

**BIBLE COLLEGE LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF THE
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF BURKINA FASO**

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ABSTRACT

The Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso has a long and rich history. However, for most of its eighty-two years, the historical “records” have been housed in the libraries of oral tradition—the hearts and minds of certain elderly people. As first generation Christians die or become unable to recall details of the past, the “library treasure” of the Burkina Faso Assemblies of God disappears.

This project represents the investigation of the historical development of the Assemblies of God in Burkina Faso from its early beginnings to the year 2003 and the initial step in the process of preserving the historical data in written form. The research findings are presented in a lecture format that can be utilized to inform the present generation of believers and future church leaders of their heritage and to challenge all Christians to be motivated toward greater unity and continued church growth. These lectures concurrently address the historical, doctrinal, and missiological development of the Church. Both negative and positive influences have been highlighted.

Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the project represent the actual series of lectures and include an overview of the history of the Pentecostal phenomenon and the birth of the Assemblies of God; the formative years of the Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso from its beginning to 1954, highlighting the arrival of missionaries; the expansion of the Church from 1955 to 1984, focusing on key leaders, significant revivals, the development of church ministries, and the rapid development of home and world missions from 1985 to the year 2003.

The results of this project will assist teachers in Bible colleges and the local churches in teaching the history of the Church. This initial written account can also serve as a foundation for further study and publication of the history of the Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso.