

Gospel Chariot Missions

The team of Gospel Chariot Missions works across the continent of Africa and partners with many individuals and organizations, which together with God's power, makes the work extremely effective. The main office is in Pretoria South Africa.

They reach out to people that are still seeking Christ, but also service existing churches to assist in their missions. They have built trucks like large buses that are essentially a "church on wheels" which include sleeping quarters for the evangelist, a storeroom to carry literature and supplies, a stage with a sound system to preach from, a 300 seater tent, and a baptistry should anyone need to be baptized. Thousands of people are enrolled at these tent meetings and turned over to World Bible School who they partner with.

These trucks travel across 20 African countries all year round to preach the gospel and get churches fired up to share the gospel. Schedules are planned that each area gets visited within every 12-month cycle. Individuals that show a keen interest in knowing more about the Bible and wanting to be more involved in the work of the Lord are encouraged to study further at one of our short-term schools or obtain a degree from Nations University.

Mission

Africans teaching Africans across the entire continent of Africa



Ministries

Large Gospel Chariots

Chariots that embark on longer journeys with a larger tent with Gospel meetings. These large trucks have fulltime evangelist in 20 African countries to reach out, teach & support local churches.

Mini Chariots

Smaller Chariots for local teaching and to support "church planting" efforts.

Bible Schools

Short term schools located in Pretoria, Venda, Plettenberg Bay, and Tsumeb.

Correspondence Courses

Partnership with World Bible School and Nations University. They print thousands of introductory courses each year to have the opportunity to engage people each day as soon as they meet them. They are encouraged to share the good news even after we have parted ways.

Campaigns

Teachers visit the school and join up with the trucks to share their knowledge and their lives with both the young and old Christians.

How it All Began

George and Ria Funk were baptized into Christ while running their own business in South Africa in 1986. The Good News was just too good to not share which led them to becoming fulltime workers in sharing the Gospel in Johannesburg. For 25 years, since 1994 the work has grown to no longer be about a city or a country, but about a continent. They network and empower God's people to fulfill the great commission across Africa. Gospel Chariot Missions partners with World Bible School, short term bible schools, and Nations University to equip men and women to be effective Christians in their communities. George says and believes that "teamwork is dream work".

Since 1994 over 18,000 souls were baptized, over 300 new congregations established. In 2018 they added Uganda & Nigeria. In 2019 they added Liberia with all having big new chariots going even deeper into western Africa. George Funk says after that, "Lord willing, we will help George Akpabli in Benin, with a big chariot that will go into more French speaking countries, being Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Mali and also parts of Guinea". GCM will go from 5 countries in West Africa to 13 countries and many of these are very Muslim. George says "The amazing thing is, that it is our brethren, Isaac Daye and George Akpabli, that are pleading with us to increase our territory. These are great leaders and amazing networkers who know their region and I stand amazed that we as a ministry have such an opportunity to penetrate these Islamic countries, but also start working in more French speaking countries that have been overlooked. Only God can make such things happen."

Update for Summer 2021:

George Funk is the founder, father figure and mentor for 3 ministries namely Gospel Chariot, Gospel Share and Gospel Care. George remains as enthusiastic as ever and he continues to love to exercise and runs the comrades marathon and two Ironman events every year. George has always been evangelistic but the last 10 years has seen George on a spiritual journey for more evangelistic truth. That has led George to disciple making and church planting movements like the apostle Paul, instead of just planting a church. George explains that this will now help those he is mentoring to move from Addition to Multiplication and focus on the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Chariot's mission is to invade Africa and the world with Gospel Chariots preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and multiplying disciples and churches everywhere using the Gospel Share Missions 4 fields discipleship multiplication tools. Gospel Chariot has pride in their God given ability to network and empower God's people to fulfill the great commission across Africa and the world. Gospel Chariot Missions partners with World Bible School and Nations University to equip men and women to be effective Christians. With many churches locked down and roads closed, they spent time focusing on training the disciples where ever they could and equipping believers on how to become effective disciple makers through "4 fields discipleship multiplication tools" that is spreading worldwide. George tells us there is so much to share with us concerning what God is doing through His humble servants. God has expanded the Kingdom with over 3,000 souls at Guerin Kouka in Northern Togo in just June & July.

George quotes 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also". Because of this belief he has moved on to India, Asia & Australia and passed the leadership in Africa on to those on his own team that he has been mentoring for years. Now Africans are teaching Africans. Dimpo Motimele is now Director and Coordinator for Gospel Chariot. African Regional Directors are George Akpabli -West and North Africa; Duncan Ojiambo – Central Africa; Tom Opondo -East Africa; Machona Monyamane – Southern

Africa. Following these men on Facebook just provides you an amazing trip across Africa. It's so fascinating to read their monthly reports. They all send many pictures so you are encouraged to check these out on the internet. George still joins them in many places to help teach. Not enough space here to share all of their reports but a few that I found especially interesting that New Road works with are written below:

Duncan Ojiambo who lives in Jinga, Uganda reports he & Dr. George Akpabli of Benin teamed up to write letters to some selected Bible Colleges in Ghana to invite us for a discussion on the training. He says "As we wait to hear from them, there came a call from one Bear Valley College in Kpalime, Togo for us to go and train them. I was given the mandate to go, since Doc, who speaks French, was extremely fatigued due to similar training he had just conducted for several preachers from 8 countries in Benin. So I invited my dear colleague trainer, Brother Morkli John to join me. My French is at the Beginners level. But I trusted the God who has promised to give me what to say and how. The time I spent with the students, their tutors and the Preachers of the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Kpalime, Togo was one of the most beautiful experiences I have had and greatly increased my trust in God.

Many of them have started training others and are having baptisms. But when one of them sent me pictures of his trainings and baptisms, I felt so excited as Luke 10:5-11 came to mind. There are places you may desire so much to go, but you'll realize they're not ready for you. Go to those who are ready and God will give you increase." In reading this we can feel his excitement too. Duncan also started the church at Loregnchora that resulted in training 71 preachers and planting 10 new churches.

Tom Oondo of Kenya says God prepared the ground and put "people of peace in our path." He asks we keep the prayers alive for the families that opened their hearts and homes for the Good News of Christ. They traveled to fresh ground in Tanzania where no Churches of Christ exist.

The Malawi report says "Our trip to Chikwina Nkhata Bay has been successful. Started our training on Thursday up to Saturday...Robert. Lyman. Modesta and myself (Moster) and brother Washington Mumba, prison Minister for Mzimba joined us to learn more about 4 fields tools. He is working with Concord Road Church from Nashville, Tennessee." This is particularly of interest to New Road because we have graded World Bible School lessons from the prison there and also the prison at Mzuzu. Brother Moster has helped us by delivering World Bible School booklets directly to the people in Malawi that we were working with. They needed them right away and it also saved us from having the shipping expense. Now they are also using this teaching tool in the prisons making disciples there which also teaches the prisoners how to reach others.

Every report coming in from all 20 countries tell of them using the "4 fields discipleship training" and how successful it is being. As George likes to say, "God is up to something Big".

You can join and learn how to equip others with these discipleship tools or just connect and witness what God is doing.

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