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Introduction

Rooted in Mission: Going Together, Reaching Others

Our theme for 2026 is ROOTED, Deep Roots, Reaching Nations. A tree reaches as far above the ground as its roots run beneath it, and the same is true of mission. This month we turn that theme outward. We are people who have been sent, and we are sent together, and we are sent for the sake of others. Two short verses hold the heart of it.

“Then I heard the Lord asking, ‘Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?’ I said, ‘Here I am. Send me.’” Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

Isaiah heard that question only after he had seen the Lord and been cleansed. The sending came out of the seeing. Before mission is a task for our hands, it is a response of our hearts to a God who is still asking, over every campus and every nation, who will go.

“Again he said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.’” John 20:21 (NLT)

On the evening of the resurrection the risen Christ breathed on His followers and sent them as the Father had sent Him. We do not go on our own terms or in our own strength, but in His pattern and by His Spirit. To be sent by Jesus is to go the way He went, together, and for others.

For the next 21 days we will walk through the Acts of the Apostles, where this sending first took flesh. The journey moves in three movements. In Week One we are Rooted and Ready, waiting on God for power. In Week Two we Envision and Equip, raising and preparing others. In Week Three we Empower, Engage and Enlist, releasing labourers into the harvest. Each day is a short chapter for a campus missionary anywhere.

❖ **How to use this book**

Each day opens with The Sending Word, a passage from Acts, followed by Carry This to the Field, a memory text and a quote to take with you. The Campus Missions Reflection draws the day’s lesson into the work of reaching a campus. Know Your Field gives real facts and prayer points for an African nation and a Nigerian institution, so that prayer is informed and specific. Praying for the Campus turns the day into prayer, and Stand With CMLI lifts up the movement and its work. Each day closes with a short word for the campus. Read prayerfully, go together, and reach others.

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 1: Wait Before You Send

Power received before people are deployed

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 1:4-8 (NIV)

“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.” Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary to China*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Filled Before You Go

Before the church ever moved, it was told to wait. In Acts 1:4 the risen Lord commands them, “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised.” He does not send them the moment He commissions them. He tells them to stay until the Spirit comes, and verse 8 gives the reason: “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” The waiting was not wasted time. It was the difference between mission attempted in human strength and mission carried by the power of God.

This is a word for every campus missionary. Whether you preach to a lecture theatre, disciple a few students, train leaders, counsel the wounded, write, or mobilise the Church, the work flows from one source. We cannot give what we have not received. A worker who is dry cannot water anyone. The most vital part of our ministry is often the part no one sees, the hidden hours of receiving from God before we ever pour into others. To be rooted is this: roots travel down in the dark long before a tree bears fruit in the light.

Jesus also stretched their vision, from one nation to the ends of the earth. Begin where you stand and never stop at the familiar. For us that is the whole campus and then the whole nation, not only the students but the lecturers, the non academic staff and the host communities, not only one institution but the next. So begin each season as the first disciples did, waiting on God for power. Wait before you go, then go in the Spirit and not the flesh, and you will reach further than you ever could on your own.

Waiting is the hardest discipline in mission, because it feels like doing nothing while the need is urgent. Yet the disciples who waited in that upper room were not idle. They were being prepared. On campus the temptation is to rush into programmes and outreaches before we have been filled,

and we end up offering students our energy instead of God's power. The first work of a campus missionary is not strategy but surrender.

There is a difference between activity and anointing. A fellowship can be busy with meetings, fixtures and events and still be powerless to change a single life. What turns information into transformation is the Holy Spirit. When we wait on God, we are not delaying the mission; we are securing its only true source of strength.

Notice that the promise of power in Acts 1:8 is tied directly to witness. The Spirit does not fill us for comfortable feelings but for courageous witness across every circle of the campus. Power and purpose come together. The same Spirit who fills the believer in the quiet place sends that believer into the lecture hall, the hostel and the staff common room.

So begin here. Before you plan the semester, wait. Before you recruit the team, pray. Teach your students that the secret place comes before the public place, and that fruit on campus grows from roots that go down deep in God. A movement that learns to wait on God will never run on empty.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Kenya

- By 2025 Kenya had about 67 fully fledged universities, made up of 38 public and 29 private institutions, with a further 13 at various stages of accreditation.¹
- University enrolment in degree programmes reached 628,541 students in 2024, a rise of about 12 percent in a single year.²
- Academic staff across all universities numbered 15,383 in 2024, with only 551 full professors, an average of roughly one staff member to every 39 students.³

Prayer Focus: (1) for godly lecturers and professors to rise as disciple makers in a system short of senior staff; (2) for peace and provision on campuses disrupted by funding crises and strikes.

Mission Opportunity: with more than 600,000 students and few workers per campus, there is an open door to plant and strengthen campus fellowships that disciple the relatively few who graduate into national influence.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Jos

- The University of Jos grew from a campus of the University of Ibadan opened in 1971, became a separate institution by decree in 1975, and began in 1976 with 575 students across four faculties.⁴
- Today it runs 12 faculties and a wide range of programmes, with a student population reported in the tens of thousands across its campuses.⁵
- It maintains a large library system and a sizeable academic and non academic workforce serving the campus community.⁶

Prayer Focus: (1) for safety and healing across a campus marked by Plateau's seasons of insecurity; (2) for a Christ centred witness among students, lecturers, non academic staff and management alike.

¹Commission for University Education (Kenya), Status of Universities, <https://www.cue.or.ke> (accessed 2026).

²Commission for University Education (Kenya), University Statistics 2023/2024, <https://www.cue.or.ke>.

³Commission for University Education (Kenya), University Statistics 2023/2024, <https://www.cue.or.ke>.

⁴University of Jos, About UNIJOS, <https://www.unijos.edu.ng> (accessed 2026).

⁵University of Jos, Academics and Faculties, <https://www.unijos.edu.ng>.

⁶University of Jos, Library and Administration, <https://www.unijos.edu.ng>.

Mission Opportunity: a single large campus is a strategic hub. Reach it well and it will send disciplined graduates into every part of the nation.

❖ **Praying for the Campus**

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. As the first disciples waited for power before they went, fill every campus worker afresh with Your Spirit, so we serve in Your strength and not our own (Acts 1:4-5).
2. You promised we would be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Stretch our vision beyond one campus to the nations You have given us (Acts 1:8).
3. Lord of the harvest, send labourers among Kenya's more than 600,000 students and its stretched 15,383 staff, and raise disciple makers where senior workers are few.
4. Cover the University of Jos, its 40,000 and more students and over 3,000 staff. Bring lasting peace to Plateau State and let Christ be known across the whole campus.
5. Help us reach the widening circles, not only students but lecturers, non academic staff and host communities, until the whole campus hears the whole gospel.

❖ **Stand With CMLI: The Field and the Vision**

1. Pray for CMLI's vision to mobilise the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ, that it would be pursued with depth and integrity.
2. Pray for the 2026 theme, ROOTED, Deep Roots, Reaching Nations, that the ministry would grow deep in Christ even as it reaches wider.
3. Pray for clarity, faith and obedience as CMLI discerns and follows God's leading for the year ahead.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"A campus is won not by our strength but by His Spirit." CMLI

"If we win the campus today, we win the world tomorrow." Bill Bright

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 2: A Strategy Bigger Than One Campus

From where you stand to the ends of the earth

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“You will be my witnesses... in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” William Carey, father of modern missions*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

The Map of the Mission

In a single sentence Jesus draws the map of the whole mission. “You will be my witnesses,” He says in Acts 1:8, “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Jerusalem was home, the place they already stood. Judea was the region near and familiar. Samaria was the place of the people they would rather avoid, and the ends of the earth were the nations they had never seen. The same Spirit would carry them through every circle, and none of them was optional.

Campus missions needs this same map. It is tempting to settle in our Jerusalem, the one fellowship, the one campus, the few faces we know. Yet the call presses outward. There is a Judea of nearby schools and institutions waiting. There is a Samaria of students and staff we find hard to love, the difficult faculty, the hostile group, the forgotten polytechnic. And there are the ends of the earth, campuses in other states and other nations that we will only reach if we refuse to stop at the familiar.

A rooted missionary holds the whole map at once. We give ourselves fully where we are planted, and we keep lifting our eyes to the regions beyond. We pray for campuses we may never visit, train workers who will go where we cannot, and measure success not by how comfortable we are but by how far the gospel travels. Begin in your Jerusalem, but never end there.

Jesus did not give His followers a single assignment but a widening one. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth are not four separate missions; they are one mission moving outward. A campus missionary must hold the same expanding vision, refusing to settle in the comfortable centre while the edges remain unreached.

Every campus has its Jerusalem, the fellowship and the friends we already know. It has its Judea, the wider student body that is familiar but still unreached. It has its Samaria, the groups we would rather avoid, the difficult faculty, the hostile club, the student of another faith. And it has its ends of the earth, the campuses in other towns and the nations beyond. The gospel is for all of them.

The danger in campus missions is a fellowship that turns inward, content to disciple its own and blind to the harvest at its gates. Acts 1:8 will not allow it. The Spirit pushes the church outward, always to the next circle, until the whole campus has heard.

Ask God for His map of your campus. Name the circles. Who is your Jerusalem, your Samaria, your ends of the earth? Then take one step toward the circle you have been avoiding. A strategy bigger than one campus begins with a heart bigger than one comfort zone.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Ghana

- Ghana had about 635,000 students enrolled in tertiary education in 2022, up from roughly 581,000 the year before, served by more than 300 accredited tertiary institutions.⁷
- The tertiary gross enrolment ratio reached about 22 percent in 2023, still well below the world average, so those who graduate carry significant influence.⁸
- The University of Ghana at Legon, founded in 1948, remains the nation's flagship institution and anchors a respected public university tradition in West Africa.⁹

Prayer Focus: (1) for vibrant, gospel centred fellowships across Ghana's public and private campuses; (2) for Christian lecturers to disciple students and model integrity in public life.

Mission Opportunity: Ghana's stability and respected universities make it a strong base from which disciplined graduates can carry the gospel across West Africa.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Ibadan

- The University of Ibadan, established in 1948, is Nigeria's oldest university, beginning as a College of the University of London before gaining full independent status in 1962.¹⁰
- It now spans about 16 faculties and enrolls on the order of 33,000 students, with its postgraduate school among the largest in Africa.¹¹
- Its Kenneth Dike Library holds over three million volumes, and the university has shaped generations of national leaders.¹²

Prayer Focus: (1) for a fresh move of God among a student body that produces national leaders; (2) for faithful campus fellowships and chaplaincies to thrive.

Mission Opportunity: as Nigeria's premier university, a disciplined generation here ripples into government, health, education and the academy nationwide.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Spirit of God, give us power to be witnesses, not only where we are comfortable but in every circle You have set before us (Acts 1:8).
2. Move us from our Jerusalem outward, to the Judea of nearby schools and the Samaria of the people we find hard to love.

⁷UNESCO Institute for Statistics, in Statista, Students in Tertiary Education in Ghana, 2023, <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1180524/>.

⁸World Bank, School Enrolment, Tertiary (percent gross), Ghana, 2023, <https://data.worldbank.org>.

⁹University of Ghana, About Us, <https://www.ug.edu.gh>.

¹⁰University of Ibadan, History, <https://www.ui.edu.ng>; Times Higher Education, University of Ibadan profile.

¹¹Times Higher Education, University of Ibadan, <https://www.timeshighereducation.com>; Nigeria Higher Education Foundation, University of Ibadan.

¹²University of Ibadan, Kenneth Dike Library, <https://www.ui.edu.ng>.



3. Raise labourers for Ghana's campuses and for the wider West African harvest, that students would be reached and sent.
4. Visit the University of Ibadan afresh, and let those it forms for the nation be formed first for Christ.
5. Enlarge our vision to the ends of the earth, and keep us from settling for the familiar.

❖ **Stand With CMLI: The Staff and Team**

1. Pray for every CMLI staff member, for rootedness in Christ, health, protection and joy in the work.
2. Pray for unity, humility and trust across the team, that they would go together and not grow weary.
3. Pray for grace to equip, envision, empower, engage and enlist campus influencers with excellence and love.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"The campus is the heart of the nation; whoever shapes the campus shapes the future." CMLI

"The evangelisation of the world in this generation." Student Volunteer Movement

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 3: Praying in One Accord

The hidden engine of every campus movement

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 1:12-14 (NIV)

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “They all joined together constantly in prayer.” Acts 1:14 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying.” Samuel Chadwick, evangelist

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

The Power of One Accord

Between the command to wait and the coming of the Spirit, the disciples did one thing. Acts 1:14 tells us, “They all joined together constantly in prayer.” It was united and it was constant, men and women, family and followers, all in one accord. Pentecost did not fall on a scattered, distracted crowd. It fell on a praying community.

Campus movements rise and fall on this hidden engine. We are quick to plan, to publicise and to programme, and slow to gather and pray. Yet no strategy can replace what happens when a team seeks God together. United prayer aligns hearts, exposes pride, builds trust between workers, and invites the power that no meeting can manufacture. The campus is contested ground, and it is taken on the knees before it is taken in the lecture hall.

So a rooted team guards its prayer life as fiercely as its calendar. We pray before we plan and while we work. We pray for one another by name, for the campuses on our hearts, and for the students who do not yet know they are being prayed for. When we are tempted to rush ahead, we return to the upper room and wait in one accord, because the work that begins in prayer carries a weight that work begun in haste never will.

Before Pentecost there was a prayer meeting. Luke is careful to tell us the believers were all together, joined in one accord, praying constantly. The power that fell was preceded by the unity that gathered. On campus, prayer is not the warm up before the real work; it is the real work.

United prayer does something no programme can do. It binds a fellowship together, aligns hearts with heaven, and prepares the ground before a single word is preached. Where students pray together, they soon labour together, and where they labour together, God moves.

It is striking that this was constant prayer, not a single desperate cry but a sustained, expectant waiting. Campus movements are often strong on events and weak on prayer. Reverse that, and everything changes. A praying fellowship is a powerful fellowship.

Build prayer into the rhythm of your campus work. Gather the students to pray for their lecturers, their courses and their friends who do not yet know Christ. Teach them that prayer in one accord is the engine of mission, and watch the Spirit answer.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): South Africa

- South Africa's public university sector was projected to provide about 1.11 million student places for the 2023 academic year, a steadily growing system.¹³
- A 2021 survey estimated about 1.03 million students enrolled in universities and universities of technology nationwide.¹⁴
- Its campuses carry significant influence in research, policy and culture across Southern Africa, drawing students from across the continent.¹⁵

Prayer Focus: (1) for united, prayerful student fellowships across a diverse and often secular campus culture; (2) for healing of divisions and unity in the body of Christ on campus.

Mission Opportunity: South Africa's continental reach means a praying, disciplined student movement here can influence many nations at once.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria

- Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, opened in 1962 as the University of Northern Nigeria with four faculties and 426 students, is one of the largest universities in sub Saharan Africa.¹⁶
- It now spans about 18 faculties and over 100 academic departments on a 7,000 hectare site, enrolling roughly 45,000 to 50,000 students.¹⁷
- It employs around 3,000 academic and research staff and some 5,000 support staff, drawing students from every state of Nigeria.¹⁸

Prayer Focus: (1) for prayerful, courageous fellowships that bear witness with wisdom and love; (2) for peace, understanding and protection across a large and diverse community.

Mission Opportunity: a vast northern campus is a meeting point of peoples; a praying movement here can reach groups rarely touched by the gospel.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Teach us to wait in one accord, that power may rest on a praying and united team (Acts 1:14).
2. Guard our movements from prayerless activity, and make intercession the engine of all we do.
3. Knit our teams together in trust and humility, and let no division quench Your Spirit among us.
4. Raise praying fellowships across South Africa's campuses and at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

¹³Department of Higher Education and Training (South Africa), in SAnews, Over one million enrolments expected in public universities, 2023, <https://www.sanews.gov.za>.

¹⁴Statistics South Africa, cited in Statista, Student participation in South Africa, 2021, <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1115545/>.

¹⁵OECD, Education GPS: South Africa, 2025, <https://gpseducation.oecd.org>.

¹⁶Times Higher Education, Ahmadu Bello University, <https://www.timeshighereducation.com>; ABU, History, <https://abu.edu.ng/history>.

¹⁷TopUniversities, Ahmadu Bello University, <https://www.topuniversities.com>; ABU profile.

¹⁸TopUniversities, Ahmadu Bello University, <https://www.topuniversities.com>.



5. Take the contested ground of the campus on our knees before we take it in the lecture hall.

❖ **Stand With CMLI: The Board of Trustees**

1. Pray for the Board of Trustees, led by Prof. Ngozi Odiaka, for wisdom, godliness and clear governance.
2. Pray for sound strategic oversight, integrity and accountability in every decision they make.
3. Pray for unity between the Board, leadership and staff as they steward the vision together.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Prayer is the first work of campus missions.” CMLI

“Just one student can shape a generation.” CMLI

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 4: Raising Leaders to Fill the Gaps

The movement that develops new leaders on purpose

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 1:21-26 (NIV)

“Then they prayed, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry.’”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these you have chosen.” Acts 1:24 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “The world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him.”
D. L. Moody, evangelist

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Heaven Chooses, We Prepare

Before the Spirit fell, the disciples filled a gap in leadership. Judas had fallen, and rather than leave the place empty they sought another to share the work. Acts 1:24 records their prayer, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen.” They did not grasp the role for themselves or let the ministry shrink to the few who remained. They prayerfully raised someone new.

This is the instinct of every healthy campus mission. We are not called to be indispensable. We are called to multiply ourselves. The student we disciple this year should be leading others the next. The young worker we mentor should one day carry more than we do. A movement that depends on one gifted person is fragile, but a movement that keeps raising leaders to fill the gaps will outlast all of us.

Notice too how they chose: with prayer, with attention to character, and with trust that God knows the heart. We do the same. We watch for the faithful and the teachable, we give them real responsibility before they feel ready, and we surrender the outcome to the Lord who does the choosing. Raise leaders on purpose, and the harvest will never wait on you alone.

When a place fell vacant among the Twelve, the disciples did not shrink the work to fit the few who remained. They raised someone new. Mission always loses labourers to graduation, relocation and life, and a wise campus missionary is always raising the next leader before the gap appears.

Notice how they chose. They prayed, they looked for proven character, and they trusted God with the outcome. Raising campus leaders is not about filling slots with the willing but about discerning the faithful. Look for students who are dependable in small things, and entrust them with more.

A fellowship that depends on one or two gifted students is fragile. A fellowship that constantly raises and releases new leaders is strong. The goal is not to be needed forever but to multiply yourself in others, so that the work outlives your stay.

Who is the next leader on your campus? Name them, invest in them, and give them real responsibility before you leave. The future of the work depends not on the leaders you are, but on the leaders you raise.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Uganda

- Uganda has a youthful population and a growing university sector, with a strong history of student Christian movements.¹⁹
- Makerere University in Kampala, established in 1922 and Uganda's oldest and largest university, enrolls about 35,000 to 40,000 students across ten colleges.²⁰
- Roughly 12,000 students graduate from Makerere each year, and it has formed leaders across East Africa for a century.²¹

Prayer Focus: (1) for the raising of student leaders of deep character and conviction; (2) for campus ministries to multiply disciples rather than depend on a few.

Mission Opportunity: Uganda's heritage of student movements offers fertile ground to develop leaders who will serve church and nation.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Nigeria, Nsukka

- The University of Nigeria, Nsukka, founded by Nnamdi Azikiwe and formally opened in 1960 with 220 students and 13 staff, was the country's first full fledged indigenous university.²²
- It has grown to about 17 faculties and over 100 academic departments, enrolling in the tens of thousands across its campuses.²³
- Its law faculty, established in 1960, is the oldest in Nigeria, and it carries deep influence across the South East.²⁴

Prayer Focus: (1) for the raising of godly student leaders to fill gaps in church and society; (2) for fellowships that disciple and release, not merely gather.

Mission Opportunity: an institution that has shaped national leaders can, through discipleship, send Christ centred leaders into every sphere.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Lord, You know every heart; choose and raise the leaders our campuses need (Acts 1:24).
2. Free us from the pride of being indispensable, and teach us to multiply ourselves in others.
3. Help us entrust real responsibility to the faithful and teachable, even before they feel ready.
4. Raise leaders of character across Uganda's campuses and at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
5. Let our movements outlast us because we kept raising others to carry the work.

¹⁹National Council for Higher Education (Uganda), Higher Education statistics, <https://unche.or.ug>.

²⁰Makerere University, About, <https://www.mak.ac.ug>; Times Higher Education, Makerere University.

²¹Makerere University, About, <https://www.mak.ac.ug>.

²²University of Nigeria, History, <https://www.unn.edu.ng>; BlackPast, University of Nigeria.

²³University of Nigeria, About Us, <https://www.unn.edu.ng>.

²⁴University of Nigeria, History, <https://vcoffice.unn.edu.ng/history>.



❖ **Stand With CMLI: Resources Needed**

1. Pray for the financial and material resources CMLI needs to sustain missions, training, publishing and care.
2. Pray for faithful partners and generous provision, that the work would never be hindered for lack of means.
3. Pray for an office, tools and systems that allow the team to serve effectively and steadily.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Every student leader we raise becomes a door into a campus.” CMLI

“Tomorrow’s leaders are students today.” CMLI

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 5: Power to Empower

The Spirit fits ordinary people for witness

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:4 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible.” John Stott, pastor and writer*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Wind and Fire for Witness

When the day of Pentecost came, the promise was kept. Acts 2:4 says, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” At once these ordinary men and women could do what they could never have done alone. The power was not for private comfort but for public witness. The same Spirit who fills also sends.

Campus missionaries live by this truth. Our methods matter, our training helps, our plans are good, but none of them can produce spiritual fruit. Only the Spirit convicts, converts and transforms. We are at our most dangerous to darkness not when we are most clever but when we are most filled. An empowered worker carries something the campus cannot explain away, a presence and an authority that come from God alone.

This is also how we empower others. We do not merely hand students skills and tasks; we point them to the source of power and teach them to keep being filled. A rooted movement is a Spirit dependent movement. So we ask, often and honestly, are we running on our own strength or His? Return to the upper room, wait for the wind and fire, and then go out as people the Spirit has fitted for the work.

At Pentecost the Spirit did not merely comfort the disciples; He commissioned them. Ordinary fishermen and women became bold witnesses who spoke so that thousands understood. The same Spirit is available to every student who will yield to Him.

Campus missions can never run on talent alone. A capable leader, a clever programme and a full calendar cannot produce what only the Spirit produces. We are not selling an idea; we are introducing people to a living God, and that requires His power.

The filling of the Spirit is for empowering others, not impressing them. Those filled at Pentecost immediately poured out what they had received. A Spirit filled campus worker is a channel, not a reservoir, always passing on the life they have been given.

Seek the fullness of the Spirit, not as a one time event but as a daily dependence. Pray for your students to be filled and sent. An empowered believer empowers others, and an empowered fellowship can turn a campus the right way up.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Tanzania

- Tanzania has expanded its higher education sector considerably in recent decades, with a growing number of public and private universities.²⁵
- The University of Dar es Salaam, established in 1961 (a full university from 1970), is the nation's oldest and largest public university.²⁶
- Its campuses gather a religiously diverse student population across a large and largely peaceful nation.²⁷

Prayer Focus: (1) for Spirit empowered witness among a religiously mixed student body; (2) for boldness and love among campus believers.

Mission Opportunity: a peaceful, diverse nation offers wide open doors for student fellowships to bear witness across faith communities.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Lagos

- The University of Lagos, founded in 1962, sits in Nigeria's commercial capital and is one of the country's most competitive universities.²⁸
- As of 2024 it admitted around 8,500 undergraduates a year and enrolled over 57,000 students in total.²⁹
- Its location places students at the heart of national business, media and culture.³⁰

Prayer Focus: (1) for Spirit filled students who will carry Christ into business, media and the professions; (2) for fellowships that depend on God's power and not on programmes alone.

Mission Opportunity: graduates here flow straight into the engines of national life; reaching them shapes the culture of the nation.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Fill us afresh with Your Spirit, that ordinary people may bear extraordinary witness (Acts 2:4).
2. Keep us from trusting our methods more than Your power, and make us dangerous to darkness because we are filled.
3. Teach us to empower others by pointing them to the Spirit, not only to skills and tasks.
4. Pour out Your Spirit on Tanzania's campuses and on the University of Lagos.
5. Let an empowered generation carry Christ into every sphere of national life.

²⁵Tanzania Commission for Universities, Universities and statistics, <https://www.tcu.go.tz>.

²⁶University of Dar es Salaam, About UDSM, <https://www.udsm.ac.tz>.

²⁷Tanzania Commission for Universities, <https://www.tcu.go.tz>.

²⁸University of Lagos, About, <https://unilag.edu.ng>; Wikipedia, University of Lagos.

²⁹University of Lagos, in Wikipedia, University of Lagos (2024 figures), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Lagos.

³⁰University of Lagos, About, <https://unilag.edu.ng>.



❖ **Stand With CMLI: Resources Developed**

1. Pray for the books, study Bibles, trainings and materials CMLI has developed, that they would bear lasting fruit.
2. Pray that every resource placed in a student's hand would lead to transformation and discipleship.
3. Pray for ACTI Publishing and the authors it raises, that their work would shape lives across Africa.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Filled by the Spirit, an ordinary student becomes an extraordinary witness.” CMLI

“Reaching the campus, shaping nations.” CMLI

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 6: Helping People Read the Moment

Witness that explains what God is doing

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 2:14-39 (NIV)

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.” Acts 2:38 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.” Charles Spurgeon, preacher

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Speak So They Understand

When the crowd was confused by what they saw at Pentecost, Peter stood and explained it. He took the Scriptures they knew, tied them to the moment they were living, and pointed every eye to the risen Christ, calling them in Acts 2:38, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.” He did not leave them to guess. He helped them read what God was doing and then called for a response.

Campus missions is full of moments that need explaining. A student senses something stirring but has no words for it. A crisis on campus leaves people searching. A friend is curious but confused. Our task is not only to feel the moment but to interpret it, to say with clarity and grace, this is what God is doing, and this is how you can respond. Witness is not vague impression; it is clear proclamation.

This calls for rooted workers who know the Scriptures and know their world. Peter could speak to the moment because he was soaked in the Word and filled with the Spirit. So we study, we listen, and we learn to speak the truth in language students understand. And like Peter, we always move from explanation to invitation, because the goal is not that people admire the message but that they repent, believe and follow.

When the crowd was confused, Peter stood up and explained. He took the Scriptures they half knew, connected them to the moment they were living, and pointed every eye to the risen Christ. Campus missions needs this gift of explanation, the patient work of helping searching minds understand.

Students today are not short of information; they are short of interpretation. They feel the ache of their generation but cannot name it. A campus missionary helps them read the moment, showing how their hunger, their fear and their longing find their answer in Jesus.

Peter did not leave his hearers in mid air. He called for a response: repent and be baptised. Clarity must lead to a call. We do students no favours by explaining the gospel beautifully and never asking them to follow Christ.

Learn to explain the faith simply, to connect it to the questions students are actually asking, and to call for a decision with courage and love. The campus is full of confused hearts waiting for someone to help them understand.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Ethiopia

- Ethiopia has rapidly expanded its university system, establishing many public universities across its regions in recent decades.³¹
- Addis Ababa University, founded in 1950, is the oldest and largest, anchoring a system serving a very young population.³²
- Ethiopia holds an ancient Christian heritage alongside significant religious diversity.³³

Prayer Focus: (1) for clear, courageous gospel proclamation on fast growing campuses; (2) for peace and protection amid regional tensions.

Mission Opportunity: a young, expanding student population offers vast scope for clear witness that helps a searching generation find Christ.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

- Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, founded in 1961 as the University of Ife with 244 students and 64 academic staff, sits on a vast campus of about 13,000 hectares.³⁴
- It has grown to about 13 faculties and over 37,000 students with roughly 1,300 academic staff.³⁵
- It has long been a centre of intellectual and cultural influence in the South West.³⁶

Prayer Focus: (1) for students who can explain the gospel clearly to a thoughtful campus; (2) for fellowships that move people from curiosity to commitment.

Mission Opportunity: a campus that prizes ideas is ready for witness that engages the mind and calls for a clear response.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Make us able to explain what You are doing and to call people to respond (Acts 2:38).
2. Soak us in Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit, so our witness is clear and not vague.
3. Help us speak the truth in language students understand, and always move from explanation to invitation.
4. Give clear gospel proclamation across Ethiopia's campuses and at Obafemi Awolowo University.
5. Let a searching generation read the moment rightly and turn to Christ.

³¹Ethiopian Ministry of Education, Education Statistics Annual Abstract, <https://moe.gov.et>.

³²Addis Ababa University, About AAU, <https://www.aau.edu.et>.

³³Ethiopian Ministry of Education, <https://moe.gov.et>.

³⁴Obafemi Awolowo University, History Handbook 2022-2027, <https://history.oauife.edu.ng>; OAU, About.

³⁵Obafemi Awolowo University, History Handbook 2022-2027, <https://history.oauife.edu.ng>.

³⁶Times Higher Education, Obafemi Awolowo University, <https://www.timeshighereducation.com>.



❖ **Stand With CMLI: The Year's Work Plan**

1. Pray for the 2026 work plan and its goal to engage at least 20,000 students, staff, authors, influencers and leaders.
2. Pray for each department, that its measurable goals would be met for God's glory and not mere achievement.
3. Pray for strength, focus and grace to carry the plan through every month of the year.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"A clear word on campus can turn a searching student toward Christ." CMLI

"When you disciple one life, you touch a generation." CMLI

WEEK ONE: ROOTED AND READY



Day 7: A Community Worth Reproducing

The shared life we pass on to those we raise

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” Amy Carmichael, missionary to India

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

A Family Worth Joining

The first believers did not merely hold meetings; they shared a life. Acts 2:42 says, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” They learned, ate, prayed and cared for one another so generously that outsiders took notice, and the Lord added to their number daily. The fellowship itself was part of the witness.

Campus missions can drift into events and programmes and forget that we are building family. Students are not projects to be processed; they are people looking for somewhere to belong. When a fellowship is marked by genuine love, honest teaching, shared meals and real prayer, it becomes a place worth joining. Many a student has come for the friendship and stayed for the Saviour.

What we reproduce is what we are. If we raise influencers in a community of devotion, they will plant communities of devotion wherever they go. So we give attention to the quality of our shared life, not only the size of our gatherings. A rooted movement carries a recognisable family likeness from campus to campus, because each new fellowship is born from a community worth reproducing.

The first believers did not merely attend meetings; they shared a life. They learned together, ate together, prayed together and cared for one another so generously that the watching city took notice. On campus, the quality of our community is part of our witness.

Students are drawn to belonging before they are convinced by argument. A warm, honest, Christ centred fellowship preaches a sermon that words cannot. When lonely students find a family, they are far more ready to meet the Father.

Luke says the Lord added to their number daily. Healthy community is not the enemy of evangelism; it is its engine. A fellowship worth reproducing reproduces, because people want what they see.

Build community that is worth copying. Make room for the new student, the struggling student, the different student. Devote yourselves to teaching, fellowship, sharing and prayer, and trust the Lord to add to your number.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Rwanda

- Rwanda has invested heavily in education as part of its national renewal, with a growing university sector.³⁷
- The University of Rwanda, formed in 2013 by merging public institutions, is the nation's largest, serving students across several colleges.³⁸
- Its campuses carry both a painful history and a strong hope for reconciliation and rebuilding.³⁹

Prayer Focus: (1) for fellowships that model reconciliation and genuine community; (2) for healing and hope among a generation rebuilding a nation.

Mission Opportunity: a nation pursuing reconciliation is fertile soil for gospel communities that show a watching society a better way to live together.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Benin

- The University of Benin, founded in 1970, is a major federal institution in the South South of Nigeria.⁴⁰
- It runs a wide range of faculties and draws a large and varied student body into one community.⁴¹
- It serves Edo State and the surrounding region as a centre of learning and influence.⁴²

Prayer Focus: (1) for fellowships marked by love, teaching, sharing and prayer; (2) for students who find belonging in Christ and stay.

Mission Opportunity: a large, varied campus is ready for warm gospel communities that draw the lonely and disciple them into family.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Make our fellowships devoted to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer (Acts 2:42).
2. Help us treat students as people seeking belonging, not projects to be processed.
3. Let the quality of our shared life be part of our witness, so that many come for friendship and stay for the Saviour.
4. Build reconciling gospel communities across Rwanda's campuses and at the University of Benin.
5. Reproduce in those we raise a community worth joining wherever they go.

³⁷Higher Education Council (Rwanda), <https://hec.gov.rw>.

³⁸University of Rwanda, About UR, <https://ur.ac.rw>.

³⁹Higher Education Council (Rwanda), <https://hec.gov.rw>.

⁴⁰University of Benin, About UNIBEN, <https://www.uniben.edu>.

⁴¹University of Benin, Faculties, <https://www.uniben.edu>.

⁴²University of Benin, About UNIBEN, <https://www.uniben.edu>.



❖ **Stand With CMLI: School and Campus Outreach**

1. Pray for CMLI’s campus missions, school outreaches and the students and teachers they will reach this year.
2. Pray for open doors into more campuses and schools, and for fruit that remains in those already reached.
3. Pray for the campus influencers CMLI raises and sends, that they would be deeply rooted, faithful and fruitful.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“A loving fellowship is the loudest sermon on any campus.” CMLI

“Disciples are not gathered; they are grown.” CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 8: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Boldness

Influencers are formed by time with Jesus

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 4:13 (NIV)

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“They took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“The beginning of faith is the end of anxiety.” George Müller, man of faith and care for orphans*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Marked by Time With Jesus

The rulers expected timid, unimportant men, and instead met a courage they could not account for. Acts 4:13 records their astonishment: “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” They had no titles and little schooling, yet they spoke with boldness. The explanation was unmistakable. They had been with Jesus, and it showed.

This is good news for campus missions. The people God uses are rarely the most credentialed. The influencers we raise will not be only the brilliant and the polished; they will be ordinary students who have spent time with Jesus until His boldness rubs off on them. Our task is not to manufacture confident performers but to lead people into His presence, because what they catch there cannot be taught any other way.

So we measure our work differently. The question is not only how skilled our students are, but how much they have been with the Lord. We give them the Scriptures, we model prayer, we make room for encounter, and we trust that time with Jesus will produce a courage no training course can match. Spend yourself leading others to Him, and watch ordinary people astonish the campus.

The rulers expected timid, unimportant men and met instead a courage they could not explain. The secret was not training or status but time spent with Jesus. The boldest campus witnesses are not the most gifted students but the ones who have been with Him.

Many students stay silent about Christ because they feel unqualified, too young, too ordinary, not clever enough. Acts 4:13 is for them. God delights to use unschooled, ordinary people so that the glory is clearly His.

Boldness is not loudness. It is the quiet confidence of someone who knows whom they have believed. It grows in the secret place and shows in the public place, in a hostel conversation, a question in the lecture hall, a stand taken among friends.

Encourage your students that they do not need a title to be a witness. They need to have been with Jesus. Time in His presence will give ordinary believers extraordinary courage on campus.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Zambia

- Zambia has a growing higher education sector and a strong Christian heritage in public life.⁴³
- The University of Zambia in Lusaka, established in 1966, is the nation's oldest and largest public university.⁴⁴
- Its campuses gather students from across a peaceful and centrally located nation.⁴⁵

Prayer Focus: (1) for ordinary students to be transformed by time with Jesus into bold witnesses; (2) for Christian heritage to be owned afresh by a new generation.

Mission Opportunity: a peaceful nation with Christian roots is ready for student movements that turn ordinary believers into bold disciples.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Bayero University, Kano

- Bayero University in Kano, which grew from a college founded in 1960 and became a university in 1977, is a leading institution in northern Nigeria.⁴⁶
- It runs a broad range of faculties and serves a large and diverse student community in a strategic region.⁴⁷
- It is a major centre of learning for the north and beyond.⁴⁸

Prayer Focus: (1) for courageous, gracious witness from ordinary believers; (2) for wisdom, peace and protection on a strategic northern campus.

Mission Opportunity: ordinary disciplined students here can carry Christ with boldness and love into communities seldom reached.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Mark our students by time with You, until Your boldness shows in ordinary lives (Acts 4:13).
2. Free us from valuing only the polished and the credentialed; use the ordinary who have been with You.
3. Help us lead people into Your presence, for what they catch there cannot be taught.
4. Raise bold, ordinary disciples across Zambia's campuses and at Bayero University, Kano.
5. Let the campus take note that those we send have been with Jesus.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Field and the Vision

1. Pray for CMLI's vision to mobilise the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ, that it would be pursued with depth and integrity.

⁴³Higher Education Authority (Zambia), <https://www.hea.org.zm>.

⁴⁴University of Zambia, About UNZA, <https://www.unza.zm>.

⁴⁵Higher Education Authority (Zambia), <https://www.hea.org.zm>.

⁴⁶Bayero University Kano, History, <https://www.buk.edu.ng>.

⁴⁷Bayero University Kano, Faculties, <https://www.buk.edu.ng>.

⁴⁸Bayero University Kano, About, <https://www.buk.edu.ng>.



2. Pray for the 2026 theme, ROOTED, Deep Roots, Reaching Nations, that the ministry would grow deep in Christ even as it reaches wider.
3. Pray for clarity, faith and obedience as CMLI discerns and follows God’s leading for the year ahead.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Ordinary students, surrendered to Christ, can shake a campus.” CMLI

“Boldness on campus begins with having been with Jesus.” CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 9: Release the Work to Others

Equip and delegate, and the word multiplies

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 6:1-7 (NIV)

“Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples... increased rapidly.” Acts 6:7 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can.” John Wesley, evangelist and reformer*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Share the Load, Spread the Word

As the church grew, a problem appeared; the needs outpaced the apostles and important work was being missed. Their answer was not to do more themselves but to release the work. In Acts 6:3 they say, “Choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom,” and turn the task over to them. The result is striking. “So the word of God spread,” says verse 7, and the disciples multiplied rapidly.

Many campus workers carry too much alone. We hold every task, attend every meeting and make every decision, and slowly the mission narrows to what one tired person can manage. The apostles show us a better way. Healthy ministry shares the load. We identify the faithful, give them real responsibility, and trust them to do the work, even differently from us.

Releasing the work is not laziness; it is wisdom and humility. It says the mission is bigger than me, and other people are gifted too. When we delegate well, two things grow at once: new leaders are formed, and we are freed to give ourselves to what only we can do. Share the load on purpose, and watch the word spread further than your own two hands could ever carry it.

As the church grew, the work outgrew the apostles, and some were being overlooked. Their answer was not to work harder but to release the work to others. They appointed faithful, Spirit filled people and gave them real responsibility, and the word of God spread.

Campus missionaries often try to do everything themselves, and the work stalls at the limit of one person’s strength. Multiplication, not addition, is the way of the kingdom. Every task you release to a faithful student is a task that can multiply.

Notice the result. When the apostles released the work, the word spread and the disciples multiplied rapidly. Delegation is not a loss of control but a release of growth. What you hold tightly stays small; what you give away grows.

Identify what only you can do, and give the rest away. Train students to lead Bible studies, plan outreaches and care for one another. A movement that releases the work to others will reach a campus no single worker ever could.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Zimbabwe

- Zimbabwe has a highly literate population and a respected university tradition, though under economic strain.⁴⁹
- The University of Zimbabwe in Harare, established in 1952, is the nation's oldest and most prominent university.⁵⁰
- Its campuses continue to form capable graduates despite many pressures.⁵¹

Prayer Focus: (1) for the raising and releasing of many student leaders to share the work; (2) for provision and hope amid economic hardship.

Mission Opportunity: a capable, literate generation is ready to be equipped and released to multiply the gospel across the region.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Port Harcourt

- The University of Port Harcourt, founded in 1975 (a college from 1975, a university from 1977), serves the oil rich and strategically important South South.⁵²
- It runs a wide range of faculties and gathers a large student body in a region central to the national economy.⁵³
- It sits in a region central to Nigeria's energy economy.⁵⁴

Prayer Focus: (1) for leaders to be raised and released so the work multiplies; (2) for justice, peace and integrity in a region under economic pressure.

Mission Opportunity: equipping and releasing student leaders here can multiply gospel witness across a strategic and influential region.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us release the work to faithful, Spirit filled people, so the word may spread (Acts 6:3-7).
2. Free us from carrying everything alone, and teach us to share the load with wisdom and humility.
3. Form new leaders as we delegate, and free us for what only we can do.
4. Raise and release student leaders across Zimbabwe's campuses and at the University of Port Harcourt.
5. Let the gospel travel further than our own hands could ever carry it.

⁴⁹Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education, <https://www.zimche.ac.zw>; UNESCO literacy data.

⁵⁰University of Zimbabwe, About UZ, <https://www.uz.ac.zw>.

⁵¹Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education, <https://www.zimche.ac.zw>.

⁵²University of Port Harcourt, About UNIPORT, <https://www.uniport.edu.ng>.

⁵³University of Port Harcourt, Faculties, <https://www.uniport.edu.ng>.

⁵⁴University of Port Harcourt, About UNIPORT, <https://www.uniport.edu.ng>.



❖ **Stand With CMLI: The Staff and Team**

1. Pray for every CMLI staff member, for rootedness in Christ, health, protection and joy in the work.
2. Pray for unity, humility and trust across the team, that they would go together and not grow weary.
3. Pray for grace to equip, envision, empower, engage and enlist campus influencers with excellence and love.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“The campus is reached when students begin to reach students.” CMLI

“Do not do the work of ten; train ten to do the work.” CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 10: Barnabas, the Envisioner

The ministry of seeing potential others miss

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 9:26-28 (NIV)

“But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.” Acts 9:27 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain.” Charles Spurgeon, preacher*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Someone Has to Believe in Them

When Saul came to the believers, they were afraid of him, and understandably so, for he had been their persecutor. But one man looked past the reputation. Acts 9:27 says simply, “But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles,” and vouched for him before them. Without that act of faith, the church might have lost its greatest missionary before he ever began.

Campus missions needs many a Barnabas. There are students with raw potential that others overlook, the difficult one, the unlikely one, the one with a past. They need someone to see them, believe in them, and open a door. The envisioner does not wait for people to prove themselves; he risks something to draw out the gift God has placed in them. Much of our most important work is simply believing in people before they believe in themselves.

This ministry is quiet but priceless. A word of encouragement, an introduction, a vote of confidence at the right moment can release a worker who will outrun us all. So we keep our eyes open for the overlooked, we speak life over the unsure, and we make room at the table for those others would exclude. Be a Barnabas, and you may help launch the next great labourer for the harvest.

When Saul came to the believers, they were afraid of him, and understandably so. But Barnabas looked past the reputation, took him, and vouched for him. Behind many great workers stands a Barnabas who believed in them before anyone else did.

Every campus is full of overlooked students, the difficult one, the unlikely one, the one with a past. The crowd writes them off; the envisioner sees what they could become. Campus missions needs people who can spot the potential others miss.

Barnabas risked his own standing to draw Saul into the work. Believing in people costs something, a reputation, a chance, a stretch of patience. But it is often the quiet introduction and the well placed word of confidence that launch the next great labourer.

Be a Barnabas on your campus. Look for the student no one else believes in, and believe in them. Open the door, make the introduction, speak the word of confidence. You may be holding the key to a future missionary.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Cameroon

- Cameroon hosts both Francophone and Anglophone universities, reflecting its bilingual character.⁵⁵
- The University of Yaoundé, the nation's oldest (1962), anchors a system serving students across linguistic and cultural lines.⁵⁶
- Its campuses gather students across French and English speaking communities.⁵⁷

Prayer Focus: (1) for envisioners who will see and raise overlooked student leaders; (2) for peace and unity across linguistic divides.

Mission Opportunity: a bilingual nation offers a bridge for the gospel into both Francophone and Anglophone Africa through disciplined students.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Maiduguri

- The University of Maiduguri, founded in 1975, serves the North East and has shown remarkable resilience through years of regional insecurity.⁵⁸
- It runs a broad range of faculties and continues to educate students in a region that has suffered greatly.⁵⁹
- It remains a vital centre of learning and hope in the North East.⁶⁰

Prayer Focus: (1) for courage, healing and hope on a campus marked by conflict; (2) for envisioners who will believe in and raise leaders from a wounded region.

Mission Opportunity: raising resilient, disciplined leaders here speaks hope into one of the nation's most wounded regions.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Give us the eyes of Barnabas to see what You are doing in the overlooked (Acts 9:27).
2. Help us believe in people before they believe in themselves, and risk something to draw out their gift.
3. Make us quick to encourage, to introduce and to open doors at the right moment.
4. Raise envisioners across Cameroon's campuses and at the University of Maiduguri.
5. Let us help launch labourers who will outrun us in the harvest.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Board of Trustees

1. Pray for the Board of Trustees, led by Prof. Ngozi Odiaka, for wisdom, godliness and clear governance.

⁵⁵Cameroon Ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP), <https://www.minesup.gov.cm>.

⁵⁶University of Yaoundé I, About, <https://uy1.uninet.cm>.

⁵⁷Cameroon Ministry of Higher Education, <https://www.minesup.gov.cm>.

⁵⁸University of Maiduguri, About UNIMAID, <https://www.unimaid.edu.ng>.

⁵⁹University of Maiduguri, Faculties, <https://www.unimaid.edu.ng>.

⁶⁰University of Maiduguri, About UNIMAID, <https://www.unimaid.edu.ng>.



2. Pray for sound strategic oversight, integrity and accountability in every decision they make.
3. Pray for unity between the Board, leadership and staff as they steward the vision together.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Behind every reached campus is someone who believed in one student.” CMLI

“When you disciple one life, you touch a generation.” CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 11: Go and Find Them

Intentional recruitment of the strategic worker

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 11:25-26 (NIV)

“Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch... The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul.” Acts 11:25 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “Sympathy is no substitute for action.” David Livingstone, missionary explorer in Africa

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Go and Fetch the Worker

The work at Antioch was growing, and Barnabas knew he needed help. So he did something deliberate. Acts 11:25 tells us, “Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,” and when he found him he brought him into the mission. From that intentional journey came a year of teaching, and there the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Campus missions often waits for workers to appear. The Antioch pattern teaches us to go and find them. Somewhere there is a gifted graduate sitting idle, a capable student between seasons, a worker the Lord has prepared who simply needs to be sought out and invited. The harvest is not only about reaching the lost; it is also about recruiting the labourers, and that takes deliberate effort.

So we keep a list of names on our hearts. We notice the ones with calling and capacity, and we pursue them, write to them, travel to them, and call them into the work. We do not assume they will come on their own. Like Barnabas, we go and fetch the worker, because the right person in the right place, found and brought in, can shape a movement for a generation.

Barnabas knew the work at Antioch needed more, so he went to Tarsus to look for Saul. He did not wait for help to arrive; he went and found it. Campus missions is not a waiting game but a going one.

Students will not always come to our meetings. The unreached are in the hostels, the sports fields, the departments and the rooms off campus, and someone must go to find them. The harvest does not gather itself.

Going to find people is deliberate and costly. It means leaving the comfortable circle, crossing the campus, and seeking out those who would never walk into a fellowship on their own. But that is where the harvest is.

Who must you go and find this semester? Make a list of the places students gather and go there. The fellowship that goes looking will always find more than the fellowship that waits.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Democratic Republic of Congo

- The Democratic Republic of Congo has a large, youthful population and universities spread across its vast territory.⁶¹
- The University of Kinshasa, founded in 1954, is among its oldest and largest institutions.⁶²
- Its campuses hold enormous potential amid significant challenges.⁶³

Prayer Focus: (1) for labourers to be found and sent into a vast and youthful field; (2) for peace and stability across a nation under strain.

Mission Opportunity: a huge young population across a vast nation is a field crying out for workers to be sought and sent.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Federal University of Technology, Minna

- The Federal University of Technology, Minna, founded in 1983, focuses on science and technology in north central Nigeria.⁶⁴
- It runs schools across engineering, the sciences and technology, forming graduates for innovation and industry.⁶⁵
- It is a strategic technology campus in the nation's middle belt.⁶⁶

Prayer Focus: (1) for the deliberate finding and sending of gifted student workers; (2) for Christ centred innovators to rise from the sciences.

Mission Opportunity: a technology focused campus can send out disciplined innovators to influence industry for the kingdom.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Teach us to go and find the workers You have prepared, as Barnabas sought Saul (Acts 11:25).
2. Give us names on our hearts, and the courage to pursue and invite the right people into the work.
3. Keep us from waiting passively, and make us deliberate in recruiting labourers for the harvest.
4. Raise and send workers across the Democratic Republic of Congo and at the Federal University of Technology, Minna.
5. Let the right person, found and brought in, shape a movement for a generation.

❖ Stand With CMLI: Resources Needed

1. Pray for the financial and material resources CMLI needs to sustain missions, training, publishing and care.
2. Pray for faithful partners and generous provision, that the work would never be hindered for lack of means.
3. Pray for an office, tools and systems that allow the team to serve effectively and steadily.

⁶¹DRC Ministry of Higher and University Education (ESU), national education data.

⁶²University of Kinshasa, About, <https://www.unikin.ac.cd>.

⁶³DRC Ministry of Higher and University Education (ESU).

⁶⁴Federal University of Technology Minna, About FUTMINNA, <https://www.futminna.edu.ng>.

⁶⁵Federal University of Technology Minna, Schools, <https://www.futminna.edu.ng>.

⁶⁶Federal University of Technology Minna, About, <https://www.futminna.edu.ng>.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“The unreached are within reach, if only we go.” CMLI

“Students will not always come to us; we must go to them.” CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 12: The Sending Church

Mobilising the Church to release its best

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 13:1-3 (NIV)

“While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “The supreme task of the church is the evangelisation of the world.” Oswald J. Smith, missions pastor

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

The Church That Lets Go

Antioch did something costly. As the church worshipped and fasted, the Spirit spoke: “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” (Acts 13:2). They could have kept their two finest leaders; instead, verse 3 says, “they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” A sending church is a church willing to let go of its best for the sake of the harvest.

Here is the heart of mobilisation. The campus will not be reached by a few professionals alone. It will be reached when the whole Church sees the field, prays over it, and releases its people, its resources and its prayers into it. Our calling is to help churches become sending churches, to envision pastors and members until they gladly give their gifted young people to campus missions rather than holding them back.

Notice how the sending happened: in worship, in fasting, in prayer, in obedience to the Spirit. Mobilisation is not mere recruitment; it is a spiritual act. So we call the Church to its knees and to its responsibility, trusting that as believers worship and listen, the Spirit will say again, set apart these ones for the work. A Church that learns to let go will reach campuses it could never have reached by holding on.

As the church at Antioch worshipped and fasted, the Spirit set apart its two finest leaders for mission, and the church sent them. A sending church is willing to give away its best for the sake of the harvest.

Campus fellowships are sending bases, not holding pens. Students are on campus for only a few years, and then they scatter into every part of society. The goal is not to keep them but to disciple them and send them.

It costs a fellowship to send its strongest leaders, into other campuses, into the professions, into the nations. But a fellowship that hoards its best soon grows stale, while a fellowship that sends keeps multiplying.

Cultivate a sending culture on your campus. Celebrate those who go. Prepare graduating students to carry the mission into their workplaces and communities. The Church that sends students to the campus, and the campus that sends graduates to the world, will shape the nation.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Egypt

- Egypt has one of the largest higher education systems in Africa, with a vast student population in numerous public and private universities.⁶⁷
- Cairo University and Al-Azhar are among its historic institutions, anchoring a system at the crossroads of Africa and the Middle East.⁶⁸
- Its enormous student body sits at a strategic continental crossroads.⁶⁹

Prayer Focus: (1) for the Church to see and reach a vast student field; (2) for grace, wisdom and protection for believers on campus.

Mission Opportunity: an enormous student population at a continental crossroads is a strategic field for a mobilised, sending Church.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Yaba College of Technology, Lagos

- Yaba College of Technology, founded in 1947, is the first higher educational institution in Nigeria and a leading polytechnic.⁷⁰
- It forms many of the nation’s technicians, engineers and creatives in Lagos.⁷¹
- It remains a flagship polytechnic at the heart of Nigeria’s commercial capital.⁷²

Prayer Focus: (1) for churches near campuses to become sending churches; (2) for disciplined graduates to carry Christ into trades and industry.

Mission Opportunity: a historic polytechnic in Lagos can send skilled, disciplined graduates into the practical engines of the economy.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today’s text and the facts above.

1. Make Your Church willing to set apart and send its best for the work (Acts 13:2-3).
2. Help us envision pastors and members until they gladly release their young people to campus missions.
3. Teach us that mobilisation is a spiritual act, born in worship, fasting and prayer.
4. Raise sending churches for Egypt’s campuses and for Yaba College of Technology.
5. Let a Church that learns to let go reach campuses it could never reach by holding on.

❖ Stand With CMLI: Resources Developed

1. Pray for the books, study Bibles, trainings and materials CMLI has developed, that they would bear lasting fruit.

⁶⁷Egypt Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, <https://moheer.gov.eg>.

⁶⁸Cairo University, About, <https://cu.edu.eg>.

⁶⁹Egypt Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, <https://moheer.gov.eg>.

⁷⁰Yaba College of Technology, History, <https://www.yabatech.edu.ng>.

⁷¹Yaba College of Technology, Schools and Programmes, <https://www.yabatech.edu.ng>.

⁷²Yaba College of Technology, About, <https://www.yabatech.edu.ng>.



2. Pray that every resource placed in a student's hand would lead to transformation and discipleship.
3. Pray for ACTI Publishing and the authors it raises, that their work would shape lives across Africa.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"The Church that sends students to the campus shapes the nation." CMLI

"Mobilise the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ." CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 13: Strengthen and Appoint

Follow through that establishes leaders

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 14:21-23 (NIV)

“They... returned... strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith... Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith.” Acts 14:22 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“What my people need most is my personal holiness.” Robert Murray M’Cheyne, pastor*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Do Not Leave Them Alone

Paul and Barnabas did not count converts and move on. They went back. Acts 14:22 says they returned, “strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith,” and verse 23 adds that they appointed elders for them in each church. Their mission was not finished at conversion. It was finished when the young believers were established and led.

Campus missions is tempted by first contact. The outreach, the altar call, the decision card feel like the goal. But a student who responds and is then left alone will often drift. The harder, holier work comes afterwards, in strengthening, encouraging and appointing. We return to the ones we have reached, we help them remain true through pressure and doubt, and we raise leaders from among them.

This is what turns events into movements. A fellowship survives the leaving of its founder only if leaders have been appointed and disciples have been strengthened. So we resist the rush to the next thing and give patient attention to what we have already begun. Do not leave them alone. Go back, build them up, entrust the work to faithful leaders, and commit them to the Lord with prayer.

Paul and Barnabas did not count converts and move on. They returned, strengthening the disciples and appointing leaders in every church. Mission is not finished when someone believes; it is finished when they are established and led.

Campus movements can be strong on winning students and weak on keeping them. A new believer left alone is a candidate for drifting. The follow up, the discipleship and the appointing of leaders is what turns a decision into a disciple.

Strengthening is patient, unglamorous work. It is the second visit, the steady Bible study, the leader raised and entrusted. But without it, today’s harvest becomes tomorrow’s loss.

Build follow up into your outreach before you ever run it. Plan how you will strengthen and appoint, not only how you will gather. A campus reached and then established will stand long after you have gone.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Malawi

- Malawi is a peaceful nation with a growing university sector and a strong Christian presence.⁷³
- The University of Malawi, established in 1965, anchors a system forming students eager for leadership.⁷⁴
- Its campuses gather students for formation and service across the nation.⁷⁵

Prayer Focus: (1) for follow through that strengthens new believers and appoints leaders; (2) for fellowships that outlast their founders.

Mission Opportunity: a peaceful, Christian influenced nation is ready for movements that establish disciples, not just gather crowds.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Calabar

- The University of Calabar, founded in 1975, serves Cross River State in the South South, a region with a deep missionary heritage.⁷⁶
- Calabar itself was a historic gateway for the gospel into south eastern Nigeria.⁷⁷
- The university runs a broad range of faculties serving the region.⁷⁸

Prayer Focus: (1) for new believers to be strengthened and established, not left alone; (2) for the missionary heritage of Calabar to be renewed in this generation.

Mission Opportunity: a region with a rich missionary history can again become a sending ground if disciples are established and led.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us return to strengthen disciples and appoint leaders, not only to make converts (Acts 14:22-23).
2. Free us from the lure of first contact, and give us patience for the holy work that follows.
3. Establish the ones we reach so they remain true through pressure and doubt.
4. Strengthen and lead believers across Malawi's campuses and at the University of Calabar.
5. Turn our events into movements that outlast us, committed to the Lord in prayer.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Year's Work Plan

1. Pray for the 2026 work plan and its goal to engage at least 20,000 students, staff, authors, influencers and leaders.

⁷³National Council for Higher Education (Malawi), <https://www.nche.ac.mw>.

⁷⁴University of Malawi, About, <https://www.unima.ac.mw>.

⁷⁵National Council for Higher Education (Malawi), <https://www.nche.ac.mw>.

⁷⁶University of Calabar, About UNICAL, <https://www.unical.edu.ng>.

⁷⁷Historical accounts of Mary Slessor and the Calabar mission; University of Calabar, About.

⁷⁸University of Calabar, Faculties, <https://www.unical.edu.ng>.



2. Pray for each department, that its measurable goals would be met for God's glory and not mere achievement.
3. Pray for strength, focus and grace to carry the plan through every month of the year.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"Winning a student is the beginning; establishing one is the goal." CMLI

"When you disciple one life, you touch a generation." CMLI

WEEK TWO: ENVISION AND EQUIP



Day 14: Daily in the Hall of Tyrannus

The equipping hub that reaches a whole region

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 19:8-10 (NIV)

“He... had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “This went on for two years, so that all... in the province of Asia heard the word.”
Acts 19:10 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “If God spare my life, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture than thou dost.” *William Tyndale, Bible translator*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

One Room, a Whole Region

Paul found a lecture hall and used it. Acts 19:9 says he “had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus,” and verse 10 records the result: “This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.” He did not try to visit every town himself. He poured into the people who gathered, and through them a whole province was reached.

This is the genius of equipping. The campus is exactly such a hall, a place where future leaders gather in one location before scattering across a nation. If we equip them well while they are here, they will carry the gospel into places we will never go. The classroom, the fellowship, the training room can each become a hall of Tyrannus, a hub from which the word spreads far beyond its walls.

So we give ourselves to patient, consistent teaching of those within reach. We do not despise the daily and the ordinary, the steady discipleship that seems small. Paul’s strategy was not flashy; it was faithful and repeated, and its reach was enormous. Find your hall, teach the Word day by day, and trust that the ones you equip in one room will carry it to a whole region.

Paul found a lecture hall and used it, reasoning daily for two years until a whole province had heard. He did not try to visit every town himself; he poured into the people who gathered, and through them the word spread far.

This is the genius of campus missions. The campus gathers the future leaders of a nation in one place. Pour into the students daily, and through them you reach the towns, the offices and the families they will return to.

Notice the daily rhythm. Paul did not teach occasionally but consistently, day after day. Depth comes from regularity. A weekly meeting informs; a steady, daily presence transforms.

Find your hall of Tyrannus, the regular place and time where you can teach and disciple. Be consistent. Invest deeply in the few, and trust God to reach the many through them.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Côte d'Ivoire

- Côte d'Ivoire is a Francophone hub in West Africa with a growing university system.⁷⁹
- Félix Houphouët-Boigny University in Abidjan, the nation's largest, draws students from across the region.⁸⁰
- Its campuses gather a large French speaking student population.⁸¹

Prayer Focus: (1) for campuses to become equipping hubs that reach a whole region; (2) for French speaking student workers to be raised and trained.

Mission Opportunity: a regional hub can equip Francophone leaders who carry the gospel across many West African nations.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Kaduna Polytechnic

- Kaduna Polytechnic, established in 1968, is one of the largest polytechnics in Nigeria, serving a strategic northern city.⁸²
- It trains a large body of technical and professional students across many colleges.⁸³
- It is a major skills institution for northern Nigeria.⁸⁴

Prayer Focus: (1) for the campus to become a hub that equips students who scatter across the north; (2) for peace and steady witness in a diverse city.

Mission Opportunity: a large polytechnic in a strategic city can equip disciplined graduates who carry Christ across northern Nigeria.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us use the hall within reach to teach the Word day by day (Acts 19:9-10).
2. Make our campuses equipping hubs from which the word spreads far beyond their walls.
3. Keep us faithful in the daily and ordinary work of discipleship that seems small but reaches far.
4. Raise equipping hubs in Côte d'Ivoire and at Kaduna Polytechnic.
5. Let the ones we equip in one room carry the gospel to a whole region.

❖ Stand With CMLI: School and Campus Outreach

1. Pray for CMLI's campus missions, school outreaches and the students and teachers they will reach this year.
2. Pray for open doors into more campuses and schools, and for fruit that remains in those already reached.
3. Pray for the campus influencers CMLI raises and sends, that they would be deeply rooted, faithful and fruitful.

⁷⁹Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, national data.

⁸⁰Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, About, <https://www.univ-fhb.edu.ci>.

⁸¹Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

⁸²Kaduna Polytechnic, About, <https://www.kadunapolytechnic.edu.ng>.

⁸³Kaduna Polytechnic, Colleges and Programmes, <https://www.kadunapolytechnic.edu.ng>.

⁸⁴Kaduna Polytechnic, About, <https://www.kadunapolytechnic.edu.ng>.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“Teach a few students well, and a whole campus will hear.” CMLI

“If we win the campus today, we win the world tomorrow.” Bill Bright

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 15: Reaching the Thinkers

Engaging lecturers and the intellectual heart of the campus

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 17:16-34 (NIV)

“So he reasoned in the synagogue... as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there... ‘What you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.’”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “What you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.” Acts 17:23 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “All truth is God’s truth.” Arthur F. Holmes, Christian philosopher

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Reach the Mind, Win the Heart

In Athens, Paul stepped into the centre of intellectual life. Acts 17:17 says he “reasoned in the synagogue... as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.” He observed their altars, quoted their poets, and told them, “What you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you” (verse 23). He did not despise the thinkers; he engaged them with respect and clarity, and some believed.

The campus is full of Athens. There are lecturers, researchers and serious students whose questions are real and whose minds are sharp. Too often campus missions speaks only to the heart and ignores the head, and so the thoughtful are left untouched. But the whole campus includes the faculty common room and the seminar, not only the fellowship meeting. We are called to reach the mind as well as the heart.

This takes rooted workers who think as well as pray, who read, who can give reasons for their hope without fear or arrogance. We honour the questions, we engage the ideas, and we keep pointing past the altar of the unknown god to the God who can be known in Christ. Reach the thinkers with respect and truth, and you will win some of the most influential minds on the campus.

In Athens Paul stepped into the centre of intellectual life, reasoning in the marketplace and before the council of thinkers. He did not despise their questions; he observed their altars, quoted their poets, and pointed them to the God they did not know.

The campus is a marketplace of ideas, and many students are genuine seekers wrestling with hard questions. Campus missions must engage the mind, not dodge it. A faith that cannot face questions will not hold a thinking student.

Paul engaged with respect and clarity, neither watering down the gospel nor scorning his hearers. He started where they were and led them to Christ. Some mocked, some delayed, and some believed, and that is still the pattern.

Equip your students to think and to give reasons for their hope. Welcome the hard questions of the lecture hall. The thinker is a soul, and a thoughtful, respectful witness can reach minds that a slogan never will.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Senegal

- Senegal is a stable Francophone nation in West Africa with a respected academic tradition.⁸⁵
- Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, founded in 1957, is the nation's flagship and draws students from across the region.⁸⁶
- Its campuses gather a large, thoughtful and diverse student body.⁸⁷

Prayer Focus: (1) for thoughtful, respectful witness among lecturers and serious students; (2) for grace and wisdom in engaging a thinking, diverse campus.

Mission Opportunity: a respected academic centre is ripe for witness that engages the intellect and reaches influential minds.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): University of Ilorin

- The University of Ilorin, founded in 1975, in north central Nigeria is known for academic stability and a strong research culture.⁸⁸
- It runs a wide range of faculties and draws students from across the country.⁸⁹
- It is noted for consistent academic calendars and research output.⁹⁰

Prayer Focus: (1) for witness that engages lecturers and serious students; (2) for Christian academics to be salt and light in the academy.

Mission Opportunity: a research focused campus is open to thoughtful witness that reaches the academic heart of the institution.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us reach the thinkers, engaging minds with respect and clarity as Paul did in Athens (Acts 17:22-23).
2. Save us from speaking only to the heart while the thoughtful are left untouched.
3. Raise rooted workers who think as well as pray and can give reasons for their hope.
4. Reach lecturers and serious students in Senegal's campuses and at the University of Ilorin.
5. Point the searching past the unknown god to the God who is known in Christ.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Field and the Vision

1. Pray for CMLI's vision to mobilise the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ, that it would be pursued with depth and integrity.

⁸⁵Senegal Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, national data.

⁸⁶Université Cheikh Anta Diop, About, <https://www.ucad.sn>.

⁸⁷Senegal Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

⁸⁸University of Ilorin, About UNILORIN, <https://www.unilorin.edu.ng>.

⁸⁹University of Ilorin, Faculties, <https://www.unilorin.edu.ng>.

⁹⁰University of Ilorin, About UNILORIN, <https://www.unilorin.edu.ng>.



2. Pray for the 2026 theme, ROOTED, Deep Roots, Reaching Nations, that the ministry would grow deep in Christ even as it reaches wider.
3. Pray for clarity, faith and obedience as CMLI discerns and follows God’s leading for the year ahead.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“The lecture hall is a mission field and the thinker is a soul.” CMLI

“The campus is the heart of the nation; whoever shapes it shapes the future.” CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 16: Partners in the Work

Teamwork, tentmaking and going together

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 18:1-4 (NIV)

“There he met a Jew named Aquila... with his wife Priscilla... and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “He stayed and worked with them... and reasoned in the synagogue.” Acts 18:3-4 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.” African proverb

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Better Together

Paul rarely worked alone. In Corinth, Acts 18:2-3 tells us, he met Aquila and Priscilla, and “because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.” They shared a trade, a home and a mission, and together they accomplished far more than any of them could alone. The work moved forward on the strength of partnership.

Campus missions is team work or it is fragile work. The lone hero burns out, makes avoidable mistakes, and leaves nothing that lasts. But a team that shares life and labour can go far. Partners cover one another’s weaknesses, sharpen one another’s thinking, and carry one another through hard seasons. The June theme says it plainly: we go together, and we reach others.

Partnership also widens who can serve. Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers, ordinary working believers who became key to the mission. Not everyone is a full time worker, yet everyone can partner. So we build teams, we welcome the gifts of the so called ordinary, and we refuse the pride that insists on working alone. We are better together, and the work goes further when we share it.

In Corinth Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, shared their trade and their home, and together they advanced the gospel. The work moved forward on the strength of partnership, not the heroics of one.

Campus missions is a team assignment. No one reaches a campus alone. Students, staff, churches and fellow workers each bring something, and the work flourishes when they labour together rather than competing.

Partnership multiplies what each could do alone. A tentmaker and an apostle, a quiet couple and a bold preacher, together they accomplished more than any of them apart. The same is true of every campus team.

Build partnerships on your campus, with other fellowships, with local churches, with willing staff and graduates. Refuse rivalry. The campus is too large and the harvest too great for anyone to reach it alone.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Botswana

- Botswana is a stable, prosperous nation with a respected university sector in Southern Africa.⁹¹
- The University of Botswana in Gaborone, established in 1982, is the nation's flagship institution.⁹²
- Its campuses gather students in a peaceful national setting.⁹³

Prayer Focus: (1) for strong ministry partnerships and teams on campus; (2) for working believers to partner in the mission.

Mission Opportunity: a stable, resourced nation can become a partnering base that supports campus mission across the region.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

- Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Awka, which became a full university in 1992, serves Anambra State in the South East.⁹⁴
- It runs a broad range of faculties and draws a large student body in a region of strong enterprise and faith.⁹⁵
- It is a growing centre of learning in the South East.⁹⁶

Prayer Focus: (1) for partnership and teamwork among campus ministries; (2) for enterprising believers to partner their gifts into the mission.

Mission Opportunity: a region of enterprise and faith is ready for partnerships that join workers and resources for the harvest.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Make us partners in the work, sharing life and labour as Paul did with Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:2-3).
2. Save us from the lone hero who burns out and leaves nothing lasting; teach us to go together.
3. Widen who can serve, welcoming the gifts of the ordinary and the working believer.
4. Build strong ministry teams in Botswana's campuses and at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.
5. Let the work go further because we are willing to share it.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Staff and Team

1. Pray for every CMLI staff member, for rootedness in Christ, health, protection and joy in the work.
2. Pray for unity, humility and trust across the team, that they would go together and not grow weary.

⁹¹Botswana Human Resource Development Council, <https://www.hrdc.org.bw>.

⁹²University of Botswana, About UB, <https://www.ub.bw>.

⁹³Botswana Human Resource Development Council, <https://www.hrdc.org.bw>.

⁹⁴Nnamdi Azikiwe University, About UNIZIK, <https://www.unizik.edu.ng>.

⁹⁵Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Faculties, <https://www.unizik.edu.ng>.

⁹⁶Nnamdi Azikiwe University, About UNIZIK, <https://www.unizik.edu.ng>.



3. Pray for grace to equip, envision, empower, engage and enlist campus influencers with excellence and love.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“No one reaches a campus alone.” CMLI

“Reaching the campus, shaping nations.” CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 17: Completing What Is Already Gifted

Empowering strong influencers to do even more

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 18:24-28 (NIV)

“When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately... he was a great help to those who... had believed.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “They... explained to him the way of God more adequately.” Acts 18:26 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.” D. T. Niles, Sri Lankan evangelist

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Polishing a Ready Vessel

Apollos was already impressive, eloquent, learned and fervent, yet his understanding had gaps. Acts 18:26 says that when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, “they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.” They did not compete with the gifted man or tear him down. They completed him, and the church gained a powerful worker.

Campus missions meets many an Apollos, the brilliant student, the natural leader, the gifted communicator who is almost there. It is tempting to feel threatened by such people, or to leave them alone because they seem to need no help. The better path is the way of Priscilla and Aquila, to invest in the strong, to fill the gaps gently, and to release them into fuller usefulness.

Empowering is not only lifting the weak; it is also sharpening the strong. The most gifted often receive the least discipleship, because everyone assumes they are fine. So we make time for them, we speak truth with humility, and we help them go further than their raw talent could carry them alone. Polish the ready vessels, and the kingdom gains leaders who multiply far beyond what we could do ourselves.

Apollos was eloquent, learned and fervent, yet his understanding had gaps. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they did not compete with him or tear him down; they took him aside and explained the way of God more adequately.

Every campus has its gifted students, the bright, the able, the promising. They do not need to be silenced or envied; they need to be completed. A little discipleship invested in a gifted student multiplies into a powerful worker.

Notice the humility on both sides. Priscilla and Aquila taught privately, with grace, and Apollos, the gifted speaker, was willing to learn. Completing the gifted requires humble teachers and teachable talents.

Look for the Apollos on your campus and invest in them quietly. Sharpen the gifted, do not silence them. A talented student, well disciplined, becomes a gift to the whole campus and beyond.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Mozambique

- Mozambique is a large Lusophone nation rebuilding its higher education sector after years of conflict.⁹⁷
- Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, founded in 1962, is the nation's oldest and largest university.⁹⁸
- Its campuses hold significant potential for growth and witness.⁹⁹

Prayer Focus: (1) for gifted student leaders to be disciplined into fuller usefulness; (2) for healing and growth in a rebuilding nation.

Mission Opportunity: a rebuilding nation offers room to invest in gifted leaders who can shape its renewal for Christ.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Federal Polytechnic, Nekede

- The Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, near Owerri, founded in 1978, is a large polytechnic in the South East.¹⁰⁰
- It trains many technical and professional students across its schools.¹⁰¹
- It is a significant skills institution in the South East.¹⁰²

Prayer Focus: (1) for the disciplining of gifted, capable students often left without mentoring; (2) for skilled graduates to serve Christ in their trades.

Mission Opportunity: a large polytechnic is full of capable students who, if disciplined, will multiply gospel influence in industry.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us invest in the gifted, explaining the way of God more fully as to Apollos (Acts 18:26).
2. Free us from feeling threatened by the strong, and teach us to complete rather than compete.
3. Remind us that the most gifted often receive the least discipleship; help us make time for them.
4. Disciple gifted leaders across Mozambique's campuses and at the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede.
5. Polish ready vessels who will multiply far beyond what we could do alone.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Board of Trustees

1. Pray for the Board of Trustees, led by Prof. Ngozi Odiaka, for wisdom, godliness and clear governance.
2. Pray for sound strategic oversight, integrity and accountability in every decision they make.
3. Pray for unity between the Board, leadership and staff as they steward the vision together.

⁹⁷Mozambique Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, national data.

⁹⁸Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, About, <https://www.uem.mz>.

⁹⁹Mozambique Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

¹⁰⁰Federal Polytechnic Nekede, About, <https://www.fpno.edu.ng>.

¹⁰¹Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Schools, <https://www.fpno.edu.ng>.

¹⁰²Federal Polytechnic Nekede, About, <https://www.fpno.edu.ng>.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“A gifted student, well disciplined, becomes a gift to the whole campus.” CMLI

“Sharpen the gifted; do not silence them.” CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 18: Handing Over the Vision

Entrusting the work and finishing the course

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 20:17-24 (NIV)

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me, the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.”
Acts 20:24 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” *Jim Elliot, missionary martyr*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Finish the Race

Paul called the Ephesian elders together to say goodbye, thinking about how to finish well. “My only aim,” he tells them in Acts 20:24, “is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me, the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” He counted his life as nothing beside the calling. His concern was not comfort or survival, but completion.

Every campus missionary should serve with the end in view. We will not always be here. Health fails, seasons change, callings move us on. The question is what we leave behind. Have we entrusted the vision to others? Have we raised leaders who can carry it without us? A worker who hoards the ministry leaves a vacuum; a worker who hands it over leaves a legacy.

Finishing the race well means working ourselves out of a job. We pour into others not so they depend on us but so they can stand and lead when we are gone. We hold the work loosely, knowing it was never ours. So we serve with urgency and generosity, entrust the vision faithfully, and keep our eyes on the only aim that matters, to complete the task the Lord Jesus has given us.

As Paul prepared to leave the Ephesian elders, his concern was not comfort or survival but completion. His one aim was to finish the race and the task the Lord had given him, the work of testifying to the gospel of grace.

Campus missionaries are temporary by design. Students graduate, workers move on, and the question is always whether the vision will outlast the visionary. Finishing well means handing the work over before you go.

Paul counted his life as nothing beside the calling. That single mindedness is what kept him faithful to the end. A worker who lives for comfort will quit early; a worker who lives for the task will finish.

Run your race with the end in view. Pour the vision into students who will carry it after you. The measure of your work is not what dies when you leave, but what lives because you handed it on.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Liberia

- Liberia is rebuilding its higher education sector after years of conflict, with a strong Christian heritage.¹⁰³
- The University of Liberia in Monrovia, established in 1862, is one of the oldest universities in West Africa.¹⁰⁴
- Its campuses are forming a new generation of leaders for national renewal.¹⁰⁵

Prayer Focus: (1) for the faithful handing over of vision to a rising generation; (2) for leaders who will rebuild the nation on godly foundations.

Mission Opportunity: a rebuilding nation needs disciplined leaders who will carry a vision far beyond those who first plant it.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Modibbo Adama University, Yola

- Modibbo Adama University in Yola, founded in 1981 (formerly a federal university of technology), serves Adamawa State in the North East.¹⁰⁶
- It runs faculties across the sciences, technology and beyond, forming graduates in a region of both hardship and resilience.¹⁰⁷
- It is a key institution for the North East.¹⁰⁸

Prayer Focus: (1) for vision to be entrusted to faithful student leaders; (2) for hope, peace and rebuilding in the North East.

Mission Opportunity: raising leaders here who can carry the vision forward strengthens the gospel's future in a tested region.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Help us serve with the end in view, aiming to finish the race and complete our task (Acts 20:24).
2. Teach us to entrust the vision to others and to raise leaders who can carry it without us.
3. Free us from hoarding the ministry, and help us work ourselves out of a job for Your glory.
4. Hand over a lasting vision across Liberia's campuses and at Modibbo Adama University, Yola.
5. Keep our eyes on the only aim that matters, to complete the task You have given us.

❖ Stand With CMLI: Resources Needed

1. Pray for the financial and material resources CMLI needs to sustain missions, training, publishing and care.
2. Pray for faithful partners and generous provision, that the work would never be hindered for lack of means.
3. Pray for an office, tools and systems that allow the team to serve effectively and steadily.

¹⁰³National Commission on Higher Education (Liberia), national data.

¹⁰⁴University of Liberia, About, <https://www.ul.edu.lr>.

¹⁰⁵National Commission on Higher Education (Liberia).

¹⁰⁶Modibbo Adama University, About, <https://www.mau.edu.ng>.

¹⁰⁷Modibbo Adama University, Faculties, <https://www.mau.edu.ng>.

¹⁰⁸Modibbo Adama University, About, <https://www.mau.edu.ng>.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“The vision lives when students carry it after us.” CMLI

“Just one student can shape a generation.” CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 19: Guard and Shepherd the Flock

Equipping leaders to feed and protect those they lead

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 20:25-32 (NIV)

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: *“Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” Acts 20:28 (NIV)*

Missions Quote: *“I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men.” Richard Baxter, pastor*

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Guard What You Have Built

Before he left, Paul gave the elders a solemn charge. “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock,” he says in Acts 20:28, “of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” He warned that wolves would come. Reaching people is not enough; they must be guarded and fed. The shepherd protects as well as gathers.

Campus missions can be so focused on outreach that it neglects care. We work hard to bring students in, and then leave them exposed to error, discouragement and harm. But the whole gospel includes counselling and trauma care, sound teaching and watchful protection. Students carry wounds and face pressures that can shipwreck their faith if no one is watching over them.

So we equip leaders to shepherd, not only to recruit. We teach them to feed the flock with truth, to guard against the wolves of false teaching and exploitation, and to care for the broken among them. And we begin with ourselves, keeping watch over our own souls, because we cannot guard others well if we are not guarding our own walk with God. Build the work, then guard what you have built.

Paul charged the elders to keep watch over themselves and over the flock, to be shepherds of the church God bought with His own blood. He warned that wolves would come. Reaching students is not enough; they must be guarded and fed.

Campus movements that only evangelise and never shepherd leave new believers exposed. False teaching, discouragement and the pressures of campus life will scatter an unguarded flock. The shepherd protects as well as gathers.

Shepherding begins with the shepherd’s own walk. Paul said, keep watch over yourselves first. A campus worker who neglects their own soul cannot guard another’s. Tend your own life with God, then tend the flock.

Take responsibility for the students God has given you. Feed them the word, watch over their growth, and protect them from what would harm them. To win a student is good; to shepherd one to maturity is greater.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Namibia

- Namibia is a stable Southern African nation with a small but growing university sector.¹⁰⁹
- The University of Namibia, established in 1992, is the nation’s largest, serving students across multiple campuses.¹¹⁰
- Its campuses gather students in a peaceful and orderly setting.¹¹¹

Prayer Focus: (1) for shepherding care that guards and feeds new believers; (2) for sound teaching that protects students from error.

Mission Opportunity: a stable nation offers room to build well cared for fellowships that disciple and protect a rising generation.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Plateau State University, Bokokos

- Plateau State University in Bokokos, established in 2005, serves communities in Plateau State, close to CMLI’s base.¹¹²
- It forms students within a region that has known seasons of conflict.¹¹³
- It is a growing state institution serving the people of Plateau.¹¹⁴

Prayer Focus: (1) for shepherds who will guard and care for students; (2) for healing, safety and sound teaching in Plateau communities.

Mission Opportunity: a campus near home invites close shepherding that discipless, protects and heals a tested community.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today’s text and the facts above.

1. Help us keep watch over ourselves and over the flock You have entrusted to us (Acts 20:28).
2. Save us from outreach that neglects care; teach us to guard, feed and protect those we reach.
3. Equip leaders to shepherd as well as recruit, and to care for the broken among them.
4. Raise faithful shepherds across Namibia’s campuses and at Plateau State University, Bokokos.
5. Help us guard our own walk with You, that we may guard others well.

❖ Stand With CMLI: Resources Developed

1. Pray for the books, study Bibles, trainings and materials CMLI has developed, that they would bear lasting fruit.
2. Pray that every resource placed in a student’s hand would lead to transformation and discipleship.
3. Pray for ACTI Publishing and the authors it raises, that their work would shape lives across Africa.



¹⁰⁹National Council for Higher Education (Namibia), <https://www.nche.org.na>.

¹¹⁰University of Namibia, About UNAM, <https://www.unam.edu.na>.

¹¹¹National Council for Higher Education (Namibia), <https://www.nche.org.na>.

¹¹²Plateau State University Bokokos, About PLASU, <https://www.plasu.edu.ng>.

¹¹³Plateau State University Bokokos, About PLASU, <https://www.plasu.edu.ng>.

¹¹⁴Plateau State University Bokokos, Faculties, <https://www.plasu.edu.ng>.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“To win a student is good; to keep one is greater.” CMLI

“Shepherd the campus, do not only evangelise it.” CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 20: Faithful Before Kings

Influence that reaches authorities and shapes nations

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 26:1-29 (NIV)

“Paul replied, ‘Short time or long, I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.’”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “I pray to God that... all who are listening to me today may become what I am.” Acts 26:29 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “Here I stand; I can do no other.” Martin Luther, reformer, before the authorities at Worms

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Bold Before the Powerful

Paul stood in chains before a governor and a king, and he did not shrink. He told his story, reasoned for the faith, and prayed openly in Acts 26:29, “Short time or long, I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.” The prisoner became the witness, and the powerful became his audience. He was faithful before kings because he feared God more than men.

The whole campus includes its authorities, the Vice Chancellor and the Senate, the deans and the officials, the leaders who shape policy and culture. Too often campus missions reaches only students and leaves the powerful untouched. Yet God opens doors to influence at the highest levels, and we must be ready to walk through them with courage and grace, as Paul did.

This calls for workers who are neither intimidated nor obsequious, who can stand before authority with respect and conviction, and who long for even the powerful to come to Christ. Paul’s prayer for the king was not for his downfall but for his salvation. So we honour those in authority, we seize the openings God gives, and we pray that leaders themselves would become what we are. Be faithful before kings, and you may help shape a nation from the top as well as the grassroots.

Paul stood in chains before a governor and a king, and he did not shrink. He told his story, reasoned for the faith, and prayed openly that all who heard would become what he was. The prisoner became the witness, and the powerful became his audience.

Campus missions will sometimes bring us before those in authority, the dean, the vice chancellor, the student union, the sceptical lecturer. Like Paul, we are called to be faithful and gracious, not fearful, for the gospel is for the powerful too.

Paul feared God more than he feared people, and that freed him to speak the truth with respect in any setting. A campus witness who has settled the fear of God will not be silenced by the fear of others.

Reach the student, and you reach the leader he will become. Be faithful before those in authority on your campus, with courage and courtesy, and trust God to use your witness in rooms you could never enter on your own.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): Burkina Faso

- Burkina Faso is a Francophone Sahel nation with a young population and a university sector under pressure from regional insecurity.¹¹⁵
- Joseph Ki-Zerbo University in Ouagadougou, the nation’s oldest (1974), forms leaders in a challenging environment.¹¹⁶
- Its campuses serve a young population in a tested region.¹¹⁷

Prayer Focus: (1) for courageous witness that reaches students and authorities alike; (2) for peace, protection and stability across the nation.

Mission Opportunity: a young population in a tested region needs bold, gracious witness that can also reach those in authority.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): Auchi Polytechnic

- Auchi Polytechnic in Edo State, established in 1973, is one of Nigeria’s best known polytechnics.¹¹⁸
- It trains a large body of technical and professional students across its schools.¹¹⁹
- It is a major skills institution in the South South.¹²⁰

Prayer Focus: (1) for bold, gracious witness to students and to those in authority; (2) for integrity among leaders who shape the institution.

Mission Opportunity: reaching both students and campus authorities can shape an institution’s culture from grassroots to leadership.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today’s text and the facts above.

1. Make us faithful before kings, fearing You more than men, as Paul stood before authority (Acts 26:29).
2. Open doors to influence at the highest levels of the campus, and make us ready to walk through them.
3. Give us courage and grace before authority, neither intimidated nor obsequious.
4. Reach students and authorities alike in Burkina Faso’s campuses and at Auchi Polytechnic.
5. Let us pray for leaders’ salvation, that they too would become what we are in Christ.

❖ Stand With CMLI: The Year’s Work Plan

1. Pray for the 2026 work plan and its goal to engage at least 20,000 students, staff, authors, influencers and leaders.

¹¹⁵Burkina Faso Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, national data.

¹¹⁶Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo, About, <https://www.univ-ouaga.bf>.

¹¹⁷Burkina Faso Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation.

¹¹⁸Auchi Polytechnic, About, <https://www.auchipoly.edu.ng>.

¹¹⁹Auchi Polytechnic, Schools and Programmes, <https://www.auchipoly.edu.ng>.

¹²⁰Auchi Polytechnic, About, <https://www.auchipoly.edu.ng>.



2. Pray for each department, that its measurable goals would be met for God's glory and not mere achievement.
3. Pray for strength, focus and grace to carry the plan through every month of the year.



FOR THE CAMPUS

"Reach the student, and you reach the leader he will become." CMLI

"Tomorrow's leaders are students today." CMLI

WEEK THREE: EMPOWER, ENGAGE AND ENLIST



Day 21: The Unstoppable Word

The mission continues through those we have raised

❖ The Sending Word

Acts 28:30-31 (NIV)

“For two whole years Paul stayed there... He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ, with all boldness and without hindrance!”

❖ Carry This to the Field

Memory Text: “He proclaimed the kingdom of God... with all boldness and without hindrance.” Acts 28:31 (NIV)

Missions Quote: “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” C. T. Studd, missionary

❖ Campus Missions Reflection

Nothing Can Stop the Word

Acts ends without really ending. Paul is under guard in Rome, yet the final words are freedom and boldness. Acts 28:31 says he “proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ, with all boldness and without hindrance.” The book closes mid stride on purpose, because the mission was never finished. It was handed on.

This is the story we are still living. The same Spirit who filled the upper room fills us. The same gospel that reached an empire is reaching campuses today. And the same pattern continues: rooted workers are filled, sent and multiplied, and the word spreads through the ones they raise. Chains could not stop it then, and obstacles cannot stop it now.

Over these twenty one days we have traced a movement that waited and was filled, that envisioned and equipped, that empowered, engaged and enlisted. Now the open ending of Acts becomes our own. We take up the unfinished story, we keep proclaiming with boldness, and we keep raising others who will carry it after us. Nothing can stop the word of God. Be filled, go together, reach others, and write the next chapter with your life.

The book of Acts ends without really ending. Paul is under guard in Rome, yet the final words are freedom and boldness, for he preached the kingdom of God with all boldness and without hindrance. The mission was never finished; it was handed on.

That open ending is an invitation. The story of the gospel reaching the campus and the nations is still being written, and this generation of campus missionaries holds the pen. The word of God is not chained.

Across Africa, hundreds of campuses gather millions of students, the leaders of tomorrow’s church and nations. The same Spirit who carried the word from Jerusalem to Rome can carry it from your campus to the ends of the earth.

❖ Know Your Field

Africa Campus Facts (ACF): the continent of Africa

- Africa has hundreds of universities and a rapidly growing, youthful student population, making its campuses one of the most strategic mission fields on earth.¹²¹
- Tertiary enrolment across the continent has expanded dramatically this century, yet gross enrolment ratios remain among the lowest in the world.¹²²
- The whole continent is both a vast harvest field and a rising sending force for the gospel.¹²³

Prayer Focus: (1) for an unstoppable movement of the gospel across Africa's campuses; (2) for African students to be reached and sent to the nations.

Mission Opportunity: a youthful continent of hundreds of campuses can become a great sending force, carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Nigeria Campus Fact (NCF): the campuses of Nigeria

- Nigeria has the largest number of universities in Africa, alongside many polytechnics and colleges of education.¹²⁴
- Its millions of students place it at the heart of the continent's campus mission.¹²⁵
- The nation's campuses span every region and people group, an immense field for the whole gospel.¹²⁶

Prayer Focus: (1) for the whole campus across Nigeria, students, lecturers, staff and communities, to hear the whole gospel; (2) for a generation of rooted leaders to shape the nation.

Mission Opportunity: the nation with Africa's most campuses can lead the continent in reaching the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ.

❖ Praying for the Campus

These prayers flow from today's text and the facts above.

1. Keep Your word moving through us with all boldness and without hindrance (Acts 28:31).
2. Fill us afresh, that the gospel which reached an empire may reach our campuses today.
3. Help us keep raising others who will carry the unfinished story after us.
4. Send an unstoppable movement of the gospel across Africa's campuses and throughout Nigeria.
5. Make us those who are filled, go together, reach others, and write the next chapter with our lives.

❖ Stand With CMLI: School and Campus Outreach

1. Pray for CMLI's campus missions, school outreaches and the students and teachers they will reach this year.
2. Pray for open doors into more campuses and schools, and for fruit that remains in those already reached.

¹²¹UNESCO Institute for Statistics, Higher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa, <https://uis.unesco.org>.

¹²²UNESCO Institute for Statistics, <https://uis.unesco.org>; World Bank, Tertiary Education in Sub-Saharan Africa.

¹²³UNESCO Institute for Statistics, <https://uis.unesco.org>.

¹²⁴National Universities Commission (Nigeria), List of Approved Universities, <https://www.nuc.edu.ng>.

¹²⁵National Universities Commission (Nigeria), <https://www.nuc.edu.ng>; National Board for Technical Education.

¹²⁶National Universities Commission (Nigeria), <https://www.nuc.edu.ng>.



3. Pray for the campus influencers CMLI raises and sends, that they would be deeply rooted, faithful and fruitful.



FOR THE CAMPUS

“The harvest is not coming. It is here.” CMLI

“Mobilise the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ.” CMLI

❖ **A Closing Charge**

You have walked through twenty one days in the Acts of the Apostles, from the upper room where they waited to the open road where the word ran free. The same Spirit who filled them is the Spirit who fills you, and the same commission they carried is now in your hands.

The campus before you is both a mission field and a sending base. Its lecture halls and hostels hold the leaders of tomorrow’s church and nations. Do not despise the day of small things, the one student, the quiet conversation, the faithful Bible study. Just one student can shape a generation.

Go together, for mission was never meant to be carried alone. Bind yourself to other workers, other fellowships and the wider Church, and labour as one. And go for others, not for your own comfort but for the sake of those who do not yet know Christ, the searching, the overlooked and the unreached at your gates.

So rise, rooted and ready. Wait on God for power, envision and equip the next labourer, and empower, engage and enlist a generation for Christ. The word of God is not chained, the harvest is here, and the next chapter is yours to write.

Here we are. Send us. -Isaiah 6:8

***"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree
planted by the water that sends out its roots by the
stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves
are always green. It has no worries in a year
of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
- Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)***

Rooted in Mission is a 21 day journey through the Acts of the Apostles for campus missionaries, student leaders and everyone who longs to reach the campus for Christ. It follows the first believers from the upper room, where they waited for power, to the open road, where the word ran free, and draws each scene into the work of reaching students today. Across three weeks you move from Rooted and Ready to Envision and Equip to Empower, Engage and Enlist. Each day offers Scripture, a reflection, campus facts, prayer and a word to inspire you. Go together. Reach others.

The Campus Missions and Leadership Initiative (CMLI) is a faith based movement mobilising the whole Church to reach the whole campus with the whole gospel of Christ. Founded in Jos, Nigeria, and led by Dr. Hankuri Tawus Gaya, CMLI equips campus influencers, disciples students and shapes nations across Africa through missions, training, publishing, research, care and partnership. Reaching the campus and shaping nations, one student at a time for Christ.

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