

Our goal 

WEC is working towards the goal of seeing a revitalised church, with Christians living holy lives and witnessing dynamically to the unreached people around them.

Opportunities 

Today Equatorial Guinea is ready for harvest. Its people have a hunger and thirst for spiritual matters; they are open to the gospel and churches are growing. An enlarged team with a variety of ministries and complementary gifts could help the church to reap that harvest.

The Bible School ministry needs to be strengthened academically, practically and spiritually; and the church needs ministry role models as well as support workers:

- teachers for Theological Education by Extension (TEE)

- pioneer evangelists to unreached tribes
- church planters/disciplers
- youth and children's workers
- Bible teachers and leadership trainers
- English teachers
- AIDS medical staff
- AIDS counsellors and carers, to support patients and their families
- Bible college teachers
- practical and maintenance workers
- student counsellors
- Bible college administrators

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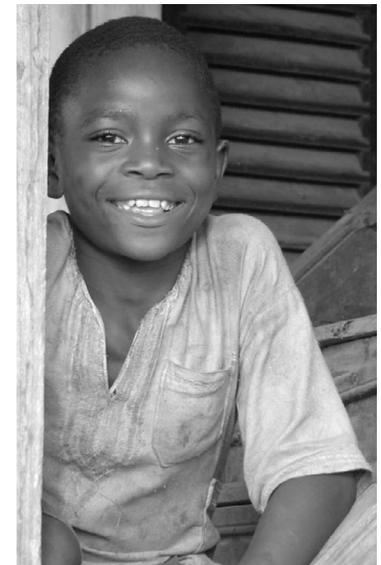


Equatorial Guinea

Introduction 

Once known as Spanish Guinea, Equatorial Guinea is the only African country whose official language is Spanish.

In 1969, one year after gaining independence, this small nation suffered a coup d'état and for the next 10 years was ruled by a ruthless Marxist dictator. Macias Nguema turned the land into a slave-labour camp. Christians were forced to compromise their faith or face persecution. By 1979, when the Marxist regime was overthrown, the country had become one of the poorest in Africa.





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Background cont.

Today, although oil production is leading to rapid development, life in the smaller villages of the interior has changed little.

As in other parts of the continent, Aids is a grim reality. Those affected need much support, not only medically, but also on an emotional and spiritual level. Forty-four per cent of the population is under 15 years old.

WEC in Equatorial Guinea

WEC first entered Spanish Guinea in 1933. Despite enormous obstacles the small team was able to set up a network of churches in the southern half of the country. During the Marxist regime workers were forced to leave the country and all direct contact with the churches was lost.

After contact was re-established in the early 1980s, the WEC-related church invited WEC to return and to establish a Bible School. Unfortunately, out of the initial team of five, one worker died of



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malaria and the rest were able to do only one term of service.

In 1994 a new team arrived, with the aim of continuing the ministry in the Bible School and supporting the existing churches in their various ministries. Two years later the first three graduates were accepted as trainee pastors by the church, each being given responsibility for a group of churches in the interior.

The entry of these graduates into ministry was a milestone for the WEC team who had poured themselves into the students' lives and seen them bear significant fruit.

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Bata Bible School

Centro Bíblico in Bata has a distinctly African flavour, aiming to relate Biblical teaching to the needs, culture and life of the people. As the only inter-denominational Bible college in the region, it has an average of 50 students from all the main denominations training for various areas of ministry. The majority of graduates are in full-time ministry.

Centro Bíblico Bata runs on a trimestrial basis, with a modular programme. This enables some people who want to take only one or two subjects to devote just three weeks to study rather than several months.

The school makes its facilities available to churches for retreats and other events, and runs seminars for them.