

WORLD OUTREACH

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Charis graduates Ricky and Nina Burge at their wedding—brought together by God's love and grace

PREPARING THE BRIDE OF CHRIST: AFRICAN EXPANSION

With *The Gospel Truth* television program broadcasting to over five billion potential viewers, our Charis locations raising up leaders in every time zone, and our Bible teaching materials breaking into every major language group, we never forget the purpose behind our mission: **to prepare the church—the bride of Christ—for her wedding day.**

And who better to prepare the church in Africa than Ricky Burge, our 2014 Charis graduate who—in addition to discipling thousands of church leaders throughout Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania—has just relocated to South Africa to marry a bride of his own!

Before his big day, Ricky sat down with us and shared the big vision God has placed on his heart. **Emphasis on big!** He said, “I want to disciple Africa. I want to disciple the nations of Africa, and I want Charis Bible College and

Andrew Wommack Ministries to be in every country on the continent!” Ricky continued, “[There are] fifty-four nations in Africa, and right now we are only in three of those nations. So that’s the purpose of this [project].”

The Groom and His Bride

While the idea of transforming an entire continent may sound idealistic, Ricky’s time spent working for our ministry has prepared him for the challenges to come. From 2014 to 2020, **he risked his life traversing the war-torn regions of South Sudan, sailing the Nile, and taking the backroads of Uganda** to teach Andrew’s *Discipleship Evangelism* program to pastors in some of the most remote villages in Africa.

“My first six years in Africa were kind of diverse.

I started off in a region called Karamoja. . . . It’s incredible land with incredible people, but they’ve been very isolated. . . . I went out there and did a lot of discipleship.” Ricky shared, “What I’m doing now—in comparison to what I did then—is now I’m [taking on] the whole continent of Africa.”

To help Ricky with his mission, God has brought Nina, a graduate of Charis Cape Town. The two found each other last year when our American, French, and South African offices teamed up for a mission trip to the DR Congo. While ministering throughout Bukavu and Kinshasa, the couple felt God drawing them together.

"I fought [the idea of] her for a little while, but God eventually got [me to see that] 'No, this is something you should pay attention to. You're in [My will], doing what I called you to, and I've placed somebody right in front of you.' " Ricky continued, "The interesting thing is that it's come full circle. In September, we're going to go back and open up AWM Congo."

The First Step

Their start-up in the DR Congo has already gained momentum. Thousands of Congolese viewers are tuning in to the French-translated version of *The Gospel Truth*—the first of many translations provided by our office in Nice, France.

"The French translation of Charis [curriculum] is underway. The French office, with the leadership of Martin Alargent, is working on that. We're going to establish Andrew Wommack Ministries Congo for a full year, and after that full year, Charis Bible College Congo can open up." Ricky laughed, "We're going to take over Congo!"

While their vision to transform the continent will take time, hard work, and God's miraculous provision, Ricky's journey has always demonstrated that where God guides, He also provides. This brings us to you, our friends and partners.

Thanks to your continued support of Charis World Outreach, our team has the tools, teachings, and translations necessary to change Africa in a way we've never seen before. As our Charis family continues to take the Gospel as far and as deep as possible, we remember the main purpose behind our mission: **to prepare the bride of Christ for her wedding day.**

Invitation to Join Us in Reaching Far and Deep with the Gospel

AWM and Charis have eighteen offices and thirty campuses internationally, and twenty-one stateside campuses beyond our headquarters in Colorado. Our campuses are training nearly eight thousand students worldwide.

If you are not yet a partner with Charis World Outreach, we invite you to go to awme.net/WorldOutreach and join us in reaching more people who need to hear the life-changing message of grace and faith!

Quotes have been edited for length and clarity.

The team gathers to plan the AWM Congo launch



Team led by the Burges and Martin Alargent of AWM/Charis France

UPCOMING EVENTS

AWM European Ministers Conference

United Kingdom • awme.net
October 31–November 2

International Business Summit

United Kingdom • awme.net
November 3–4