

## **Our Vision:**

Proclaim-Africa's pursuit is to see followers of Jesus Christ, who are transformed through the diligent and obedient study of God's Word, can preach sermons with a clear and accurate explanation of Scripture, and are equipped with ministry skills to actively proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Africa and beyond.

## **One of our strategies: In-depth Bible Study Method**

**Welcome to "The Colossian Challenge!"** It is good for you!

### **Will you rise to the "Challenge?"**

*A "Challenge" is "a summons to take part in a contest or trial of strength . . . a demanding or difficult task." Something "challenging" is something, "demanding, formidable, difficult, exacting, hard; stimulating" (Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder).*

### **Syllabus for "The Colossian Challenge:"**

"The Colossian Challenge" is an intensive personal study in the Book of Colossians in the Bible. Welcome to this exciting adventure! Please follow the instructions below.

#### **Step I:**

1. Read through the Book of Colossians at least 10 times. Keep a journal of your readings. Get a hard cover notebook where you record the dates and sections of your readings and the lessons you have learned that particular day.
2. Carefully *hand-copy* the Book of Colossians---*Write it with your own hand.* You may get an exercise book (48 pages) for this. This will form your own unique hand-written copy of Colossians. This principle is drawn from *Deuteronomy 17:18-20*.
3. As you read, memorize at least four (4) key verses that strike you. (*see Psalm 119:11*)
4. Write down at least ten (10) important lessons you learn out of your reading of Colossians. How will you apply them in your life?
5. Teach other people about the message of Colossians. Do either Alternative A or B to do this:

#### **Alternative A:**

Prepare and preach three 20-30 minute sermons to a group of five or more people. Information is available to *help you learn how to prepare and preach a sermon.*

#### **Alternative B:**

Prepare and lead a series of three to five Bible study lessons for 3 - 10 people, based on Colossians. Information is available to *help you learn how to lead a Bible Study Group.*

6. Attend a Graduation celebration on the Colossian Challenge. In order to qualify for this graduation, you will need to do a "**Check-Out**" to confirm that you have met the requirements. At the graduation, you will receive a Certificate to congratulate you on your successful completion of the Colossian Challenge.  
You will also be informed of the next step in your Bible Reading development.

### **Something to ponder**

*"There is no genuine and sustainable spiritual revival without a personal, diligent, and obedient study of the Bible!"*