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Praying for God's Provision

By Pastor Dan Pentimone, Chairman of ACU-USA Board



Dan Pentimone

It is with great anticipation that we enter 2013. We are expecting God to do great things in answer to the prayers of His children. To those who have supported the ongoing project of ACU, we want to offer a sincere thank you. It is with your partnership in this ministry we expect God to accomplish much as ACU works toward welcoming its first students in January of

2014.

Here in the United States, we are excited about the prospect of promoting God's work through ACU at the upcoming G3 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on January 24-26. Please be praying that God would raise up more prayer and financial support through this opportunity. Attendance is expected to be around 1,000 people. It is our desire to make people aware of the possibilities that exist through African Christian University and trust God to train a generation of young people to serve our great King, Jesus Christ.

Our thanks to Tony Barmann and Grant Yost (Christ Fellowship in Kansas City) for helping to design a new website for ACU - Coming Soon. May the Lord richly bless their service!



Serving a faithful God,

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The new board members met through online conferencing in November. We will be having regular meetings throughout the year to discuss ways that the USA board can continue to promote the work of ACU. If any of our readers know of opportunities for making the work of ACU known, please feel free to pass along any information to us. We are looking for more ways to spread the word about this ministry to as many people as possible. One way we believe God would be glorified through ACU is to raise up laborers to serve in the training and mentoring of believers in Africa. Would you pray to this end and ask God to maybe use you, not only in praying and giving, but also by going? We fully trust God to continue His provision for this work, as we also rejoice in His past provision. A generous \$50,000 gift that was given through a USA donor will enable the initiation of construction to begin on the facilities. Please pray that God would continue to provide in such gracious ways. Again, we want to thank all our supporters, but above all, we want to thank the Almighty God for the privilege of being a part of the advancement of His kingdom. To God be the Glory!



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As we embark on a new year a great opportunity awaits us. The great opportunity is based on the great promises that we inherit in Christ. The Apostle Paul says, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Eph 3:20-21)." Amazing, isn't it? - "... far more abundantly than ALL that we ask or think" - what encouragement! And it is according to the power that is at work in us - the power of Christ working redemption throughout all generations! William Carey said, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." This expresses the opportunity that awaits each one of us in serving Christ. As we desire our Savior to be worshipped, let us not limit ourselves to small things, but embark on a global scale to see Him worshipped among all the nations - every tribe and language and people. "It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man small and the universe big to say something about himself" (John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life). As we deny ourselves, take up His cross and follow Him, let's remember that we have the privilege of simply asking to see God glorified.



"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be

glorified in the Son (John 14:13)." This month's ACU Prayer Update is a preview for prayer for 2013. Please join us in asking in the name of Christ that the things mentioned below might be done by Christ so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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Initiate Classes by Jan, 2014

By Dr. Ken Turnbull, Executive Director of ACU

I must admit that initiating classes by Jan, 2014 is still a very intimidating thought to me. Can we really be ready to initiate classes at ACU by then? As I write this we are still working through the official acquisition of the traditional land near Lusaka that we have requested for the ACU campus. The motivation for Israel's obedience of God's statutes was to

remember what God had done in redeeming them from slavery in Egypt. Psalm 105:5 reads, "Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered." It is in remembering what God has done, His grace visibly at work in our lives, through which we find encouragement to obey Him.



Ken Turnbull

Remembering His past works of grace gives us courage in the present to look to the future with the full assurance of faith that proven hope in a sovereign God can afford. This is our motivation to obey what we can do today to accomplish His will; in this, His glory will radiate as we express the fragrance of Christ in our obedience.

I remember all those who have sensed God calling them to help with ACU. In the beginning, as my family and I in Mozambique were prompted to pray and seek God's wisdom and guidance in the vision for ACU, so was John Chundu, Chairman of the ACU Board of Directors, and his family in Zambia prompted to pray. It spread to the Reformed Baptist Churches in Zambia where the pastors and the church fellowship prayed for the coming of ACU. Praying for the vision of ACU spread in Zambia, in South Africa and across southern Africa through the Sola 5 association of churches and in the USA. Those who heard began to respond. Some responded by committing to pray for ACU, some

responded by giving of their finances, some responded by seeking to serve with their talents for bringing the ACU vision to fruition. Slowly the vision has blossomed. Many are now regularly working to bring the vision to fruition in obedience to God. The resources are growing such that initiating construction is now a reality. The vision, the African Christian University foundation, the people, the provision - these are all the testimony of God, Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. This is the grace of God that we have to remember as we look ahead today. This same past grace will continue today, tomorrow and throughout this year to supply all that is needed to see classes initiated by Jan, 2014. Thank you for earnestly praying, giving and serving with us as we have this glorious opportunity to see God glorified in doing a great work this year here in Zambia that by faith in Him will encompass Africa and the globe in the years to come.



1 Sam 7:12 - ebezzer - a reminder of God's help

The Germination of ACU

By Conrad Mbewe, Pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church



Conrad Mbewe

The vision of ACU continues to grow. Like a tree whose fruit is bound to feed an entire village, it is a little seedling that is making its way through the soil with its first leaves barely beginning to appear on the surface of the ground in the middle of the village. Those first green leaves speak about past

determination and future hope. That is what we are seeing and experiencing as ACU as we enter into 2013.

2012 saw us beginning to assemble a great management team. The departure of our brother Bruce Button was a temporary setback but the Lord soon put us back on track with David Wegener coming on the scene. We are looking forward to seeing this management team come together on the

ground in 2013 in order to lead us forward. 2013 also promises to be the year in which we will finally lay our hands on the land that will be "in the middle of the village" where the green leaves of ACU will become visible to all. We can hardly wait!

With local fundraising efforts and your ongoing support, our eyes are set to seeing the village begin to eat of the fruits of this tree in 2014. Yes, we know that it sounds almost impossible. Yet, we think that the hardest part was the boring through the ground. Now that we have begun to experience the life-giving rays of God's sunshine in the atmosphere, the sky is the limit. Our God is able. Pray with us that we may see that which only God can do in the year ahead. ACU is God's vision. We are simply his servants seeking to do his will.



He Has Brought Us by Fire and by Cloud! (Ex 13:21-22)

By John Chundu, Chairman of ACU-ZAM Board



John Chundu

We thank God for the progress that has been made so far in realizing the vision to establish African Christian University in Zambia. From the inception of this vision, we knew it was not going to be an easy undertaking. But thanks be to Him who fights on our behalf as we face hurdles and impediments; victory is certain! Glory to God!

Whilst 2012 has been a year of planning and strategizing, we are looking to 2013 with excitement and anticipation. Firstly, we are looking forward to the arrival of the core team being assembled. David Wegener arrives in Jan, 2013 and will be coming in as Interim Dean of the Seminary to help organize faculty recruiting and academic programmes in Theology. Ray Warwick arrives in Feb, 2013 to initially take up the position of Academic Dean and he will help organize faculty recruiting and academic programs. Dr. Billy Sichone is anticipated to arrive in Mar, 2013 as Director of Development. He will be responsible for organizing promotions and funding opportunities. In addition, already in place are Dr. Ken Turnbull as Executive Director and Watson Lumba as Director of Finance, volunteering his

services for all accounting needs. However, there remains one very vital position yet to be filled, that of Dean of Student Labor Program. Please pray that the right candidate will be found soon to fill this position.

Secondly, construction of student residences and classroom/office/cafeteria facilities will be initiated in readiness for commencement of academic programmes in 2014. Construction advisors include Johan Pretorius (architect with Archscape in Pretoria, RSA), Mutinta Sichali (architect in Lusaka) and Charles Stephenson (an experienced contractor in Lusaka) who will head a construction management team which is to include Misheck Daka (Civil Engineer) and Phillip Chibuta (banking background). This is a crucial phase in the development of the university and we value your prayers for these individuals as they render their skills and time for this project. If you have construction skills and would like to volunteer to assist us, please contact us.



As can be seen, there is much going to be happening in 2013. Please pray that the arrival of the core team and the construction will proceed as planned.

Leaders with a Christian Worldview

By Pastor Irving Steggles, Chairman of ACU-RSA Board



Irving Steggles

ACU-RSA is seeking to recruit internet-savvy, mature young believers to establish a firm internet presence to promote the need for a genuinely Christian higher education. We need future leaders who will have a Christian worldview across all disciplines. ACU will provide the solution.

South Africa needs ACU. Most young people who claim to be Christians are in dysfunctional churches. Schools make little attempt to teach anything approaching a Christian worldview.

Many young adults recently flooding into the church that I pastor enthusiastically acknowledge the need for ACU - they would love it to be in South Africa!

ACU-RSA needs to help in partnering in these initial development and recruiting stages. To do that we must get the message out across southern Africa of the manpower needs and the urgency of meeting those needs now. This must be done through like-minded churches who understand the critical need of the provision of a life-transforming, Christian higher education.

Our prayer is that we will not only help the present activities in Zambia but will set up the foundation for the recruitment of students. The internet and social media have proven to be critical tools available to further the work of His Son in bringing young adults to an understanding of the doctrines of grace. ACU-