

# Christ is Building His Church in Africa Today!

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The third APC conference took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June in Nairobi. APC is a ministry that seeks to provide training for Pastors and Bible teachers from all denominations and independent churches, by conferences, giving and selling of books at subsidized prices. There are more than 50 conferences that happen in the Sub-Saharan Africa, that is in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria.

We thank the Lord for enabling us to organize and host a two-day conference at Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi. We praise the Lord for all those who attended from far and wide – covering 29/47 Counties! But most importantly, we had the conferees from over 50 different churches, all yearning to hear the Word of God. There were 97 registered delegates in attendance.

The Lord give us success through the ministry of the speakers – David Harding, pastor of Milnrow Evangelical Church, near Manchester in the UK, and Adamu Maga, who served as a pastor for 33 years with Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA).

They most ably spoke about the church – the bride of Christ in eight sessions. What is the Church of Christ? How does Christ build His church? What is the preaching that builds the church of Christ? How is the church of Christ governed? What is the progress of the church of Christ in Africa? These were the questions that were answered in these two days.

David, speaking about the preaching that builds the church exhorted the pastors and preachers of the gospel to preach the whole counsel of God and highly recommended expository preaching. At the same time he warned against spending too much time on one book and so failing to serve a balanced spiritual diet to their local churches. He asserted that, “...any preaching that is not centred on the cross of Christ in Calvary is heresy!” Undoubtedly, we must preach Christ and Him Crucified as the only hope for sinners.

At the end of the conference, the APC organizers represented by Rebecca Masekela who was on the bookstore desk, gave a package of three books – Sharon James, *God's Design for Men & Women*; John Owen, *The Spirit and the Church* (abridged and made easy to read by R.J.K. Law) and J.C. Ryle, *Aspects of Holiness* (another Grace Publication abridged version of Ryle's iconic book, *Holiness*). The leadership at Trinity Baptist Church also thanked those who attended by giving a free package of books – Peter Jeffrey, *Opening up Ephesians*; Michael Maura et al, *Gaining the world Losing the soul* and the Mount Zion's magazine, Free Grace Broadcaster on *The Lord's Day*.

The brethren at TBC worked tirelessly before the conference in promoting it – with a team of about 10 producing the posters, promoting the event on social media, producing posters and even a video! Others were in the catering department, providing good food and drinks to make sure that they were well fed with the physical food to be able to partake of the heavenly manna. Within a day of the conference the DVDs of the previous day were on sale at only KES 50, which is only the cost of buying the blank DVDs. Still more, there are productions of last year's conference at this cost.

The TBC team plan to promote the East African conferences together so that people can attend the conference that is closest to them and not have to travel overnight to Nairobi.

**Prayer points:**

1. That the Lord may give harvest in reforming the churches represented with the glorious truths that were articulated.
2. That the ties of fellowship created through the meeting of these pastors may be fruitful for the future ministry.
3. That it may please the Lord to heal Pastor Irving Steggles who is one of the directors of APC. He has been suffering severe chest pains.
4. That a new conference manager may be obtained quickly. TBC hope to provide the manager by giving Stephen Silamo to relocate to South Africa with his family. We thank God that they got a baby on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. This, however, means that the cannot travel immediately.