

AGAPE TODAY

RAISING LEADERS - REACHING FURTHER

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Dear Friends

Since 1984, Agape Gospel Mission has been raising up leaders to reach people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Our passion is to see indigenous pastors equipped, empowered, and released to fulfill the Great Commission—to preach the Gospel, make disciples, and establish thriving, Spirit-filled churches that reflect the heart of God for their communities.

Our mission begins with people—specifically, with identifying indigenous leaders who know the spiritual, cultural, and social landscapes of the communities they are called to reach. These are men and women with a deep sense of calling from the Lord and a native understanding of the barriers and breakthroughs unique to their context. At Agape Bible College, we walk alongside these leaders, training and preparing them through our Pastoral Training Program, so they are thoroughly equipped for the work of ministry.

The following article focuses on the context of our church plants in South Sudan. Also included are highlights from our Agape Global Pastor's Summit that just finished, as well as helpful details about how you can make an impact on Raising African Pastors to reach people for Jesus!



The Hope of Jesus in South Sudan

In the scorching heat and unstable climate of South Sudan—marked by cycles of flood and drought—millions fight to survive. Over 7.7 million people face severe food insecurity, and daily foraging in depleted and overcrowded areas has become a desperate way of life. This fierce struggle for resources often tears at the social fabric, isolating individuals and straining once-secure family bonds.

South Sudan gained independence from the Muslim-dominated north in 2011 after 22 years of civil war, but peace remains out of reach. Ongoing conflict,

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economic collapse, and mass displacement still define daily life. With dwindling aid and limited access to essentials, suffering continues.

Years of war have left deep emotional scars, and many question whether peace will ever come. Ranked among the world's most fragile and conflict-ridden nations, South Sudan remains one of the hardest places to live.

Yet into this hardship, the hope of Christ shines. Agape Gospel Mission has been called to bring the Good News—planting churches that offer both spiritual refuge and practical expressions of God's love. These churches lay the foundation for lasting transformation in the towns and cities where they take root.

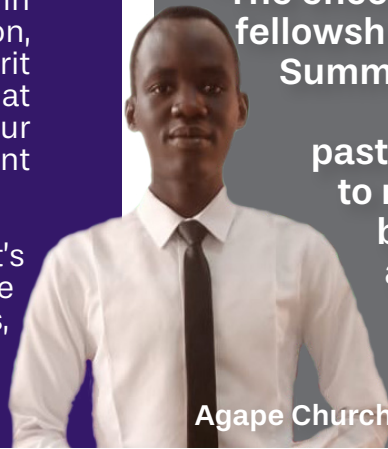
Pastor Jwok in Juba, South Sudan, and Pastor Mark in Pochalla, South Sudan have been readied for this mission, and the churches are planted and growing. The Holy Spirit is intervening in people's lives and wellbeing in ways that only He can. Thankfully, Pastor Jwok was able to attend our Agape Global Pastors Summit and was refreshed and sent back with energy and focus.

Jesus can redeem people from any situation, and that's the hope we have for the South Sudanese. Please consider joining us in faith, and pray for these pastors, the churches, and the people who need to taste the Living Water.

"The encouragement and fellowship I found at the Summit among other Agape church pastors inspired me to reach out to the broken-hearted and suffering in my community."

—Pastor Jwok

Agape Church, Juba, South Sudan



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**Pastor Rick with current students at Agape Bible College.
We have Pastors in training at ABC from five nations.**

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood"

—Acts 20:28—



HOW WE EQUIP AND EMPOWER OUR PASTORS



1 Theological Training ▼

Provide solid theological training in conjunction with Lucent University.

2 Mentoring ▼

Developing each pastor spiritually through discipleship, mentoring, and relationship.

3 Oversight ▼

Provide hands-on oversight, leading by example and walking with each pastor in ministry.

4 Deployment ▼

We deploy pastors in ministry to further the work of the Holy Spirit in their ministry.

Our support doesn't end at graduation. We continue walking with our pastors—offering ordination, oversight, resources, and fellowship to keep them strong in ministry. Together, we're building a united network of Gospel workers.

Agape Churches are being planted, and God's Kingdom is advancing in spiritually hungry regions.

Today, our pastors serve in nine nations across Africa and the Middle East—planting churches, discipling believers, and launching charitable works that transform communities.

God is raising up indigenous leaders—faithful, bold, and servant-hearted—to carry the Gospel to the nations. At Agape Gospel Mission, we're honored to be part of that calling and invite you to join us in equipping and sending tomorrow's leaders.



AGAPE GLOBAL PASTORS SUMMIT 2025



Summit Testimony: Pastor Simba

"Hi, I'm Pastor Erik Simba with Agape Gospel Mission in Nairobi, Kenya. The Agape Global Pastors Summit was a divine gift—a time when God stirred hearts and reawakened purpose in pastors from across Africa.

I'm especially grateful to Pastor Rick, a spiritual father to many of us, for sensing God's leading and organizing this impactful gathering. His obedience opened doors for healing, prophetic ministry, and renewed fire.

Dr. Guy Peh's message was powerful—it reignited the healing anointing in many of us and reminded us of Jesus' power to restore. I left with a renewed boldness to walk in that authority and proclaim His name boldly.

To our generous sponsors—thank you. Your giving helped spark something eternal in us. May the Lord bless you for fueling this mission."



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Summit Testimony: Pastor Lasisi

"Hello, I'm Pastor Lasisi Onimisi, Lead Pastor of Agape Church in Ibadan, Nigeria. The Agape Global Pastors Summit was a blessing beyond words.

It offered not only spiritual refreshment but also meaningful connections with fellow pastors. The teachings were insightful, practical, and exactly what we needed to face today's ministry challenges.

The focus on community outreach really resonated with me. I left equipped with ideas and a renewed commitment to reach more people in our community with the gospel.

Thank you to all the donors and sponsors who made this possible. Your support is helping pastors like me grow stronger and churches like ours shine brighter. God bless you for being a vital part of this mission."



YOU CAN BE A PART



Invest in African pastors by joining Agape Gospel Mission as we raise leaders to reach people.

- **Sponsor a Pastor in Training**
It costs us \$200 per month for two years to train each pastor.
- **Support a Pastor**
For the first two years as he plants a new church.
- **Assist in Establishing New Churches**
Provide the funding needed to launch the church, purchase land and equipment, and help the congregation to construct a church building.

STEP 1 ▾

PRAY

Submit your plans to the Lord

STEP 2 ▾

WEBSITE

agapegospelmission.org/ministries

STEP 3 ▾

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Agape Bible College (Training), Missionary/Pastor Donation (Ministry), events, or a specific Church

STEP 4 ▾

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