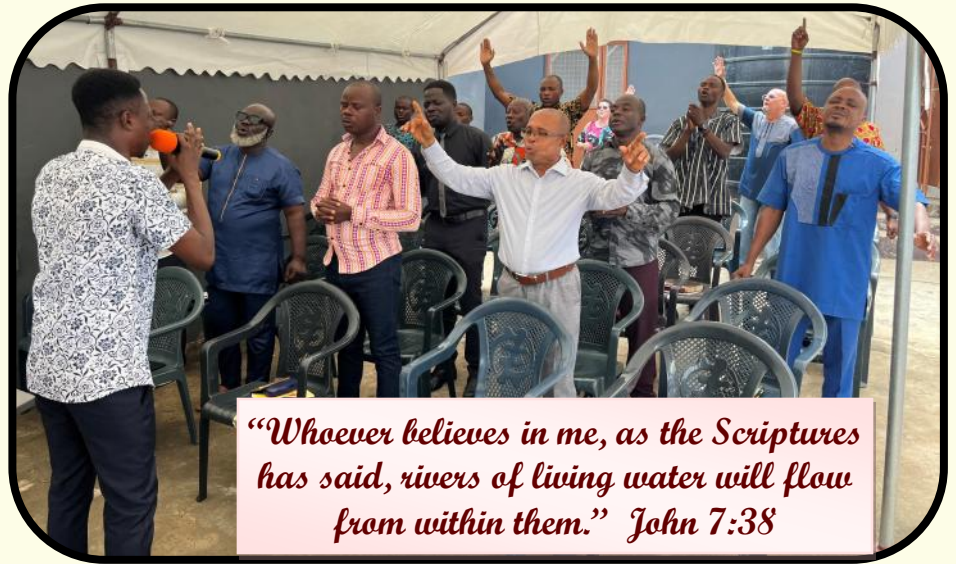


# Works of Grace

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## Rivers of Living Water!



*“Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 7:38*

**O**ur GCI West Coast Conference theme of *Rivers of Living Water* flowed from our conference in Oakdale, CA in August to our GCI West Africa Conference in Ghana in October. Missionaries Rob and Lori Mangus hosted the event at our GCI Missions property in Accra. Ministry leaders from our five West African nations: Liberia, Nigeria, Benin, Togo and Ghana were in attendance. Those who travelled from outside of Ghana were housed onsite. Our local leaders joined us for our conference sessions. Rob and Lori did a wonderful job hosting the pastors and organizing the conference. The River of the Spirit flowed to refresh and renew these servants of God.

The joy of the Lord flowed through our gathering. Selected leaders preached and taught the Word of God. There were times of discussion, prayer, precious fellowship and laughter. As the Scripture says, “Laughter is good medicine.” There were prophetic words. There were updates and testimonies of the works of God in each nation. The concept of the apostolic family as illustrated in the New Testament by the Apostle Paul has been a foreign concept in many nations. Connection was organizational, branded, rather than relational. Our West African brothers and sisters have *caught the vibe!* They’re flowing, embracing and perpetuating Kingdom connection and ministry family.



# Evangelism, Healings, Church Planting in Benin and Togo



Pastor Roland (Benin) and Pastor Sonte (Togo) preached it up at our GCI-WA Conference. Pictured above, Pastor-Roland translated as Pastor Sonte preached in French. Pastor Roland shared about his evangelistic efforts in Benin in an area where people came to Christ and land was donated to build a church. Pastor Sonte shared about going to the village of Koxoe, steeped in witchcraft, to share Christ and distribute Bibles. He shared this testimony. “One of the witchdoctors was seriously ill. All attempts by the hospital and the local witchdoctors gave no healing result. He got worse and worse each day. The witchdoctors gathered around him and announced that in three hours he would die. Sonte and his team were called to come and pray. They prayed for the man as he laid on the ground. They placed a

Bible on his chest. Suddenly, he was healed. He gave his life to Jesus and he stood on his feet. The family seeing this miracle, accepted Christ as their Savior. They gave a portion of land for a church structure to be built. The whole family loved and mobilized the other villagers to come to faith in Jesus. They are working to construct the church building.” Pictured above are the some of the villagers holding the Bibles which our VisionVestors partners helped to purchase for this specific evangelistic work. Bible distribution efforts has become a powerful tool to bring many to Christ in villages dominated by witchcraft. Through our GCI-WA ministers, the Word and power of God is saving, healing, delivering and birthing churches in Christ Jesus. Many thanks to all who have supported these life-giving efforts!

## Welcome Our Newest Missionaries



GCI is pleased to welcome Allann, Stephy (Eddy) Olivia and Mateo Moroni. Allann is from Brazil and Stephy is the daughter of GCI Missionaries to Spain, Bill and Marie Eddy. They met through Youth with a Mission in Spain. They did missionary training with YWAM and became missionaries. They have served with YWAM for the last 10 years, reaching out to trafficked girls in the North of Spain. Allann leads a soccer ministry to the girls. This summer they were on their support raising furlough in the US and making their transition into our ministry family. We were blessed to have them meet with our team in our office. They stayed at Dallas and Connie’s home for a few days while in town. The Elders and the Eddys have been long time friends. Bill and Marie were our first GCI missionaries. So their family has been our family. We are blessed to have Allann, Stephy and their kiddos laboring together with us for the Kingdom. They will continue their work reaching trafficked girls in Galicia, Spain. If you are interested in supporting Allann, Stephy and family in their mission work, check out more about their mission work on our GCI website.



Please keep Bill and Marie in your prayers. They cut their “supporter tour” in the US short and returned back to Spain in October. Bill had a kidney “rock” that required surgery. Marie is recovering from a fall that cracked two vertebra. We praise God for their Kingdom work in Spain, the world and our GCI Family.



**Ignite Was Lit!**



Each year we have the Ignite Ministry Conference in the latter part of September in the Kansas City, MO area. It features seasoned ministers and missionaries bringing encouragement and equipping from their ministry experience and faith journey. In attendance are pastors, missionaries, ministry leaders and those preparing for ministry. It is always a rich time of connection and spiritual growth. The size of the group makes it conducive for Q&A, reflective conversation and personal ministry times. Our speakers did a wonderful job and our attendance was our largest to date. Pictured is Pastor Rusty Savage of Resilient Shepherds Ministry. His ministry provides support for ministry families, first responders and military families. He taught a workshop on "Meeting People Where They Are." GCI Missionary to Mexico, Kayla Lawmaster engaged in prayer with Santesa Gentry. Apostle Pam Brown (Trinity Church-St. Joseph, MO) ministered to Josh Goolsby. Pastor Buddy Collins (The Bridge-Lake Wales, FL) connected with Pastor Rusty as he has family in Buddy's area.

**COMING EVENTS**

- \*Days of Prayer & Fasting* November 1-21
- \*GCI Ministry Conference 2026** March 3-6  
at Platte City, MO
- \*GCI World Conference 2026** April 21-24  
at Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic

*"The Flood and the Flow"*

*By Dallas Elder*

Ever longed for a reset? Your life got so chaotic and complicated that you were overwhelmed. Things are out of kilter, off center, out of alignment. Push pause! Where is the reset button? I need to clear the screen. I need to re-center and realign. The interesting thing about resets, if nothing changes, nothing changes. Reset can just be an exercise to resume the same life algorithm. It's the same song second verse, same ride, same rut. We can see the chaos in the world around us. We need revival! We need a righteous reset!

Biblical history teaches us some things about reset. One of the great examples is that of the flood. *"This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. God said to Noah. "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark..."* (Genesis 6:9-14)

God brought a worldwide flood. In righteous judgment, He wiped clean the earth except for the eight members of Noah's family and the animals they gathered on to the ark. It was a total cleansing, a reset. The Apostle Peter compared it to baptism. *"In it (ark) only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not from the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ...."* (I Peter 3:20-21)

There are so many beautiful prophetic previews, patterns and parallels in the Scripture. Peter compares the worldwide wipe out to water baptism. Through our repentance

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and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness of our sins. We are cleansed from our unrighteousness. As a symbolic act of this cleansing through the blood of Jesus, and our commitment to be a follower of Jesus, we become water baptized ***“for the forgiveness of our sins.”*** (Acts 2:38) It illustrates total cleansing like the flood. Furthermore, Peter says that we are raised up out of the water, like Noah and his family (on the ark) were raised out of the water. We are resurrected from death just as Jesus was resurrected. Our promise is Heaven. We are now a new creation in Christ! ***“It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ ....”*** Reset city!

It is interesting about the humankind restart and reset following the flood. The world relapsed back into “sin business” as usual. However, the Father is always instituting His redemptive plan for the future generations. Time after time of new covenants and resets, it became more convincing of our need for a Savior and all the fullness Jesus would bring. At this stage of my life, I am being further enriched by the themes and threads in Scripture. God continues to connect dots that gives me a fuller picture of His Divine Plan, what He’s done (history), and what He doing in the present. And, he continues to magnify details of what is yet to unfold. I like this quote from Richard Rohr.

***“God is not “once upon a time”—God is the “never-ending story in which we are scripted.”  
The Divine Dance-  
The Trinity and Your Transformation***

Recently the Lord made another connection that I hadn’t considered before. I’m grateful to Bill Johnson who made the point in his book, *The Holy Spirit-Who He Is and Why We Can’t Live Without Him*. Following the 40 days of rain that caused the flood, and the waters were receding. Noah released a dove. The dove came back to light on him because the waters had not yet receded. The dove was released again and brought back an olive branch meaning vegetation was emerging. (The dove and the olive branch is a universal symbol of peace.) Then the dove was released and didn’t return. Of course, the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

All four Gospels reference the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus as a dove following His baptism by John the Baptist. It is fascinating to read each account. Here are two.

***“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”*** (Luke 3:21-22)

***“Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”*** (John 1:32-34)

This is so amazing! God spoke to John the Baptist what to look for. The Holy Spirit wasn’t a dove, but floated down from heaven in a visual form and lit on Jesus. Jesus ministered in the power of the Spirit. Then Jesus released “the dove” Holy Spirit into the world. Jesus met with His disciples for 40 days following His resurrection. He verified He was alive in the flesh. They touched him and ate food with Him. He was truly alive! He counselled them and positioned them to receive the baptism to enter the flow of the Holy Spirit. He said to them before He ascended into heaven. ***“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*** Then they gathered around him and asked him, ***“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”*** He said to them: ***“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*** (Acts 2:4-8)

Jesus ascended and sent Holy Spirit to baptize His disciples. He released them to flow into the world to establish His Kingdom. We are filled to flow in the power of Holy Spirit to impact lives with the Gospel, His Word and His Works.

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