

WELCOME TO THE

2026 BIG APPLE COALITION



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

With a population of over 32 million, Côte d'Ivoire is one of the most populous countries in West Africa. While French is the official language, there are over 60 different languages and people groups in Côte d'Ivoire.



RELIGIOUS CLIMATE

While Islam claims the largest percentage of the population at 42.5%, according to the U.S. Department of State and several other sources, the percentage of Evangelical Christians is strong at over 12% of the population. The south tends to be predominately Christian—Roman Catholic and Evangelical (the Assemblies of God being the largest Evangelical group in the country). The north is dominated by Islam and still has many places that remain to be evangelized and see churches planted.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS RESPONSE

The Assemblies of God has been working in Côte d'Ivoire since the late 1950s. The French Assemblies of God initiated the work and were joined by the American Assemblies of God in the late 1960s. Under the strong leadership of Dr. Willard Teague, the two groups united and formed one national church.

Today, AGWM missionaries continue to work in Côte d'Ivoire helping plant new churches, train leaders, and partnering to reach the marginalized of society.

THE NEED FOR A NORTHERN CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL

Civil conflict in Côte d'Ivoire between 2002 and 2011 served to exacerbate the divisions between the Muslim north and the more Christian south. Several churches in the north were destroyed by Muslim extremists. In spite of these conflicts, the church has continued to grow rapidly in the south in recent years (the AG planted over 5,000 new churches between 2014 and 2024); however, the north has been largely left unevangelized.

The election of a new Assemblies of God general superintendent has brought a vision to reengage in the north. Experience has shown that wherever a church planting school is established, significant church growth follows. The Assemblies of God of Côte d'Ivoire already has four Bible schools, and this new church planting school will become the fifth.

We want to partner with the Assemblies of God of Côte d'Ivoire to bring this vision to fruition. They have already acquired the land. We want to stand with them by providing steel tabernacle structures and the funds to complete the initial buildings.

Steel structures:	10 @ \$8,000 each = \$80,000
Finishing of buildings:	10 @ \$15,000 each = \$150,000
Deep water wells:	2 @ \$18,500 each = \$37,000

Project Total = \$267,000



YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS CRITICAL TO THIS EFFORT

Together we have the opportunity to enhance the Côte d'Ivoire Assemblies of God's ability to plant churches in cities and villages in the north of their country. They are lining up teachers who will be sent and supported, they are recruiting students, and they are asking us to stand with them to launch this vital effort. Their goal is to open the school in the fall of 2027.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP REACH THE UNREACHED OF NORTHERN CÔTE D'IVOIRE.

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape with dry, brownish ground and scattered green trees. Six wireframe models of church buildings are placed on the ground, arranged in two rows of three. In the center, there is a QR code. To the right, a small building with a corrugated metal roof and a few vehicles are visible.

A VISION OF HOPE



**“NOW THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE NORTH. WE MUST EVANGELIZE NORTHERN CÔTE D’IVOIRE
BY PLANTING CHURCHES IN EVERY CITY, EVERY VILLAGE, AND EVERY SETTLEMENT.”**

— Dr. Honoré Daplex Ouentchist

Former General Superintendent, Assemblies of God of Côte d'Ivoire