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Love Côte d' Ivoire Praise Report on behalf of Yamoussoukro and San Pedro

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jeremiah 29:7).

As the 10 year campaign to saturate Africa with the Gospel, Andrew Palau is joining with hundreds of Churches and thousands of believers in Côte d' Ivoire to hold a multi-year evangelistic campaign. The Luis Palau Association, with NGA evangelists, recently focused efforts on Yamoussoukro and San Pedro. God willing, the city of Abidjan (population of 4.7 million) in 2018.

Here are some highlights from the 3-day Yamoussoukro Festival:

A small God glimpse reported by Chelsea Miller from Sunday, Oct. 29, the final night of Yamoussoukro Festival:

"It rained on 3 sides of us today. We were in the middle, dry and cloudy as can be-the perfect weather that we all prayed for. Tonight was the kind of night we'll remember forever. The stories that are told and the moments that will shape our lives forever. How do we put into words? How the ground shook with the dancing and the leaders rejoicing together with the celebration. How we watched thousands and thousands of lost lives found right in front of us. Approximately 45,000 people showed up this weekend and 9,025 decisions. The 100,000 Bibles that almost didn't make it across the border arrived and were relentlessly distributed. The team went on to San Pedro to meet with hundreds of local Pastors ministering there.

Toumodi Prison Outreach praise report: 128 out of 300 prisoners made decisions for Jesus Christ! These 128 are living behind a 30 ft. wall-most for the rest of their life. These 128 accepted Jesus-given the key to eternal life, no chains, no restrictions, just love, peace, acceptance, forgiveness- now that's something to celebrate.

After the prison visit, there was an assembly at a school and hundreds of kids gathered to hear Dave Lubben, Vic Murphy and Andrew. Duggie Dug Dug and his team headed for more schools and Vic and the BMX teams headed for more street ministry. This was a huge victory as initially they were told they would not be able to have any programs in the schools. One morning they had 1500 kids and then two more schools in the afternoon!

Tim reported, 'I was introduced to a leader who was very excited. It turned out he was the President of all the primary schools in Yamoussoukro and was going to call every headmaster to send all the children to the Festival along with their teachers.'

The Women's dinner was completely packed- 500 beautiful African women were in attendance. After Wendy and Andrew shared, 168 made decisions for Christ.

At the men's business dinner, Robert Levy 's testimony 'shook the hearts of the men especially and brought conviction and a vision of hope. And, the results were over 200 of the 450 in attendance converted to Jesus Christ.'

Please pray against any retribution or retaliation from the enemy and for the Luis Palau Team Africa-Andrew, Wendy, Tim, Gary, Randy, Max, Vic and the guys, and for the NGA partners exhausted after toiling tirelessly in God's harvest field that are ripe!

(The recent updated information for the 3-day Festival in Yamoussoukro including affinity events, prison and school outreaches: 65,985 people reached in person with the Gospel. 15,850 public confessions of faith in Jesus! The final statistics from San Pedro are not in yet).

There is more to report, more stories to tell over time and there is much rejoicing in heaven."

From Randy Burtis, "But wait. There's more. David Chigamba, our intrepid African director from Malawi and partner evangelists conducted 36 evangelistic outreaches in San Pedro and the number keeps growing. The team spoke in 8 churches and rolled into five public market places with PA systems mounted on trucks and began preaching to people shopping. The last event was an amazing marriage seminar fielding questions, and even one about what to do if you already have 5 wives when you become a Christian? They had 500 chairs set up and 750 shows up crammed into the auditorium. The They clapped, worshipped as only Africans can."

"We will sing for joy over your victory. And in the Name of our God will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions" (Psalm 20:5).

"But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over the Luis Palau Team Africa that those who love Your Name may rejoice in You. For surely, O, Lord, You bless the righteous-surround them with Your favor as with a shield" (Psalm 5:11-12).

In Jesus Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

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