those who are lost. Finally, congregations are called to emphasize and support this revival of prayer as a central element in their Sabbath worship program.

Back To The Altar

Surveys have shown that there has been a decline in the consistency of family worship and personal devotion practices over recent years. But for a Division that is seeking to reach millions of souls each year, it is essential for our families and members to have a strong connection with the Savior. Families are called to renew their commitment to daily family worship, and individuals are encouraged to join small

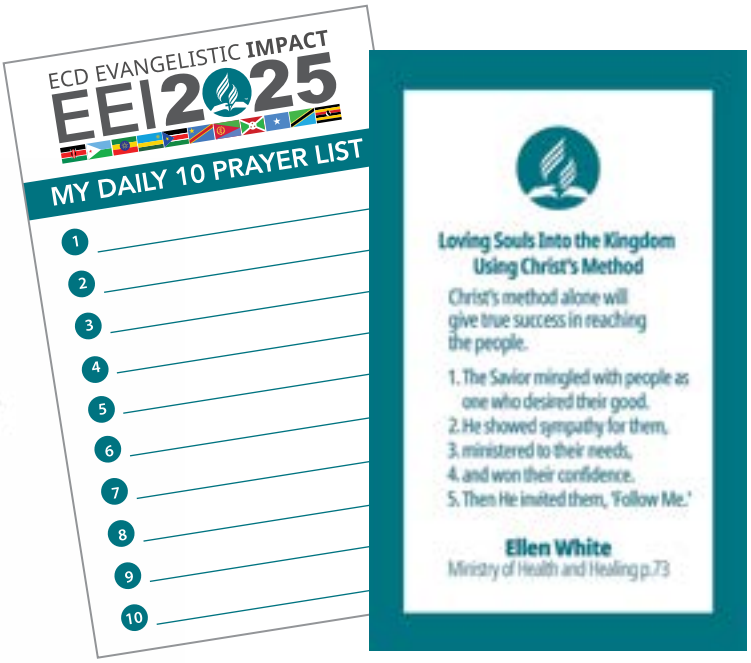


groups that will be a source of encouragement for their faith. As part of this effort, ECD and its unions are launching Back to the Altar training for thousands of leaders in the hope of sparking a movement of discipleship and passionate service to God in every Adventist community.

Intercessory Prayer

Each church member is asked to write down the names of at least ten people in their lives who have not yet understood and believed the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Every Adventist man, woman, and child is invited to pray for the salvation of each individual and family on their list. ECD has designed a business-card-sized prayer card for members to write down the names of the ten people and families they are praying for daily.

Praying daily for these people whom God has placed on our hearts is important. But in Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus urges His disciples to ask the Lord to send workers into the harvest. Jesus was not only saying that we should pray for others to be sent out as disciple-makers, but that we ourselves should urgently go and bring in the harvest of God. By combining prayer with



action, Christ indicated how a true disciple, and therefore a committed Seventh-day Adventist, should live.

This is why, on the back of the Prayer Card, there is a call to action that reminds us of Christ's method of reaching people. This quote reminds us that, beyond praying for others, Christ calls us to spend time with the people we are praying for, desiring their good, sympathizing with them, and doing what we can to help them with their struggles. Only then will we

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be able to win their confidence and invite them to join us in following Christ as His disciples. We strongly believe that with more than five million members, such a movement of prayer will have an undeniable impact on our communities, nations, and even the world.

Congregations

The third component of the Prayer Impact campaign is how we are called to support the Prayer Impact efforts of our members during the divine hour of Sabbath programs. Congregations are being asked to assign at least ten minutes during the pastoral prayer to allow members to pray for each other's prayer ministry for the ten people on each other's lists. Members should also be invited to bring their prayer requests to the altar by coming to the front of the church, where someone will lift up the silent prayer requests and burdens of the people before the Lord in prayer. Finally, one or two testimonies, screened and confirmed, regarding how God has been answering prayers can be shared with the congregation. Elevating the practice of disciple-making and nurturing prayer as a key element of Adventist congregational worship is a critical component of the EEI2025 effort.

EEI2025 is a call for a profound spiritual awakening within the church and in our communities. It is a call for revival. In John 14:14, Jesus said, "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." The Prayer Impact campaign is the foundation of all these hopes and expectations for the lives of our friends, neighbors, relatives, and colleagues because we believe in this powerful promise of Christ.

Back to the Altar

At the heart of the East-Central Africa Division's (ECD) Evangelistic Impact 2025 initiative (EEI2025) is a profound call for revival and reformation. No profound impact for Christ can be made without first having the abiding presence of Christ powerfully impacting the lives of His disciples. An important part of God's purpose in calling for the great harvest of EEI2025 is the great sowing of spiritual seeds in the hearts of members already in our congregations.

This is why ECD has strongly embraced the General Conference's initiative called Back to the Altar (BTTA). BTTA is a call for individuals, families, and churches to devote themselves to spending time with God in prayer, in the Bible, and in personal and family worship. When asked in Back to the Altar surveys, the overwhelming majority of members, pastors, and church leaders acknowledged that they are thirsty for a greater experience with Christ than the one they currently have. The survey showed that many Adventists within the Division are eager to have a more satisfying devotional life, one that gives them the power to be more effective witnesses to Christ in the world.



A circle of pastors and other church leaders praying for revival during the training.



Pastor Don McLafferty leads an international team from the GC and churches to provide BackToTheAltar training at Baraton University.

As part of the ongoing Prayer Impact campaign, the Division and five of its unions invited an international ministry called InDiscipleship to train thousands of leaders who will work to call members of the church



Hundreds of pastors and leaders enjoying the BTTA training through teaching on Elijah at UEAB.

Delegates to these training events experienced a dynamic call to live out **seven principles** of discipleship:

1. Come to Jesus just as you are
2. Honor Jesus as Lord
3. Discover Jesus through His Word and prayer
4. Ask for a new baptism of the Holy Spirit daily
5. Love your family sacrificially
6. Disciple others to Jesus
7. Live your God-given mission.

to a deeper walk with Christ. In addition to providing training at the headquarters of the Division on Advent Hill in Nairobi, Kenya, three other training events were conducted. The two unions of Kenya brought over 400 delegates to Baraton University for discipleship training in May 2024; the unions of Tanzania brought 900 leaders to Singida, Tanzania, in June; and the church in South Sudan trained another 100 leaders in October. Plans are underway to train leaders in the three unions of the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2025, among others.

These principles clearly outline how a close walk with Christ always results in the spreading of the gospel through personal disciple-making efforts. This is why Back to the Altar is the foundation of EEI2025 and its theme of members transforming "From Spectators to Disciple Makers."

The focus of EEI2025 is for members themselves, rather than church programs, to make an impact and bear much fruit for Christ in our communities. Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." Indeed, Pastor Mark Malekana, President of the North Tanzania Union, remarked that the Back to the Altar training was the most significant and extraordinary program he had experienced in his years of ministry. Many others were touched by the powerful experience. The program resulted in powerful testimonies of renewal and revival from leaders and members at every level of the church.The training materials for this program are available at **https://indiscipleship.org/resources/.** For training events and programs, please contact the prayer coordinator or the ministerial secretary of your union.



Church members, spending time in prayer, reflecting on the themes of revival during the BTTA training.



Family Impact

ECD Family Evangelism Calls Families to Make New Disciples

As part of its ECD Evangelistic Impact initiative (EEI2025), the East-Central Africa Division invited Adventist families to work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ. In March and early April of 2024, a family-based evangelistic harvest campaign was conducted across the Division. More than 185,000 new souls were added to the Church during this harvest through baptism.

The Family Impact campaign was the result of the conviction that the family was created by God as a special unit for the purpose of spreading His glory around the world. Family members are called to encourage one another in the faith and in disciple-making for the glory of God. The campaign called families and family members to build relationships with non-Adventist families using Christ's Method, as described by Ellen G. White. She wrote:

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, 'Follow Me.'" (Ellen White, Ministry of Healing, p. 73)

The goal of EEI2025 is for every Adventist member to be fully involved in disciple-making efforts as their way of life, grounded in a deep and abiding relationship with Christ. The Family Impact campaign sought to introduce a missionary purpose into the family worship circle, so that each member of the family would seek the Holy Spirit's power to reach their friends and other contacts for Christ.

The strategy was a resounding success for Adventist families and for those they would be reaching for Christ. For example, one family in the North East Congo Union determined to take up the challenge of the Prayer Impact campaign by having each family member begin praying for a list of 10 souls they wanted to reach for Christ. Among those on their lists were some close relatives who were deeply involved in the religious activities of another faith. After weeks of following Christ's Method to show love and compassion to their relatives, the families began to study the Bible together. As a result, the entire family of 7 non-Adventists was baptized and joined the Adventist faith during the harvest campaign.

Another example of success for this campaign was the effort to reach "high-profile" families who are typically more difficult to reach through a typical evangelistic effort. Adventist professionals and other influential Adventists across the Division began praying for their high-profile friends and colleagues. Adventist ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) members and others organized special exclusive venues where the invited friends and guests of these Adventist professionals could comfortably hear messages about how to make their families more successful. In Mwanza, Tanzania, the meetings led by Dr. Winfrida Mitekaro, the Family Ministries Director for ECD, were so successful that a church group was planted from the harvest God provided through the high-profile ministry.

God designed the family to be the fundamental unit for transmitting His values from generation to generation. In a broken world, families can play an important role in spreading God's love within their homes and also in their outside relationships. Families are a unique gift from God. Despite the difficulties encountered along the way, nothing beats a family for the demonstration of God's grace, creating a sense of belonging and a place where one is valued despite one's flaws. We pray that the principles of total family involvement promoted by this campaign will become a strong part of the Adventist lifestyle in ECD until the work of God is finished and Jesus returns in the clouds.

One Family's Testimony of Family Impact

In the Garden of Eden, God created the human family as His instrument for sharing His glory around the world. The Family Impact campaign invited families across the Division to return to that original purpose of the Creator by sharing their faith as a family with others. I want to share my family's experience as we practiced the principles of ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 and the Family Impact campaign.

As a pastor deeply committed to our church's mission, I actively engage in and model our programs. Aligned with our Division's strategies and the emphasis on Family Ministries Impact, my family and I sought divine guidance to bring a family to Christ. Our prayers were answered in an extraordinary way.

We began by identifying 13 non-Adventists from five families, praying for direction on which family to approach. We were guided to a family of seven: a pagan father, a Catholic mother, and their children. The mother led a charismatic prayer group, and her brother was a parish priest in Goma, a major city in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In January 2024, we made our first visit, discussing social matters before suggesting prayer, which they welcomed. Over the following weeks, we continued to visit and pray with them twice a week, gradually introducing discussions about the Word of God.

By March 2024, we invited the family to our Sabbath service. They were intrigued by our church's practices and expressed interest in baptism. Despite initial concerns from the mother about leaving her prayer group and her priest brother, she and her family decided to proceed, focusing on Jesus rather than human ties.

On the last Sabbath of March 2024, we celebrated a significant milestone: all seven family members were baptized during our Family Ministries Impact meetings. Witnessing their transformation was profoundly rewarding.

Inspired by his baptism, the father reached out to former friends struggling with alcohol. Through his efforts, three more individuals were baptized, bringing our new members to ten.

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To support their faith journey, we provided each new member with a Bible and committed to weekly Bible study visits. We encouraged their participation in morning prayer meetings, assisted with their needs, and taught them about tithing and offerings. We also helped them prepare for the Sabbath, engaged them through home visits, and involved local church elders and pastors in their spiritual growth.

This testimony underscores the crucial role of personal and family disciple-making efforts in ensuring the success of our outreach plans as a church. May God give every Adventist family success as they seek to bring others to Christ through Christ's method alone.



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Youth and Chaplaincy Impact



Youth and Chaplaincy reconnecting with the next Generation of Adventists

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the involvement of youth and young adults are essential to success. More than 160 years ago, the denomination was founded primarily by individuals in this age group, and the church strongly believes that God is still calling these young people to lead in service to the kingdom today. As a result of the Youth and Chaplaincy Impact campaign which climaxed between September 21st and October 25, 2024, more than 85,000 souls were committed to Christ through baptism.

The Youth and Chaplaincy Impact Campaign as part of ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025 was designed to specifically call young adventists to become involved in the disciple making work, and to focus the efforts of our churches on calling the young people among us to make a serious commitment to Christ.

In addition to this, thousands of public preaching sites were created where youth and young adults took up the call to be the primary evangelistic speakers. Youth on our Adventist Campuses and Adventist groups on public campuses also worked to reach their campuses for Christ through various outreach and public preaching efforts. The youth were encouraged to understand that college and university campuses are important mission fields where other Adventist efforts cannot penetrate. Through this campaign they were called to take responsibility for reaching their campuses for Christ.

The Youth and Chaplaincy Campaign also served as the launch for calling at least 1 million young Adventists to use their online influence to reach their connections for Christ. Pastor Joel Okindoh, ECD Evangelism Director, and Pastor Emanuel Pelote, ECD Satlite and Digital Evangelism Director, have both strongly supported this effort, organized within the Division's Adventist Messenger's ministry found at adventistmessengers.org.



In her book entitled "Education", Ellen White wrote on page 73 that “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!”—“Education,” page 271.

We pray that God will use the youth and young adults as a mighty army to finish God's work within ECD and beyond!

Children's Impact

Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." The ECD Children's Impact Campaign is the part of ECD Evangelistic Impact designed to respond to that very important command. As we work to reach the world for Christ, ECD is determined to begin the work of disciple making at home in our families. That is why the Division worked to disciple all children in Adventist Families or schools, and their friends, between the ages of 6 and 14 years of age, to call them to Christ.

Throughout the year, Children have been carefully discipled by their parents, loved ones and teachers so that they could clearly understand the call that Christ is making on them to become His disciples. While the Adventist Church does not have any age



requirement for baptism, it does follow the biblical requirement that anyone who comes to Christ must be willing to repent of their sins, and to trust in Christ as their savior.

The Children's Impact campaign recognizes the power of Christ's command to allow children to choose to come to Him rather than allowing the world and Satan to be the only ones to fight for their souls. While at the time of this writing, the full results are not known, it has become clear that thousands of souls have been brought to the kingdom as a result of these campaigns.
In many of the efforts, children themselves have prepared themselves over many months to deliver powerful evangelistic messages to the community. In Dar Es Salaam, what is perhaps the first ever Adventist Satellite Evangelistic Effort led by an Adventist Child was conducted.

We thank God for His command to call the children to come and follow Him. We pray that God will do great things with the lives of these young people so that His work can be completed before the soon return of Jesus!

A child-led evangelistic sattelite campign conducted in Tanzania as part of the Children's Impact campaign.





Homecoming Impact

In a remarkable testament to the power of faith and unity, more than 130,000 souls were baptized across the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) during the Homecoming Impact campaign held from July 6-20, 2024. Eight of the Division's 11 countries joined hands to host more than 6,500 evangelistic reaping events, drawing people to Christ in a unique way.

The ECD Homecoming Impact campaign was one of the cornerstones of the Division's broader Evangelistic Impact 2025 initiative (EEI2025). That initiative centers on transforming every church member into a vibrant, mature disciple of Christ. With the theme, "From Spectators to Disciple Makers," the initiative underscored God's call for each member to move beyond passive religious observance to active engagement with the Holy Spirit in sharing the spiritual riches they have found in Christ. The ECD Homecoming Impact campaign was designed to create opportunities for members to reach out to their families and friends, fostering a spirit of soul-winning in the very communities they call home. Division leaders believe that as every member becomes a disciple-maker, the natural result will be the doubling of the Division's membership by 2025.

Indeed, the members did respond to the Homecoming Impact call. Thousands of members were instrumental in organizing and hosting the evangelistic sites where a wide range of topics, from family issues and health matters, to children's ministries and the gospel message, were addressed each evening. Crucially, thousands of members took the opportunity to reach out to their neighbors, loved ones, and friends before the public preaching campaign. One international guest speaker for the campaign even observed, "When I say 240 were baptized at my site, it should be understood that even if I had not preached for two weeks, 165 of them would still have been baptized through the efforts of the local members."

Beyond the numerical success and the rekindling of the soul-winning spirit within the church, the ECD Homecoming Impact had another unique feature. Pastor Blasious Ruguri, President of the East-Central Africa Division, issued a global invitation to Adventist believers everywhere to come and serve alongside local members by preaching during the harvest events. Hundreds of international guest speakers answered the call, traveling to ECD countries to share the gospel. Members of the local congregations in ECD supported their international

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Pastor Blasious Ruguri, ECD President, along with Pastor Billy Biaggi, GC Vice President, and Pastor Godwin Lekundayo greeting the public in Dar Es Salaam during Homecoming Impact.

guest speakers by providing them with lodging, meals, and transportation.

Coinciding with the 150th anniversary of global Seventh-day Adventist missions, this campaign became a powerful witness to the enduring evangelistic fervor within the church. International speakers from nearly every continent came to preach, making it a truly global total member involvement effort. Men and women, from as young as 18 to as old as 84, pastors, leaders, and lay members from various backgrounds, connected only by their love for the Adventist mission and message, beautifully represented the worldwide Adventist missionary spirit.

Pastor Ted Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was himself among the international volunteers who accepted the call to conduct a Homecoming Impact evangelistic series in ECD. Reflecting on the profound spiritual movement he witnessed, Pastor Wilson remarked, "God is definitely doing something unusual in preparing His church and people for something very special that is developing... the last days are upon us." General Conference Vice Presidents Pastor Daniel Biaggi and Pastor Abner De Los Santos were among hundreds of other leaders from the General Conference and other Adventist entities from around the world who took the time to participate in this grand effort.

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>
> **Pr. Ruguri**

Pastor Blasious Ruguri led a series of evangelistic meetings near his home in Kenya, resulting in more than 300 baptisms. Meanwhile, Pastor Musa Mitekaro, the Division Executive Secretary, preached in Ethiopia, and Pastor Yohannes Olana, the Division Executive Treasurer, spearheaded an evangelistic site in Kenya. Speaking of the Homecoming Impact campaign, Pr. Ruguri remarked that "The times we are living in are not the normal ones we are used to. The time for business as usual for the church is over. Jesus is coming soon, and there is still much to be done for the kingdom of God. We are very grateful for the hundreds who have sacrificed their time and resources to come and help us preach the gospel here for ECD Homecoming Impact. Many officials from the General Conference and hundreds of leaders and delegates from our sister Divisions around the world have honored us with their presence, and we are grateful. We know their efforts combined with the prayers and outreach conducted by our members will be richly rewarded by Christ."

Peter, an international guest from the Chinese Union Mission, shared his experience: "On the last day, I realized I didn't even need to look at my script. I felt filled with the Holy Spirit. I didn't expect the message to be that powerful when the Holy Spirit sanctified my tongue. Fifty-seven people decided to follow Jesus and were baptized into God's remnant church. All glory to God!"

As we near the final days before Christ's return, the need for revival is more pressing than ever. The ECD Homecoming Impact was a tremendous blessing, not only in leading over 130,000 souls to Christ but in mobilizing millions of members to pray, serve, and work as true disciples of Jesus Christ. This movement is a clear sign that the Adventist Church is awakening to the call to accomplish extraordinary things for the glory of God in these closing moments of earth's history.

South Sudan inauguration

On May 26th, 2024, the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) celebrated the establishment of the South Sudan Union Mission (SSUM) in Juba, South Sudan. The event highlighted the faithfulness of God for His blessings in establishing the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the point where it is now home to nearly 80,000 members.

The event was attended by leaders from across the ECD and the South Sudanese government. ECD officers, including Dr. Blasious Ruguri, President, and Dr. Musa Mitekaro, Executive Secretary, were present, along with other division leaders such as Pastor Herbert Nziku, Ministerial Secretary. Representatives from several of the 12 sister unions within the ECD also attended to show solidarity. South Sudanese leaders included Peter Lam Both, Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), and U.S. Ambassador Michael J. Adler.
Prior to the creation of the South Sudan Union Mission, the Church in South Sudan was organized as an attached field under the auspices of the East-Central Africa Division of the Church, headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. The creation of the Union Mission in South Sudan recognizes the increasing maturity of the church organization there and grants it status allowing it to be recognized as a fully local, legal organization within the nation.

South Sudan has experienced tremendous growth as a church over recent years. In 2015, the church in South Sudan was placed by the General Conference in the East-Central Africa Division as an Attached Territory with just over 26,000 members. In the intervening years, the Church has tripled its membership to nearly 80,000.

Speaking at the inauguration, Pr. Clement Archangelo Mawa, President of the South Sudan Union Mission, highlighted that they established the union on the shoulders of their pioneers and



ECD President Pastor Blasious Ruguri, cutting the ribbon, signaling the launch of the new Union for South Sudan.



Leaders, dignitaries and others who attended the inaugural festivities for the new Union.

South Sudanese citizens. "We strive for our aim. Our desire is to understand who Jesus is and to follow His teachings. We want to see South Sudanese among those whom God restores in His perfect will and righteousness," he stated.

Dr. Blasious Ruguri, President of the East-Central Africa Division, highlighted the humanitarian and developmental efforts of the Church in South Sudan during his official remarks at the inauguration. He noted that similar to the way that freedom fighters place their lives on the line to liberate people who are living under oppression, religious leaders are also always involved in liberation through the power of God's word. He highlighted the point, saying that "Religious leaders are never left behind by freedom fighters." After Dr. Ruguri officially declared the launch of the new South Sudan Union Mission, Dr. Musa Mitekaro presented the certificate of inauguration to the SSUM leaders.

Please pray for God's work among the people of South Sudan. Here are some important facts about the nation that represent opportunities and challenges for God's work in that country.



POPULATION: 12.1 MILLION



In 5 years **(2029)**: Approximately **15.19 million**



In 10 years **(2034)**: Approximately **19.06 million**



In 25 years **(2049)**: Approximately **37.69 million**

POPULATION BY AGE



0-14 Years: 42.1% (male: 2,725,520; female: 2,619,035).



15-64 Years: 55.3% (male: 3,568,064; female: 3,458,804).



65 Years and Over: 2.6% (male: 182,757; female: 149,534).



HIGHEST RANKING POPULATION GROWTH IN THE WORLD:

4.65% (2024 estimate), ranking highest globally.



URBANIZATION

Urban Population: **21.2%** of the total population (2023).
Urbanization Rate: **4.12%** annual change (2020-2025 estimate).

In 5 years (2029): Approximately **25.9%.**
In 10 years (2034): Approximately **31.7%.**
By 2050: Approximately **60.6%.**



RELIGION

Christianity: Approximately **60.5%**, including Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Presbyterian denominations.
Folk Religions: **32.9%**.
Islam: **6.2%**.
Other/Unaffiliated: Less than **1%**.

ECD Welcomes **SUDAN** to its Family of Mission



General Conference Approves Sudan's Integration into East-Central Africa Division

Silver Spring, Maryland—The General Conference Executive Committee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has approved a significant organizational move to integrate Sudan into the East-Central Africa Division (ECD). This move was voted during the General Conference Annual Council in October, 2024, and and was accepted by the ECD Executive Committe in November. It now awaits ratification at the 2025 General Conference Session in St. Louis, Missouri.

Religious and Social Context of Sudan

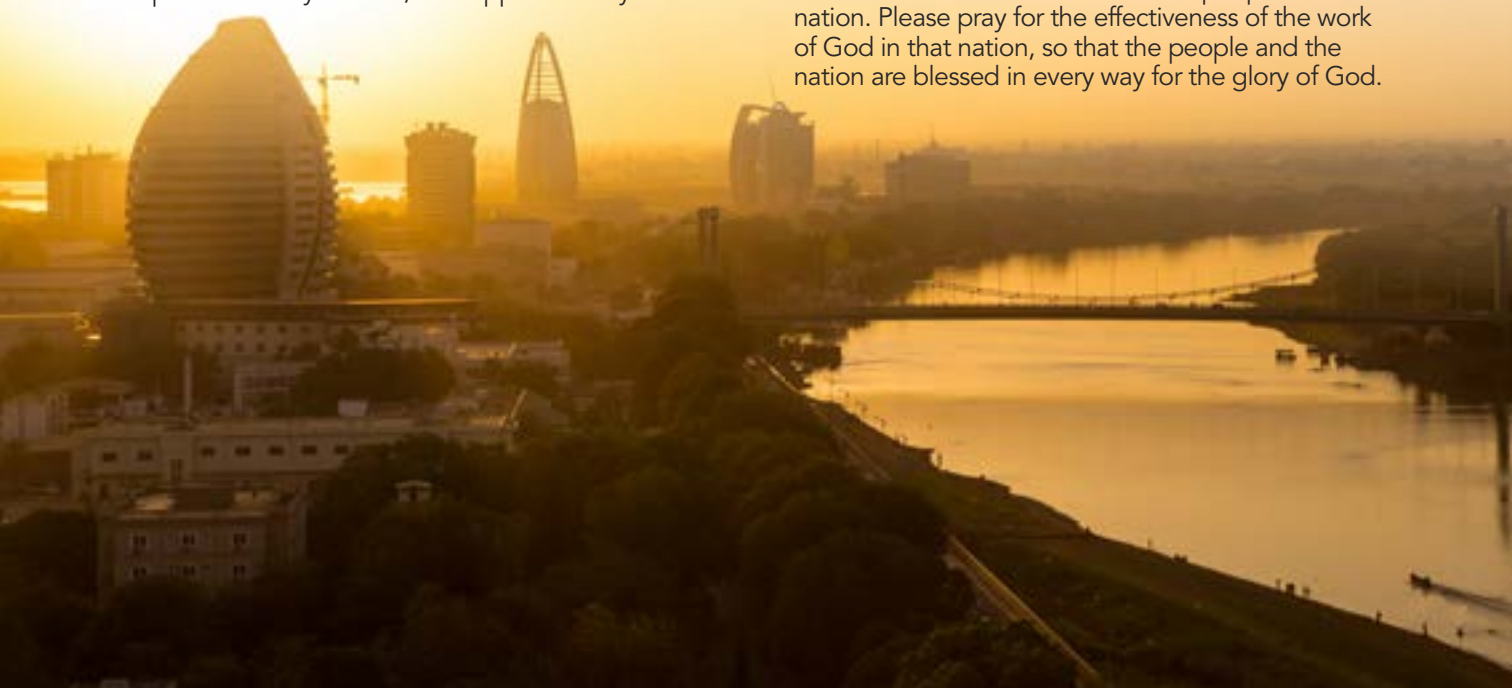
Sudan, with an estimated population of 51 million, is predominantly Muslim, with approximately 90% of the population adhering to Islam. According to Pew Research, the 5% of the population there which adheres to the Christian faith faces challenges such as restrictions on religious freedom and societal pressures. Sudan is a nation where Islamic law heavily influences governance.

Adventist Presence in Sudan

Followers of the Adventist faith are viewed by many in islamic contexts as being very respected, close relatives of the faith that they hold. Adventists are unique and often welcomed by faithful followers of Islam due to Adventist's faithful reverence for the Bible, the strong belief in the soon return of Christ, strong beliefs in the power of fasting and prayer, the rejection of drinking alcohol, and the rejection of eating pork. All of these beliefs and more for the basis of a mutual respect between followers of the two faiths. In addition to this, the Adventist community, with its global network and history has proven to be a powerful provider of humanitarian and community aid within the nation. Its work has focused on providing spiritual guidance, education, and healthcare services.

Prayer is the Key

The Creator of Heaven and Earth dearly loves the people of Sudan. It is time for the people of God, those who are faithful to the true words of Scripture, and the true faith of Jesus Christ to do all that they can to reveal the love of God to the people of that nation. Please pray for the effectiveness of the work of God in that nation, so that the people and the nation are blessed in every way for the glory of God.



Please pray for God's work among the people of Sudan. Here are some important facts about the nation that represent opportunities and challenges for God's work in that country.

Total Population:



Median Age:
19.3 years (**2024** estimate).

Religion

Islam: Approximately 91% of the population practices Islam, predominantly Sunni.

Christianity: Around 5.4% of Sudanese identify as Christians, including denominations such as Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Presbyterian.

Indigenous Religions: About 2.8% of the population follows traditional indigenous beliefs.

Other Religions/Unaffiliated: The remaining population adheres to other religions or is unaffiliated.



As of **July 2024**, over 10 million people have been displaced due to ongoing conflicts, with more than 2 million fleeing to neighboring countries.

Source: Central Intelligence Agency, U.S. Department of State, AP News

Age Structure:

0-14 Years: 40.1% (male: 10,278,453; female: 9,949,343).
15-64 Years: 56.7% (male: 14,211,514; female: 14,390,486).
65 Years and Over: 3.2% (male: 845,125; female: 792,357).

Population Growth Rate:

2.55% (**2024** estimate).

Urbanization:

Urban Population: 36.3% of the total population **(2023).**

Urbanization Rate: 3.43% annual rate of change **(2020-2025 estimate).**
In 5 years **(2029)**: Approximately 43.0%.
In 10 years **(2034)**: Approximately 50.9%.
By **2050:** Approximately 87.2%.



Equipping the Saints

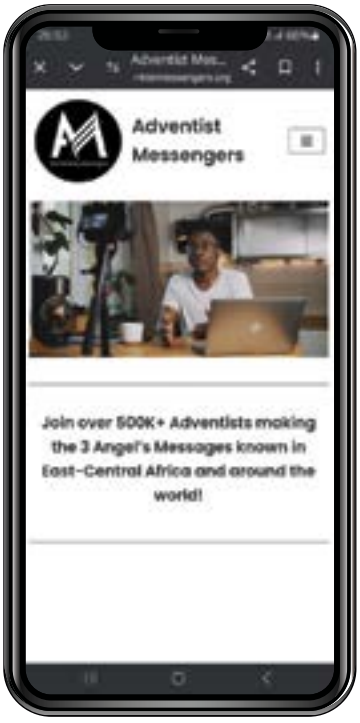
Tools for Making Disciples

According to Ephesians 4:11, 12, the role of pastors and teachers is to equip the followers of Christ for "the work of the ministry." Leading and inspiring every member of the church to get involved in doing the work of the ministry is precisely the goal of ECD Evangelistic Impact 2025. These verses indicate that the saints, the followers of Christ need to not only be called, but also equipped to do the work of the ministry. This is why ECD has developed three new ways for members to get involved in doing the work of the ministry.

Adventist Messengers

ECD has created a new ministry designed to help members to become disciple makers. Any member of the church community who desires to support the official work of the Adventist Church can register and play a role in the ministry by submitting their information on the adventistmessengers.org website.

As part of this ministry, members will get direct access to all official information and resources coming from the church that is available for members. Adventist Messenger members will be among the first to get access to Adventist publications, and initiatives that they can use to engage in the work of the ministry.



Adventist Messengers will also be granted special access to provide testimonies and reports of the great things that God is doing through the church, their lives and in the communities. Some of those reports could even be translated and shared in multiple countries within ECD and around the world!

The Adventist Messengers will be invited to be a part of making God's messages of hope from the Adventist Church go viral across the internet in ECD and beyond. Only by working together in large numbers is this possible, and we believe that millions of people will be reached through this special ministry. Members will be offered training and content designed to increase their impact as online influencers for the kingdom of God.

The capstone of the Adventist Messengers ministry is the training and guidance the members will receive to increase their effectiveness as disciple makers. Participants in the ministry will learn how to interact with the online world as agents of light offering hope, healing and truth to a hurting world. They will also become leaders for their congregations who are trained in how to welcome and nurture guests who visit church programs and who may be unfamiliar with the culture that they encounter in our churches. Their mission will be to demonstrate the character of Christ with them in a way that invites the guest to become a part of the Adventist community as they seek to know Him better.

> **Adventist Messenger members will be among the first to get access to Adventist publications, and initiatives**

Sign up today!

adventistmessengers.org



HopeFor.Africa

Ellen White wrote that "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people." Christ's method is one where concern for the needs of others, and sympathy and compassion are evident in a believer's relationship with someone who does not yet know Christ. The **HopeFor.Africa** website is an online tool designed to assist Adventist members in following this method of reaching souls among their friends, relatives, neighbors and colleagues. Adventist members will find brief articles that offer wisdom, hope, sympathy and biblical guidance for many issues that are of concern to millions of people in our African communities, and beyond. Because the site is a reliable and friendly resource which addresses the real concerns of people, Adventist members can confidently share links to information that they believe would be welcomed by people that they are praying for. The site addresses topics in the areas of family, finances, relationships, spirituality, health, and concerns about the future.

It is hoped that Adventist members will visit the site and become familiar with the many helpful topics that are presented there so that they can become heroes to people who are in need of messages of hope from God. Sharing a HopeFor.Africa article can open up the opportunity to regularly pray with a friend over the concerns in their lives, and for studying the Bible in search for more wisdom.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ is something that every believer is already equipped to do by the Holy Spirit from the time they become a follower of Christ. The HopeFor.Africa site is a tool that assists believers to demonstrate compassion and sympathy for the needs of others that God has allowed them to meet. We pray that the **HopeFor.Africa** site will open the door for millions of Adventists to reach millions of the people that they know for Christ, simply by using Christ's method alone.

HopeFor.Africa

AskAnAdventistFriend.Africa

Another tool for Adventist believers to use for making disciples is the **AskAnAdventistFriend.Africa** website. This tool is a great resource for people who are interested to understand more about what God has led the Adventist Church to believe. While HopeFor.Africa is a great resource for introducing people to Christ, the AskAnAdventistFriend.Africa website is for helping people to know more about His remnant church.

Adventists who have helped someone to meet Christ, or who are mentoring and discipling someone will find this site helpful when explaining biblical Adventist perspectives regarding relationships, spirituality, health and more.

We pray that these three tools will equip millions within the Adventist community to move from being spectators to becoming disciple makers for the glory of God!

AskAnAdventistFriend.Africa

PRAYER GUIDE FOR **ECD COUNTRIES**

Pray for souls in BURUNDI



Overview
Burundi is a landlocked country in East Africa bordered by Rwanda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It is one of the smallest countries in Africa, with a predominantly rural population engaged in subsistence agriculture.

Membership: **240,031**
Number of Churches: **1084**



Entity
East Burundi Mission
North Burundi Mission
North-West Burundi Mission
South-West Burundi Mission

Languages Spoken
Official Languages: Kirundi (national), French
Number of Languages Spoken: 3
Major Language Groups:
Kirundi: Spoken by over 90% of the population.
French: Used in administration and education.
Swahili: Used in commerce, especially in urban areas.

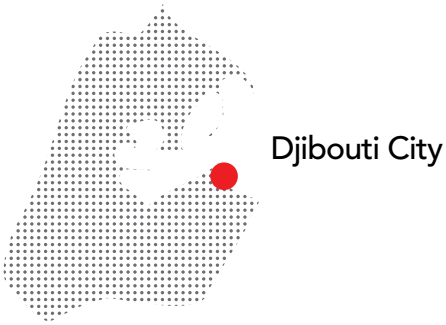
Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 13,278,000
2030 Projection: 14,788,000
2040 Projection: 17,975,000
2050 Projection: 21,809,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 14%
2030: 15%
2040: 18%
2050: 22%

Pray for souls in DJIBOUTI



Overview
Djibouti is a small country located in the Horn of Africa, strategically positioned near some of the world's busiest shipping lanes. It serves as a key refueling and transshipment center.



Languages Spoken
Official Languages: Arabic, French
Number of Languages Spoken: 3

Major Language Groups:
Afar: Indigenous Cushitic language.
Somali: Widely spoken among the Somali ethnic group.
Arabic and French: Used in government, education, and media.

Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 1,122,000
2030 Projection: 1,223,000
2040 Projection: 1,402,000
2050 Projection: 1,566,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 78%
2030: 79%
2040: 81%
2050: 83%

Pray for souls in DRC

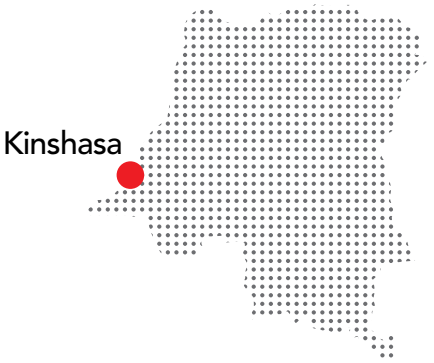


Overview
The DRC is the second-largest country in Africa by area, rich in natural resources but facing challenges due to political instability and infrastructural deficiencies. It has significant linguistic and cultural diversity.

Membership: **838,392**
Number of Churches: **857**

Entity
East Katanga Mission
Maniema Mission
West Katanga Mission
North Katanga Field
South Katanga Field
South Kivu Field

Languages Spoken
Official Language: French
National Languages: Lingala, Swahili, Kikongo, Tshiluba
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 215
Major Language Groups:
Bantu Languages: Predominant, including Swahili and Kikongo.
Ubangian Languages: Such as Lingala.
Other Indigenous Languages: Reflecting diverse ethnic groups.



Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 108,407,000
2030 Projection: 120,774,000
2040 Projection: 149,063,000
2050 Projection: 181,442,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 45%
2030: 48%
2040: 53%
2050: 58%

Pray for souls in ERITREA



Overview
Eritrea is located in the Horn of Africa along the Red Sea coast. It gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993 and has a diverse population with nine recognized ethnic groups.

Membership: **526**
Number of Churches: **15**

Entity
Eritrea Mission

Languages Spoken
De facto Working Languages: Tigrinya, Arabic, English
Number of Languages Spoken: 13

Major Language Groups:
Tigrinya: Spoken by the Tigrinya ethnic group.
Tigre: Spoken in the western lowlands.



Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 3,748,000
2030 Projection: 4,202,000
2040 Projection: 4,990,000
2050 Projection: 5,526,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 40%
2030: 42%
2040: 45%
2050: 48%

Pray for souls in ETHIOPIA



Overview

Ethiopia is a landlocked country in the Horn of Africa, known for its rich history and cultural diversity. It is the second-most populous nation in Africa and has one of the fastest-growing economies on the continent.

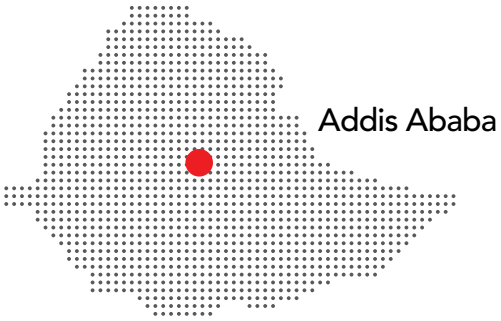
Membership: **271,884**
Number of Churches: **1899**

Entity

Central Ethiopia Field
North-West Ethiopia Field
South East Ethiopia Field
South Ethiopia Field
South West Ethiopia Field
West Ethiopia Field
Tigray Mission

Languages Spoken

Official Language: Amharic
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 90
Major Language Groups:
Afro-Asiatic Languages:
Semitic Branch: Amharic, Tigrinya, Gurage
Cushitic Branch: Oromo, Somali, Afar
Omotic Languages: Wolaytta, Gamo





Population Estimates and Projections

2025 Estimate: 126,527,000
2030 Projection: 138,666,000
2040 Projection: 162,943,000
2050 Projection: 187,964,000



Urbanization Rates

2025: 24.6%
2030: 27%
2040: 32%
2050: 38%

Pray for souls in KENYA



Overview

Kenya is located in East Africa and is known for its diverse landscapes, wildlife, and vibrant economy. It serves as a regional hub for trade and finance.

Membership: **1,317,029**
Number of Churches: **12,171**

Entity

Central Kenya Conference
Central Rift Valley Conference
Nyamira Conference
Kenya Coast Field
South Kenya Conference

Languages Spoken

Official Languages: Swahili, English
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 68
Major Language Groups:
Bantu Languages: Kikuyu, Luhya, Kamba, Meru
Nilotic Languages: Luo, Kalenjin, Maasai, Turkana
Cushitic Languages: Somali, Borana





Population Estimates and Projections

2025 Estimate: 58,605,000
2030 Projection: 63,424,000
2040 Projection: 73,278,000
2050 Projection: 84,268,000



Urbanization Rates

2025: 29.5%
2030: 31%
2040: 36%
2050: 42%

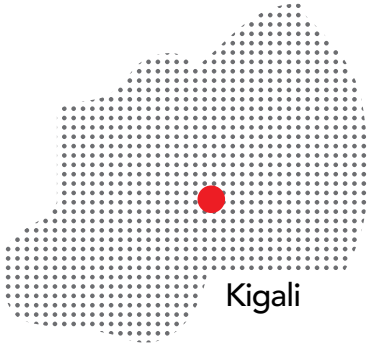
Pray for souls in RWANDA



Overview
Rwanda is a small landlocked country in East Africa, known as the "Land of a Thousand Hills." It has made significant progress in economic development and social reconciliation since the 1994 genocide.

Membership: **1182,709**
Number of Churches: **2570**

Entity
Central Rwanda Field
East Rwanda Field
East Central Rwanda Conference
North Rwanda Conference
South Rwanda Field
West Rwanda Field
North West Rwanda Field



Languages Spoken
Official Languages: Kinyarwanda, English, French
Number of Languages Spoken: 3

Major Language Groups:
Kinyarwanda: Spoken by virtually the entire population.
English and French: Used in government, education, and business.

Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 13,867,000
2030 Projection: 15,094,000
2040 Projection: 17,245,000
2050 Projection: 19,049,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 19.5%
2030: 21%
2040: 25%
2050: 29%

Pray for souls in SOMALIA



Overview
Somalia is located in the Horn of Africa and has the longest coastline on the continent's mainland. The country has faced decades of conflict but is making strides toward stabilization.



Languages Spoken
Official Languages: Somali, Arabic
Number of Languages Spoken: 12

Major Language Groups:
Somali: Cushitic language spoken by the majority.
Maay: Spoken in southern regions.
Arabic: Used in religious and some educational contexts.

Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 17,773,000
2030 Projection: 19,857,000
2040 Projection: 24,513,000
2050 Projection: 29,839,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 47%
2030: 49%
2040: 53%
2050: 57%

Pray for souls in SOUTH SUDAN



Overview
South Sudan, the world's youngest country, gained independence from Sudan in 2011. It is rich in oil resources but has faced internal conflicts affecting development.

Membership: **78,085**
Number of Churches: **402**

Entity
Greater Bahr el Ghazal Field
Greater Equatoria Field
Greater Upper Nile Field
South West Ethiopia Field
West Ethiopia Field
Tigray Mission

Languages Spoken
Official Language: English
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 68

Major Language Groups:
Nilotic Languages: Dinka, Nuer, Shilluk
Central Sudanic Languages: Moru, Lugbara
Other Indigenous Languages



Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 13,249,000
2030 Projection: 14,877,000
2040 Projection: 18,275,000
2050 Projection: 22,054,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 20%
2030: 22%
2040: 26%
2050: 30%

Pray for souls in SUDAN



Overview
Sudan is located in Northeast Africa and is rich in natural resources, including oil and gold. It has a diverse population and has experienced periods of conflict and economic challenges.

Membership: **1,156**
Number of Churches: **6**

Languages Spoken
Official Language: Arabic
Recognized Language: English
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 70

Major Language Groups:
Nilo-Saharan Languages: Nubian, Fur
Afro-Asiatic Languages: Beja
Other Indigenous Languages



Population Estimates and Projections
2025 Estimate: 47,957,000
2030 Projection: 51,830,000
2040 Projection: 60,399,000
2050 Projection: 69,692,000

Urbanization Rates
2025: 36%
2030: 38%
2040: 42%
2050: 45%

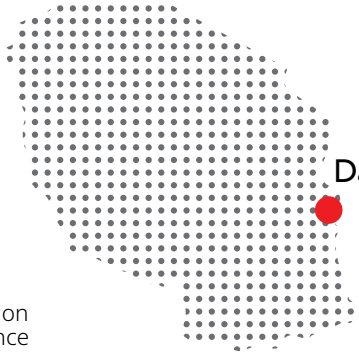
Pray for souls in TANZANIA



Overview

Tanzania is located in East Africa, known for its vast wilderness areas, including the Serengeti National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro.

Membership: **1,132,681**
Number of Churches: **7748**



Entity

Northern Tanzania Union Conference
Mara Conference
North East Tanzania Conference
South Nyanza Conference
Western Tanzania Conference
Southern Tanzania Union Mission
East-Central Tanzania Conference
Southern Highlands Conference
South-East Tanzania Conference

Languages Spoken

Official Languages: Swahili, English
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 126

Major Language Groups:
Bantu Languages: Sukuma, Nyamwezi, Chaga
Nilotic Languages: Maasai
Cushitic Languages: Iraqw



Population Estimates and Projections

2025 Estimate: 67,438,000
2030 Projection: 74,359,000
2040 Projection: 88,116,000
2050 Projection: 102,451,000



Urbanization Rates

2025: 37%
2030: 40%
2040: 45%
2050: 50%

Pray for souls in UGANDA



Overview

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa known for its diverse landscape that includes the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and immense Lake Victoria.

Membership: **587900**
Number of Churches: **4606**



Entity

Uganda Union Mission
Rwenzori Field
Western Uganda Field
Eastern Uganda Field
South Western Uganda Field
Central Uganda Conference
Northern Uganda Field

Languages Spoken

Official Languages: English, Swahili
Number of Languages Spoken: Approximately 43

Major Language Groups:
Bantu Languages: Ganda (Luganda), Nyankore, Toro
Nilotic Languages: Acholi, Langi, Karamojong
Central Sudanic Languages: Lugbara



Population Estimates and Projections

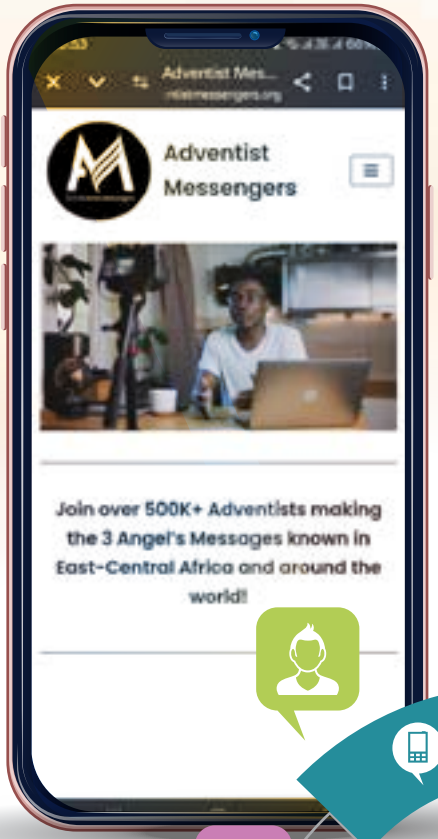
2025 Estimate: 50,555,000
2030 Projection: 58,003,000
2040 Projection: 73,887,000
2050 Projection: 94,001,000



Urbanization Rates

2025: 26%
2030: 29%
2040: 34%
2050: 40%

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