



TO: CHURCH PASTOR / ELDERS

RE: EVANGELISM IN YOUR DISTRICT

Dear Pastor and Church Board:

Greetings from Amazing Facts! Imagine conducting a one-month evangelistic series for 2M UGX. Imagine doing a low-budget meeting like that in every church and Sabbath School in your district! Imagine having a trained lay-evangelist conduct each of those meetings, and then continue in your local church doing evangelism and follow-up. Amazing Facts would like to partner with you in making that happen! Here's how.

TRAINING:

Amazing Facts has a school of evangelism in Uganda at Kampala Central SDA Church, called AFCE (Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism) Africa. The training is for three months, followed by a one-month evangelistic campaign which each student must conduct to graduate. During the three months of training, students will receive instruction in all aspects of evangelism (public, personal, health, literature, child, and music evangelism) along with classes on Bible doctrines and Daniel and Revelation. During the training, Amazing Facts staff will conduct an evangelistic campaign in the area of Kampala Central, in which students will participate and learn the principles of public evangelism in reaching both adults and children.

After the three-month training course, students will then return to their assigned churches to conduct one-month evangelistic meetings. AFCE Africa provides each campaign site with a budget of 2.2M UGX. Following the meetings, AFCE students will come back to Kampala Central for graduation, and then return to their local churches to do follow-up and continue doing evangelism in the local area.

PROPOSAL:

Amazing Facts Africa is inviting you to select a talented, spiritual, lay-person from your local church or Sabbath School, and send them to AFCOE Africa for training in evangelism. Tuition at AFCOE Africa is 2.2M UGX (\$605) per student for the three-month course. Tuition costs for training your local lay-person could come from your evangelism budget, and then those funds would return to the local church or Sabbath School from AFCOE Africa, in the campaign budget.

Essentially, Amazing Facts would provide a 2.2M UGX budget to each church and/or Sabbath School in your district where a one-month campaign would be conducted, provided that a lay-person would be sent to AFCOE Africa for training, and their tuition would be paid for by the local church or Sabbath School.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN:

You may be wondering how 2.2M UGX can be stretched to cover all the costs of a crusade. This is done by conducting the meetings within the church compound or in the church itself. For the past four years now, AFCOE students have proven this to be a very cost-effective way to conduct evangelism, and literally thousands have been baptized as a result. Campaigns conducted within a church usually have fewer “suspects” (those who are curious but not serious) and more “prospects” (those who really want to learn the truth). Additionally, church members are typically more involved in helping with this type of campaign, because they are in their own facility.

AFCOE Africa will arrange for flyers and posters for all sites, along with handouts, decision cards, etc. Printing these materials in bulk provides additional savings to the campaign budget.

An added benefit to an “in-house” meeting is that, after attending the local church for 29 topics, guests and new members are in such a habit of coming to the church, that church attendance after baptism is virtually guaranteed!

With careful planning, some sites are able to start in a public venue for the first two weeks, and then transfer to the local church for the last half of the campaign. This has even been done with a 2.2M UGX budget, but some churches have chosen to add to the basic AFCOE campaign budget, in order to start the meetings in a public venue.

SCHEDULE:

The next AFCOE Africa training is scheduled from January 23 – May 25, 2022. The one-month student campaigns tentatively are scheduled for April 24 – May 21, 2022, after which students sent from your church or district, could continue do follow-up.

iSHARE – the “Sunday Seminar”:

In addition to the “Full-course,” AFCOE Africa is offering a Sundays-only training called iSHARE. This workshop is for church members living in Kampala or vicinity, and will begin on Sunday, January 23, 2022. The course is for 12 Sundays, and cost 350,000 UGX each, which includes class materials, and a lunch-meal on Sunday. Classes are from 9:00-4:30 for 12 Sundays.

iSHARE is a workshop on personal evangelism, where local church members learn the principles of conducting effective Bible Studies. iSHARE is especially designed for the working church member, who cannot attend classes on evangelism during the week. After the 12 Sundays of training iSHARE students then team up to conduct a 26-topic Bible study series in a home or public room. This practicum is required before graduating from the iSHARE training, and sometimes the results in baptisms are almost as good as a regular evangelistic campaign!

In Kenya for example, two iSHARE students started a Bible study group which grew to an attendance of nearly 200. When they have finished, over 60 of their attendees were baptized!

The exciting part of all this, is that once local church members get a taste of soul-winning, their religious experience is completely transformed, and they become agents of transformation in their local churches to ignite the fires of evangelism!

TMI:

AFCOE Africa would like to partner with your church district to train and equip lay-people for evangelism.

Imagine what could happen if every church and Sabbath School in your district, were to conduct an evangelistic campaign, lead and conducted by trained church members. TMI would become not just a slogan, but a reality!

“When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed.”


(Medical Ministry, p. 304)

“The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.” (Gospel Workers, p. 352)

For more information, please visit our website: www.afcoeafrica.com or call +256 706 279 941.

May God bless your ministry in your district this coming year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lowell Hargreaves". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Lowell Hargreaves,
AFCOE Africa Director

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