



Atakpamé, Togo, West Africa

2025 Annual Report

Institut Biblique Tyrannus

Relieving the Theological Famine in Togo

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“The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad” (Psalm 126:3).

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for God’s provision of all we have needed to complete Phase One of the Tyrannus Bible Institute project in Togo. Your generous support and the dedication of many volunteers and local workers have made the remarkable transformation from an empty plot of land to a usable conference hall a reality.

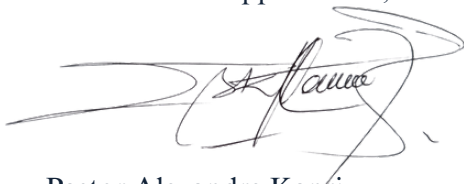
The completion of Phase One of the Tyrannus Conference Hall is a milestone that now enables us to host large gatherings and serve the wider Christian community. The inaugural pastors’ conference in December welcomed 300 pastors and church leaders from across the region, introducing many to our new facilities and the Bible Institute. The distribution of the French Reformation Study Bible, made possible by Ligonier Ministries, was a highlight that will have a lasting impact on church leadership and biblical literacy in West Africa.

Throughout the year, we have valued the support from the wider Body of Christ. Financial and ministry collaborations with organizations such as NGW, Grace Baptist Mission, Eglise Connexion, and others have been instrumental in advancing our building project and expanding our reach. Volunteers from the Netherlands, Paris, and our local churches have contributed their skills and time to advance our vision for a flourishing Christian resource center here in Atakpamé.

Our mission remains clear: to address the theological famine in Togo and French-speaking West Africa by equipping church leaders, providing affordable Christian resources, and fostering a culture of reading and publishing. The integration of a microPOD print-on-demand system in the future will further enhance our ability to serve churches, ministries, and local communities, ensuring long-term sustainability and impact.

We are deeply thankful for every prayer, gift, and act of service that has brought us to this point. As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to continue partnering with us in this vital work. Together, with God’s help, we hope to reach many Togolese with the saving message of God’s grace offered to them in Christ. Soli Deo Gloria

With heartfelt appreciation,



Pastor Alexandre Kanri
On behalf of Tyrannus Bible Institute, Togo



2025 Year in Review



Six short months after receiving the 3-D images from the architect for the Institut Biblique Tyrannus building complex, we were ready to start Phase One--the conference hall. Thanks to a signed finance agreement and the guarantee of a loan, if needed, with the Dutch missionary society, NGW (Nederlandse Gemeenschap voor Wereldevangelisatie), construction began in January 2025 with making bricks to build a wall around the entire complex. We are grateful the loan was never needed as all the funds were raised before completion.

Footers were dug, and the forms were built for pouring the foundation. The foundation for the buildings of Phase Two was also included at the same time. We are grateful for all the skills that our church members are contributing to the building, from bricklayers and iron benders to electricians and plumbers. One of the most significant contributions has been the architect who is a member of one of the EGCT churches in Lomé. He comes periodically to oversee the work that has been done.



One of the overseers is an EGCT elder who leads a time of prayer each morning with all the workers. The women from the local EGCT churches have shown their support by regularly providing a meal for the workers, during which the Gospel is preached.

After initially pouring the foundation, it became apparent the conference hall would not be large enough. The elders met with the architect and adjusted the plans so the hall will now be able to accommodate 500 people.

After months of work below ground, the building finally began to take shape as the first pillars started to go up. We are grateful there have been no injuries during the work, especially on the scaffolding.

Members from our local Atakpamé churches are working alongside the other workers, and we are thankful for their ongoing opportunity to be a witness to them. It has been encouraging to see several workers begin attending EGCT church services.



In May, two missionaries from Grace Baptist Mission (GBM) and a council member came for a site visit and met the Tyrannus board. The GBM council later approved a grant for £30,000 towards the construction of Phase Two, which includes the addition of a kitchen and dining hall, as well as space for the microPOD printing system and printshop. We also received our first grant from an anonymous foundation in the UK.



Construction progressed quickly. Workers were motivated to complete the roof on the building so the EGCT annual conference could be held on the premises. The concrete roof was poured on June 27th.

During this month, friends of Tyrannus in the Netherlands started to collect chairs, a sound system, and other furnishings for the Center with the goal of sending a shipping container later in the year.



Once the scaffolding was removed we could finally envision the size of the conference hall.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, weekly calls between Togo and Washington state, USA, continued. We are amazed at how God providentially connected us with an operational strategy consultant in January 2024 who continues to help us with grant applications and promotional materials.



We were grateful that the building was finished enough for our own church to hold its annual national conference on the building site. The preaching and singing in the actual building was a foretaste of what the Tyrannus center will be used for and was a great encouragement to the EGCT. The elders met at the end of the meetings to evaluate the conference. The Tyrannus Board also met, taking advantage of being together in person.





Wijneke Kanri traveled to the Netherlands to present the Tyrannus project at a national missions conference of a large Dutch Reformed denomination and to meet with supporters. Friends from the Kanri's sending church in Belgium also promoted the work at the annual conference of the Evangelical churches in Belgium. They reconnected with Alexandre Kanri's network of Christian friends from when he studied at the Brussels Bible Institute, many of whom were not aware of the Tyrannus Project.

We have been amazed to see God provide the funds needed to purchase a 40' container and fill it with good second-hand furnishings, IT materials, and supplies for the Tyrannus project. These supplies will make the conference hall ready to be rented. We are also grateful we were able to purchase a generator which will be helpful because of the many power cuts in Togo. It is currently enroute from the Netherlands. Once on site, the container will be modified and serve as permanent storage space.



A team of 16 volunteers from the Netherlands and Paris came to help us in November. It was amazing to see the building transform with two coats of paint. We are grateful for the ongoing partnership with l'Eglise Connexion in Paris that is helping with finances, developing our website, and has committed to be a long-term partner with Tyrannus. This partnership is particularly encouraging because there is no language barrier and future short-term teams can help us organize events at the Center.



In December, we hosted our inaugural conference in partnership with Ligonier Ministries (USA) and welcomed over 300 pastors from the region. During the conference, Ligonier Ministries distributed the new French Reformation Study Bible to the attendees. This event introduced the new Tyrannus facilities to many pastors from this region in Togo. Alexandre Kanri, the Tyrannus Bible Institute Director, also completed his Master's degree, which will now enable the Bible Institute to grant Bachelor's degrees.



Financial Overview

Income

Total Income 2024: £ 62,912
 Total Income 2025: £ 90,401
 Total Pledges 2026: £ 27,680
Total Raised to Date: £180,991
 31% Individual Donations
 13% Churches
 22% Grants
 34% Businesses

Expenses

Total Expenses 2025: £134,924
 88% Phase One construction
 8% Generator and furnishings
 4% Shipping container from the Netherlands

Looking Ahead to 2026

With completion of the Tyrannus Conference Hall, Tyrannus Bible Institute will move to the new site in January 2026. Since the Ligonier conference in December, five individuals have indicated interest in enrolling in the Bible Institute in 2026.

In January, the conference hall will be available for rent, and we also look forward to starting the construction of Phase Two. Thanks to a loan guarantee, if needed, from NGW, we anticipate completion by mid-2026.

We are currently raising funds for the purchase and shipment of a microPOD print-on-demand system from Publish4All (USA), which we hope to be able to install by mid 2027. For the latest update on our financial progress, please visit <https://www.zendingintogo.nl/en/current-fundraising-status>.

