

The International Work 2025



CHURCH *of* GOD
A WORLDWIDE ASSOCIATION

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Operation Manager for the International Work



Doug and Tanya Horchak

Letter From the President

Greetings,

As our name describes, we are a “worldwide association.” From our beginning in December 2010, we have been a *worldwide* work, composed of congregations and ministers *around the world*. Currently, we have 70 elders who serve 166 congregations outside the United States. We are a small organization, but we are truly worldwide, with congregations and ministers in more than 40 countries.

Over the years, we have received multiple requests from ministers and members for photos and information on our international ministers and members. You are holding in your hands our first effort at an *international family album*, produced through the collaborative efforts of Doug Horchak, our International Work operation manager, and David Hicks, our graphic designer.

We regularly have prayer requests for people we have never met. For example, a few months back prayers were requested for our members in Rwanda, where the government has padlocked our building and will not allow us to hold Sabbath or holy day services because we are not registered as a legal entity in the country. Joel Meeker, the regional director for our French-speaking areas has made multiple trips to Rwanda and has spent countless hours trying to resolve this problem, but to no avail. Seeing a photo of our minister, Jean-Marie Mundeli, his wife and the members in Rwanda personalizes the prayer request. We can see them, even though we have never met them.

That is the purpose in this publication—to help you relate to our ministers and members who live and work in other countries. I know seeing a photo of a minister and his wife or a congregation in Africa, the Philippines, Latin America, etc. helps me visualize those for whom I am praying. I believe it makes my prayers more effective and heartfelt, and I am sure that is the case for you as well.

One of the greatest blessings that we have had in COGWA over these past years is a unified work that includes a U.S. ministry and membership and an international ministry and membership. We are preaching the gospel to the world while caring for those whom God has called. We provide international scholarships for education. We provide Church halls that we rent or (in some cases) own. We have dug wells in remote areas in Africa, and we have helped with medical bills from our international emergency fund. We are training new ministers and pastors in all countries where we have congregations. We are caring for the brethren, wherever they are in the world. To see their pictures and read their stories binds us together as a true spiritual family.

Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 1:11, “Therefore we also *pray always for you*.” There is never a time when we should not be praying for one another. Here is a tool to assist you in those prayers.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ,



Jim Franks



Jim and Sharron Franks

Asia and Middle East Region

The region of Asia and the Middle East is quite expansive, populous and diverse. The region contains two of the most populous nations: India (1.45 billion) and China (1.42 billion). Our members live in countries that were once colonies of European powers: Philippines (Spain), India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore and Myanmar (Britain), and Indonesia (Netherlands).

Countries in the region are dominated by some of the leading religions of the world: Philippines (Catholicism), UAE, Indonesia and Malaysia (Islam), India (Hinduism),

and China, Thailand, Myanmar and Sri Lanka (Buddhism).

Colonization and religion have helped to shape the cultures of the countries in Asia and the Middle East—cultures that can be described as ancient and exotic. The food is varied and spicy, bursting with flavors from the region's world-renowned fresh herbs and spices.

The members God has called in this region are beautiful bright lights striving to live God's way of life in a spiritually dark and pagan world. Most are scattered and, in some cases, have no local congregation to attend every week. Some face daunting trials, but still keep the way of God burning brightly in their lives.

Regional Director

David and Dorrie Baker



Ministers Serving the Region



Bernardo and Jennifer Castillon
Assistant Pastor, Philippines



Paul and Merlen Cebrian
Pastor, Philippines



Elbert and Flora Gargar
Assistant Pastor, Philippines



Andrei and Verlyn Siopan
Pastor, Philippines



Florante and Lina Siopan
Retired Pastor, Philippines



Beltran and Florlin Sison
Pastor, Philippines

Members From the Area



Pastoral Development Program 2024
Philippines



Night to Be Much Observed 2024
Batam, Indonesia



Feast of Tabernacles 2024
India



Congregation Outing
Philippines

Congregations in Asia and the Middle East

India	35
Indonesia	3
Malaysia	3
Myanmar	10
Philippines	298
Singapore*	2
Sri Lanka	18
Thailand	8
United Arab Emirates	1

Philippines	
Bacolod	36
Bicol	37
Bunawan	4
Butuan	49
Cagayan de Oro	18
Davao City	17
Don Carlos, Bukidnon	10
Manila	48
Northern Luzon	50
St. Christine	7
Tacloban	22

India	
Hyderabad	1
Moradabad	11
Pune	3
Sundarbans	20

Singapore	
Singapore*	2

Sri Lanka	
Mount Lavinia	18

Indonesia	
Batam	3

Thailand	
Mae Sot	8

Malaysia	
Bahau	2
Kuala Lumpur	1

United Arab Emirates	
Abu Dhabi	1

Myanmar	
Yangon	10

*We host a weekly Zoom Sabbath service for the Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand brethren plus 4 from Canada.

Canada

Canada is the second-largest country in the world by area (after Russia). That fact, coupled with the small number of COGWA brethren in the country (just under 100), makes it simultaneously challenging and fascinating to provide for their spiritual needs.

While having four congregations that meet regularly in the country, we do have some scattered brethren, from British Columbia in the west to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in the east!

The ministry serving these hardy and resilient folks includes one senior pastor, one resident pastor, three pastors residing in the United States and two elders who live in Canada.

A growing number of nonmembers have been added as “coworkers” in the past two years, for which we are grateful. That, coupled with the faithful support of the small group of determined members, enables COGWA Canada to annually contribute to selected church programs serving our international spiritual family in other areas of the globe.

Last summer, a small group of young adults visiting from the United States joined locals in accepting the challenge of a Canadian wilderness canoe trip in eastern Ontario, building bonds in the “hands across the border” activity.

Being a part of a larger team and spiritual family means a great deal to your Canadian brothers and sisters!

Senior Pastor

Doug and Janel Johnson



Ministers Serving the Area



Daniel and Cindy Harper
Pastor, Montreal and Toronto



Garry and Anne Poffenroth
Alberta



David Smith
Nova Scotia



Mark and Cheryl Whynaucht
Pastor, Calgary and Edmonton

Members From the Area



Young Adult Canoe Trip
Ontario



Calgary Congregation
Alberta



Calgary Congregation
Alberta



Toronto Leadership Club
Ontario



Feast of Tabernacles 2024
Mont-Tremblant, Québec

Congregations in Canada

Alberta	27
British Columbia and the Maritimes	16
Ontario	30
Québec*	25

Alberta	
Calgary	20
Edmonton	7
British Columbia and the Maritimes	
Scattered	16

Ontario	
Toronto	30
Québec	
Montreal*	25

*Montreal, Québec, is also covered in the French-Speaking Region.

Caribbean Region

The Caribbean region includes more than 7,000 islands, islets and keys in total. Although the majority of these are tiny and uninhabited, most Caribbean countries are nonetheless a collection of multiple islands. For instance, the Bahamas alone are made up of more than 700 islands and 2,400 islets and keys, of which 30 to 40 are inhabited.

The islands of the Caribbean are typically sorted into three distinct

groups: the Greater Antilles, the Lucayan Archipelago and the Lesser Antilles. A total of 27 countries are considered as part of the Caribbean and, with the English-speaking South American country of Guyana, a part of the Caribbean Community known as CARICOM. The estimated population of the region is 45 million. The primary languages are English, French, Spanish and Dutch.

The brethren are scattered through the region in eight countries and one U.S. territory.

Regional Director

Arnold and Ann Hampton



Ministers Serving the Region



Leeford and Carol Burke
Jamaica



Osmonde Douglas
Barbados



Herchial and Sandra Fisher
Pastor, Jamaica



Don and Verlene Simpson
St. Kitts



Clyde Skeete
Barbados

Members From the Area



International Leadership Program 2024
Jamaica



Feast of Tabernacles 2024
St. Kitts

Congregations in the Caribbean Region

Bahamas	18
Barbados	55
Grenada	5
Guyana	11
Jamaica	46
St. Croix	1
St. Kitts	10
St. Lucia	4
Trinidad	12

Bahamas	
Freeport	3
Nassau	15
Barbados	
Bridgetown	55
Grenada	
St. George's	5
Guyana	
Awarewaunau	8
Lethem	3

Jamaica	
Kingston	45
Ocho Rios	1
St. Croix	1
St. Kitts	
Basseterre	10
St. Lucia	
Gros Islet	4
Trinidad	
Chaguanas	12

East Africa

“East Africa,” or Eastern Africa, refers to a geographical region on the eastern side of the African continent, typically encompassing countries like Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. While COGWA has French-speaking congregations in Rwanda and Burundi, it has English-speaking congregations in Kenya and Uganda.

East African culture is characterized by its incredible diversity. Across countries like Kenya and Uganda, numerous ethnic groups, languages and traditions share a rich heritage shaped by colonialism, Islamic influence and indigenous practices. The region strongly emphasizes storytelling and community identity, notable examples include the Maasai people in Kenya, known for their cattle farming, nomadic lifestyle and distinctive jumping dances.

Geographical features include high plateaus, the Great Rift Valley, Mount Kilimanjaro, the Masai Mara, Lake Victoria and the Nile River, which starts in and runs through Uganda. As of March 1, 2025, Eastern Africa’s population was 509,106,893, making it the most populated subregion in Africa.

Religion in this part of the world is diverse,

with a mix of Christian and Muslim populations alongside a significant number that practice traditional African religions. These religions are often characterized by ancestor worship and a belief in the spirit world. Still, the region’s dominant religions are Christianity and Islam.

The members in East Africa face high unemployment rates and tremendous pressure to work on the Sabbath to get and keep a job. Many are subsistence farmers, growing crops and raising livestock to meet their families’ needs. Rising costs of staples such as food, fuel and housing are a trial to many. Those in rural areas face pressure from their village and family to maintain traditional African beliefs, such as the veneration of ancestors, the belief in spirits associated with nature, and the use of traditional healing practices. There is syncretism, where many people incorporate aspects of their traditional beliefs into their Christian practices, leading to a blending of religious elements. At times, this can cause those in God’s Church to be separated from their family and culture. The members in East Africa are happy people. They are grateful for God’s blessings and look forward to the Kingdom.

Senior Pastor

Tim and Valerie Waddle



Minister Serving the Area



Nathan and Amanda Willoughby
Assistant Pastor, East Africa

Members From the Area



International Leadership Program, January 2025
Migori, Kenya



Ochuna Congregation
Kenya



COGWA Youth Camp
Kenya



Kitgum Sabbath Services
Uganda



Kitgum Congregation
Uganda



COGWA Youth Camp Staff
Kenya

Congregations in East Africa

Kenya	317
Uganda	50

Kenya	
Got Kachola	141
Migori	21
Ochuna	105
Sotik	50

Uganda	
Kitgum	50

French-Speaking Region

French-speaking areas in Europe and Canada are not very religious places, so growth is slow. Our members in these regions are scattered, and although these are wealthy regions, many of our brethren have to watch their budgets very closely. In Europe we have a few members in France, Belgium and Switzerland, many have been in the Church as far back as the Worldwide Church of God.

There is a small but vibrant congregation on the French island of Martinique in the French West Indies.

French Africa suffers from a combination of poverty, corruption, solitude and in some cases religious persecution. Our brethren in Côte d'Ivoire struggle in poverty, yet are very faithful and focused. They resisted the temptations of a false minister who promised them money to follow him.

In Cameroon our brethren are scattered all around a large country. They are only able to meet when a minister visits, and we cover their expenses for a day or two in Douala for Bible

studies and fellowship. We plan to be there for the Passover.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of the most corrupt countries in the world. It is a struggle to put food on the table. In eastern Congo, one family finds itself in the middle of a civil war. They are thankful for God's protection.

In Rwanda our church is still forbidden from meeting, and new, even more onerous rules have just been implemented that will make it even more difficult to gain government recognition. We are studying a backup plan B.

We have a few scattered members in the Indian Ocean area—two to four people in both islands. They see other members only when a minister comes to visit.

Most of our brethren in Burundi live in a region that the U.S. State Department rates “do not go” because it is so dangerous.

Our congregation in Togo is small but stable, ably served by our elder Guy Ahialegbedzi.

Two other faithful elders serve in Rwanda (Jean-Marie Mundeli) and Burundi (Nathan Mukeshimana).

Regional Director

Joel and Marjolaine Meeker



Ministers Serving the Region



Guy and Odette Ahialegbedzi
Pastor, Togo



Daniel and Cindy Harper
Pastor, Canada



James and Odile Muir
Pastor, Belgium, France and Switzerland



Nathan and Ntirihora Mukeshimana
Pastor, Burundi



Jean-Marie and Pélagie Mundeli
Pastor, Rwanda

Members From the Area



Children Sharing a Meal
DR Congo



Montreal Congregation
Canada



Feast of Tabernacles 2024
Montagnac, France



La Mé Congregation
Côte d'Ivoire

Congregations in the French-Speaking Region

Belgium	2
Burundi	845
Cameroon	16
Canada*	25
DR Congo	210
Côte d'Ivoire	20
France	10
Martinique	16
Mauritius	2
Rwanda	99
Switzerland	6
Togo	16

*Montreal is also covered in the section on Canada.

Belgium		France	
Liège	2	Paris	10
Burundi		Martinique	
Cibitoke	145	Ducos	16
Kagiorutsi	150		
Masango	150	Mauritius	
Mugina	300	Beau Bassin	2
Rugombo	100		
Cameroon		Rwanda	
Douala	16	Giti	70
		Kigali	10
		Muhanga	19
Canada		Switzerland	
Montreal*	25	Yverdon	6
DR Congo		Togo	
Kasumbalesa	10	Lomé	16
Kinshasa	200		
Côte d'Ivoire			
La Mé	20		

South Pacific

Serving in the South Pacific involves serving members in three separate and unique countries—New Zealand, Fiji and Australia—and presents rewards and challenges.

Our congregation in New Zealand is small and scattered and has unique challenges shaped by the country's demographics and geography. New Zealand is a multicultural society, with significant Māori, Pasifika and Asian communities alongside a Pākehā (European descent) majority. Our congregation includes individuals with roots in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, the Philippines, Chile, India and Egypt.

Geographically, the challenges are compounded by the fact that our congregation meets in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, while many members live in remote areas—such as the far north, south and even Stewart Island—and can only participate via webcast.

The country's secular trends and the growing number with no religious affiliation make church growth and engagement particularly difficult, especially among the younger generations. Nevertheless, much of our congregation's growth

has come through personal connections with Church members. Half of our congregation is made up of first-generation members. Recently, there has been significant growth among young couples with children, providing a promising opportunity to pass on the truth to a new generation.

The Fijian brethren are scattered around their island nation and mostly watch the New Zealand webcast in their own homes. Once a month, they all gather at a central location to fellowship and watch the New Zealand webcast together. The senior pastor makes four quarterly visits. It's a relatively easy flight from Auckland, and the nation is fairly easy to navigate. These visits allow members the chance to visit with the pastor, as well as hear him live at services and share a meal together.

In January 2025 Australia was added to the senior pastor responsibilities for the South Pacific region. Trips to Australia (every six to eight weeks) will present their own unique challenges. There are currently 20 members scattered across the country.

With three different nations and cultures, the senior pastor must navigate a diverse spiritual and cultural landscape, ensuring that God's truth takes precedence over cultural traditions.

Senior Pastor

Jon and Deborah Pinelli



Ministers Serving the Area



Biju and Teresa Joseph
Auckland, New Zealand



Isaac and Natasha Khalil
Auckland, New Zealand



Emori and Ima Tolo
Fiji



Andre and Elize van Belkum
Retired Pastor, Auckland, New Zealand

Members Outside of the United States





Total International Attendance: 5,599

Members in the Area



Auckland Congregation
New Zealand



Nadi and Suva Congregation
Fiji



Young Adult Retreat
New Zealand



Auckland Camp Weekend
New Zealand

Congregations in the South Pacific

Australia		Australia		New Zealand	
	20	Melbourne	11	Auckland	50
Fiji	27	Scattered	9	South Island	15
New Zealand	65	Fiji			
		Nadi	19		
		Suva	8		

Southern Africa

The Southern Africa region refers to the southern part of Africa, which includes the countries where COGWA has congregations and outlying members: Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho and South Africa.

As of March 1, 2025, the population of Southern Africa is estimated at 73,723,087. This is about 0.9 percent of the world's population. The majority of this population is in South Africa, which, as of July 2024, has a population of over 63 million.

The culture of Southern Africa, particularly South Africa, is a rich tapestry woven from diverse influences—including indigenous African tribes, Dutch, British and German settlers, as well as Indian and Malay immigrants. The result is a mix of languages, cuisine, music and dance traditions. South Africa, often referred to as the Rainbow Nation due to its varied cultural makeup, has 12 official languages. Key aspects include the practice of braaiing (barbecuing) with family and friends, strong family ties and a

vibrant celebration of different ethnicities and beliefs across the region.

The major religions in Southern Africa are Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and indigenous beliefs, including ancestral worship. Over 80 percent of the Southern African population claims Christianity as their religion, with many mixing in local and traditional African forms of worship.

The members in Southern Africa face high unemployment rates and tremendous pressure to work on the Sabbath. Many are subsistence farmers growing crops and raising livestock to meet the needs of their families. Most are dealing with high inflation. Currently, Zimbabwe's inflation rate is significantly high, around 57.5 percent, as of April 2024. Rising prices for everyday items is a persistent issue, and Zimbabwe is one of the countries with the highest inflation rates in Africa.

The members in Southern Africa are happy people. They are grateful for God's blessings and look forward to the Kingdom.

Senior Pastor

Tim and Valerie Waddle



Ministers Serving the Area



Kambani Banda
Pastor, Zambia



Neil and Erlene Becker
Johannesburg, South Africa



Tielmans and Falesi Chirwa
Blantyre, Malawi



Harris & Patricia Hlazo
Associate Pastor, Zimbabwe



Morgen and Joleen Kriedemann
Johannesburg, South Africa



Tony Levy
Johannesburg, South Africa



Harben and Joyce Moonga
Nalubanda, Zambia



Ephraim and Pauline Mwash
Mapoko, Zambia



Neville Smith
Pastor, Durban & Eastern Cape, South Africa



Elifazi and Selia Salawila
Pastor, Malawi



Stephen and Vetina Tshabalala
Associate Pastor, Zimbabwe

Members From the Area



Eastern Cape Congregation
South Africa



Chemba and Mbungu Brethren
Gokwe, Zimbabwe



Cape Town Congregation
South Africa



Feast of Tabernacles 2024
Malawi



Senior Luncheon
Durban, South Africa



COGWA Youth Camp
Malawi



Kariba Congregation
Zimbabwe

Congregations in Southern Africa

Malawi	132	South Africa		Zimbabwe	
South Africa	97	Cape Town	1	Bulawayo	18
Zambia	121	Durban	32	Chemba	55
Zimbabwe	286	Eastern Cape	20	Gutu	46
		Johannesburg	44	Harare	43
		Zambia		Kadoma	21
Malawi		Lusaka	33	Kariba	18
Blantyre	53	Mapoko	48	Mbungu	35
Lilongwe	49	Nalubanda	40	Sanyati	48
Ntcheu	30			Scattered	2

Spanish-Speaking Region

The Spanish region primarily refers to Spain and the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America. Mexico has the largest population in the region, with 130 million. Uruguay has the smallest population, with 3.4 million. The population in the region is a blend of indigenous, mestizo (mixed indigenous and European) and European heritage, though these groups vary in size from country to country.

The culture of the region is renowned for its music, art and cuisine. World famous are the mariachi of Mexico, the tango of Argentina and the marimba of Guatemala, weaving from Guatemala, artistic copper from Chile and pottery from Peru, tortillas and tacos of Mexico, beef from Argentina and potatoes from Peru and Bolivia.

The dominant religion in Latin America is Catholicism, at 69 percent overall, and ranges from 81 percent in Mexico to 42 percent in Uruguay. The number of Protestants has been growing, especially in countries in Central America, most of which have 50 percent or fewer Catholics. Though most countries in Latin America guarantee religious freedom in their constitutions, the influence of the Catholic Church is strong in political, social and economic areas—much stronger than it is in the United States or other parts of the world.

Among the distinctive characteristics of the members in Latin America are their faithfulness and perseverance in keeping the Sabbath and festivals of God—in spite of the trials and tests they face routinely. Their trust in God to supply their daily needs is admirable.

Regional Director

Leon and Reba Walker



Ministers Serving the Region



Alfredo and Alejandra Arboleas
Pastor, Argentina



Ernesto and Sandra Arteaga
Mexico City, Mexico



Eleodoro and Herlinda Ávila
Guatemala/El Salvador



Juan and María Cornejo
Arequipa, Peru



Pablo Dimakis
Retired Pastor, Chihuahua, Mexico



Gamaliel and Odilia Galdámez
Las Cruces, Guatemala

Ministers Serving the Region



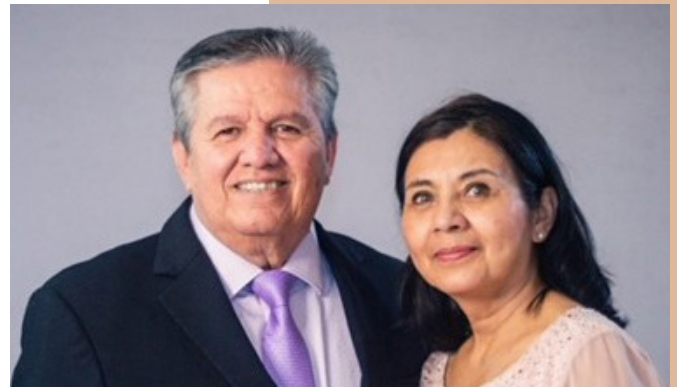
Alberto and Yulún González
Pastor, Mexico City, Mexico



Abraham and Paula Hermosilla
Santiago, Chile



Eduardo and María Hernández
Pastor, Colombia and Ecuador



Adán and Rosario Langarica
Pastor, San Luis Potosí, Mexico



Saúl and Carmen Langarica
Pastor, Bolivia, Chile and Uruguay



Dr. Ralph Levy
Pastor, Dominican Republic

Ministers Serving the Region



Alfredo and Mercedes López
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico



Álvaro and Fabiola Matamala
Pastor, Talca, Chile



Luis and Dora Mundo
Pastor, Guatemala



Fermín and Priscila Naín
Temuco, Chile



Jaime and Flor Ortiz
El Salvador



Larry and Blanca Roybal
Pastor, Monterrey, Mexico

Ministers Serving the Region



Carlos and Maribel Saavedra
Pastor, Peru



Carlos and Daniza Verdugo
Temuco, Chile

Members From the Area



San Salvador Congregation
El Salvador



Young Adult Camp
Guatemala



El Estor Congregation
Guatemala



Children's Choir
Temuco, Chile



COGWA Youth Camp
Chile

Congregations in the Spanish-Speaking Region

Argentina	105
Bolivia	29
Brazil	12
Chile	505
Colombia	68
Costa Rica	3
Dominican Republic	14
Ecuador	24
El Salvador	44
Guatemala	426
Mexico	280
Peru	158
Uruguay	15

San Carlos	24
Santiago	310
Talca	83
Temuco	48
Valdivia	7

Colombia	
Bogota	40
Cali	14
La Plata	8
Medellín	6

Costa Rica	
San José	3

Dominican Republic	
Scattered	14

Ecuador	
Cuenca	10
Quito	14

El Salvador	
San Salvador	44

Guatemala	
Barillas	26
El Estor	24
Guatemala City	140
Jutiapa	74
Quetzaltenango	72
San Benito	90

Mexico	
Cd. Acuña	18
Cd. Juárez	14
Cd. Victoria	11
Chihuahua	9
Chilpancingo	6

Cuautitlán Izcalli	22
El Oro	6
Guadalajara	14
Iguala	10
Jalpa de Méndez	12
León	11
Mexico City	50
Navojoa	21
Querétaro	5
Reynosa	5
San Luis Potosi	30
San Miguel de Allende	5
Tepic	10
Veracruz	21

Peru	
Arequipa	17
Huaraz	33
Lima	79
Moquegua	6
Tacna	5
Tarapoto	6
Trujillo	12

Uruguay	
Montevideo	15

Argentina	
Bahia Blanca	38
Buenos Aires	22
Cafayate	18
Carlos Paz	18
Santa Clara	9

Bolivia	
La Paz	9
Santa Cruz	20

Brazil	
Scattered	12

Chile	
Cartagena	15
Concepción	5
Osorno	13

United Kingdom and English-Speaking Europe

We have a wide variety of ages attending services or watching online. Most U.K. members live near London, so that is where we are able to provide services. There is a growing number of *Discern* readers asking about attending, but they live too far from service venues. We encourage them to subscribe to the Journeys emails, do the Bible Study Course, and then join us on the webcast.

Our members who are able to be at services are usually those who do not need to rely on public transportation. The cost of transportation limits

how often the elderly are able to attend, and health problems are also a factor.

We wish there were more teens attending, but we continue to assist them in going to a COGWA Youth Camp and subsidize their travel to the U.S.A.

We continue to mail a few hundred *Discern* magazines each issue, and use advertising to promote the Life, Hope & Truth website. Each Wednesday a Zoom Bible discussion engages isolated brethren in Europe, and we have Zoom fellowship every week after Sabbath services for U.K. members to form bonds of friendship.

Senior Pastor

Peter and Sonja Hawkins



Ministers Serving the Area



Paul and Tracy Carter
Incoming Pastor, United Kingdom



Eddie and Sandra Johnson
London, England



Will McLoughlin
England

Members From the Area



European Brethren
Maastricht, Netherlands



Prague Brethren
Czech Republic



Spanish-Speaking Brethren
Europe



Combined Sabbath Service
England



London Fellowship
England



Visiting Members in Prague
Czech Republic

Congregations in the United Kingdom and English-Speaking Europe

Austria*	4
Czech Republic*	5
France*	2
Germany*	7
Greece*	2
Ireland*	2
Israel*	1
Italy*	1
Netherlands*	3
Spain*	6
Sweden*	2
Switzerland*	6
Turkey*	1
United Kingdom	50

United Kingdom	
London	19
Tonbridge	11
Scattered	20

*No formal congregation in this country, only scattered members.

West Africa

West Africa currently refers to two countries that are a part of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association: Ghana and Nigeria. Several sources state that the largest city in Africa is Lagos, Nigeria. Nigeria apparently also has the third-largest film industry in the world. The population of this small country is nearly 224 million. According to *The CIA World Factbook*, over half the population of Nigeria (around 54 percent) are Muslim and 46 percent are Christian. Many languages and dialects are spoken, but English is spoken nearly everywhere.

Ghana has a population of 34.12 million (2023). Ghana is known for its lush forests

and diverse animal life. It has a long coastline of sandy beaches. It is rich in gold, cocoa, oil and timber. It is apparently the fourth-largest cassava producer in the world. Over 71 percent of the population identify as Christian, while 20 percent claim to be Muslim. The remainder practice various indigenous religion.

The distinctive characteristics of our members in West Africa are their ability to remain faithful under hardships and trials, especially corrupt governments and economic difficulties. They are dedicated to keeping the Sabbath and value the opportunity to be able to gather for God's festivals, church services and Bible studies. Their dependance on God is an example for all of us.

Senior Pastor

Paul and Tracy Carter



Ministers Serving the Area



Joseph and Pricilla Baah
Pastor, Ghana



Adonijah and Ruth Blay
Pastor, Ghana



Reuel and Esther Dima
Pastor, Ghana

Members From the Area



COGWA Youth Camp 2024
Ghana



Benin City Brethren
Nigeria



Church Children
Yeji, Ghana



International Leadership Program
Elmina, Ghana



Lagos Congregation
Nigeria



Church Building
Winneba, Ghana



COGWA Youth Camp Kitchen Staff
Ghana

Congregations in West Africa

Ghana	732
Nigeria	97

Ghana		Takoradi	82
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