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Often, as I read the prayers of the psalmist, it is as though he expresses the very words of my heart at that given moment—almost as though in that moment, we are linked by the Word and the workings of our faithful God.

Recently while in Nicaragua, I heard about the destruction of our local church in Puerto Moraza from an earthquake. After traveling hours to visit with our pastor and assess the damage, we arrived to see the mounds of concrete and rubble. Visiting with the pastor, rehearsing the Word of the Lord, speaking of the faithfulness of our God, I reminded him that he was also surrounded by the love and prayers of his global family.

Standing in the rubble of his own crisis, Pastor Yade, began to testify. He recounted a recent automobile accident that had caused he and his wife great trauma. His wife had been severely wounded and her arm was broken in several places and the bone had broken through the skin. Doctors advised required surgery. After considering *all of the wonderful deeds* of the Lord, she refused surgery. In the middle of that very night, she woke up to the voice of the Lord telling her that He had healed her. As she examined her arm, she saw the miraculous work of God in her *perfectly healed arm*.

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## From the Office of the General Overseer

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My cry is let the church be the church, let us renew our confidence and hope. Give the world something to believe in. Let the dry bones live again. When the world sees the living body of Christ on earth, it will be convinced of the reality and relevance of Christ Himself. This is a new day. God is doing a new thing. The door is open. The prophet Ezekiel said, “The end is going to be better than the beginning.”

United we must get the most Gospel to the most people in the shortest amount of time possible! Let us pray and go boldly into the harvest.

Sam N. Clements, General Overseer

\*excerpts from Bishop Clements Biennial Address  
from the 99<sup>th</sup> International Assembly



## Asia, Australia and Oceania

Asia, Oceania, and Australia is home to half of the world's population. This region is diverse, containing the largest ocean, highest mountain, and some of the most vibrant cities on earth. The population is young with the average age being about 30 and most of them live in urban areas. They are hungry for the Gospel and some of these areas are ready for explosive growth. We are seeking for individuals, couples, and teams (short and long term) that desire to follow Christ to the uttermost. If you sense the call of God to serve Christ in these areas of the world, please call the International Offices and ask for Tim McCaleb or email: [tmccaleb@cogop.org](mailto:tmccaleb@cogop.org). Please remember the ministries in Asia, Australia and Oceania in prayer.

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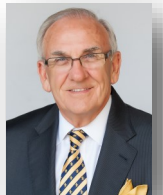
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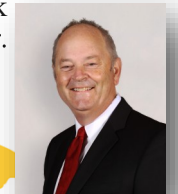
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## Central America, Mexico, and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

For the period of 2014-2016, Central America experienced a net increase of 315 churches and 13,038 new members for a total of 3,004 churches, 167,154 members and 1,035 missions. To God be the glory! Particular emphasis is being placed in the young harvest. The Leader of Leaders program continues to be a great blessing to our area. Our sincere appreciation to every member, leader, pastor and overseer, as it is through their anointed ministry that our church has a strong presence in this beautiful area of the world. Please continue to pray for us. These wonderful results are obtained in a very dangerous area of the world, where our brothers and sisters must survive and overcome violence, extortion, kidnapping and gang activity every day. Please join us in prayer for the many construction projects in process. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

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## Africa

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Stephen Masilela, General Presbyter



## Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and the Middle East

The churches in Europe, the CIS, and the Middle East are growing daily, often in the midst of very difficult circumstances. The churches in the CIS suffer difficulties with indifferent and in many cases hostile governments towards the work. Leadership continues to develop training, as well as a new leadership schools for church planting. Several churches have been established in the most difficult regions this year. Some areas continue to struggle with needs for buildings as the opportunity to rent facilities is increasingly difficult and the cost of properties continues to soar. The work in the Middle East is growing in structure, number of pastors and leaders working diligently together for the harvest. Central and Western Europe continue to strengthen their national teams. There are multiple indications of growth and development in the whole area which are clearly a work of the Holy Spirit pointing people towards Christ. Pray for our pastors and our missionary families.

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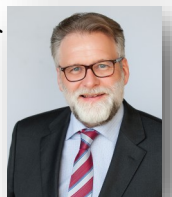
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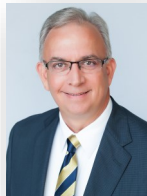
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Timothy Coalter, General Presbyter



## South America

The Church of God of Prophecy began evangelizing and planting churches in Latin America more than 70 years ago. Through the years, our fellowship was present in all of the national capitals throughout Latin American with the exception of one, Quito, Ecuador. Today, after two years of cooperative leadership, we thank the Lord as we have opened our first church plant in Quito, Ecuador. With thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the dedication and work of leadership, we also celebrate 110 new church plants in the past two years in Peru, 64 new church plants in the other 9 nations, and over 400 newly operating missions in the last two years. We appreciate the work of each of the church pastors, leaders, and church planters who have believed in this vision of the harvest through church planting; it has led to a great achievement never before seen in the nations and regions of South America. We ask for your continued prayers for the Lord to give us growth in the harvest as we work to fulfill the Great Commission.

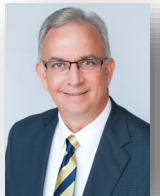
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