



West Africa Training Center Summary

OUR REGION

Samaritan Strategy, West Africa has twelve country representatives or coordinators who represent their countries, 23 volunteer staffs across West Africa who help us in our training programs. 18 of them are based in Ghana and 5 are regional trainers based in Senegal, Togo, Guinea, Mali, and Ivory Coast.

GOALS

To help pastors and leaders of local churches to give their members theology, strategy and practical experience in ministry to the **spiritual, physical, social and intellectual** needs of their neighbors or people in their communities.

To teach Kingdom principles and biblical methods for personal and community development.

To encourage and train materially poor churches and fellowship to use **local** resources for **Wholistic Ministry**.

WHY GHANA?

Ghana is selected because, it is centrally placed within West Africa. Besides, Ghana is the most stable, democratic and peaceful within the coast of West Africa and traveling by air or road is more easy and accessible.

ABOUT GHANA

The Republic of Ghana is located in West Africa bordering Côte d'Ivoire. The word "Ghana" means "Warrior King." Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, is from Ghana.

PROBLEM

Africa, despite its rich natural endowments, is a continent ravaged with poverty, disease, corruption and conflict. For years international aid and development agencies have tried to deal with these problems—with limited success. A predominantly animistic worldview holds sway over the minds of many Africans—a worldview that sees man as a victim of nature, of other people, or of fate. This mindset shifts responsibility for Africa's social ills to the spirit realm, leaving individuals little hope or motivation for working towards a better future.

The church has been on the continent for nearly two thousand years—and has experienced tremendous growth over the last two centuries. This growth holds incredible potential for the healing of Africa. Yet, all too often, the church is disengaged from the crying needs of the community—focusing exclusively on spiritual concerns. Despite Christians being a majority in many African communities, poverty, disease, conflict and environmental degradation abound. The church is often seen as irrelevant by non-believing community members.

THE NEED

Leadership training has become very crucial in recent times. In Africa, Christianity has been introduced since the 17th century and many countries south of the Sahara had been reached with millions having been converted and thousand of churches planted. However, much of the work of the churches is visibly seen more in the areas of spiritual things only especially in the areas of deliverances from the powers of devils and witchcraft, healing and saving of souls for heaven. However, the social and physical impact -in terms of loving one another and the physical development of individuals and communities- have rarely been seen. Large churches have been built and thousands of people go to church each Sunday but transformations of communities is progressing slowly.

BENEFITS

With the construction of a new West African Training facility, we shall be helping to facilitate to make God's Kingdom come to West Africa and therefore Africa, as key people with various Christian persuasions will be trained to have Kingdom mind, so that they also can work to build Kingdom churches, make Kingdom disciples and doing God's will.

Within Ghana, centre will serve as both a regional and national centre for training church leaders, pastors, coordinators of NGO's and other organizational leaders in the areas of biblical worldview, transformation and Wholistic ministry.

A new West Africa Training Center will also serve as the West African Sub-regional centre for Samaritan Strategy. The Center will host conferences organized for the West African sub-regional leaders of Samaritan Strategy.

Economically, the centre will also be used for all types of training programs and interested organizations who wish to hold conferences, seminars, workshops, etc will be charged commercial rates. The centre will therefore be self supporting from incomes that are so generated and part of this can be used to support the ministry thereby solving the perennial financial problems confronting us.

TOTAL NEED

The Total Cost for the West Africa Training Facility is \$419,000 for a facility with 30 guest rooms, a conference center seating 100, a chapel, and an on-site cafeteria. However, seed capital of \$160,000 will allow Samaritan Strategy West Africa to begin construction. Further, initial construction allows us to begin to cover future construction costs with proceeds from programs.

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