# GABON

During the throes of the Great Depression, Alliance missionaries from Congo surveyed South Gabon and discovered vast areas that had never been reached with the gospel. The first missionaries entered the country in 1934.

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After a North American ministry presence of more than 70 years, the Alliance national church in Gabon is moving full circle from being a recipient of Christian missions to being a partner in sending missionaries to unreached people. These churches are fully organized with official recognition from the Gabonese government and are able to support their own pastors and leaders. As the largest family of evangelical churches in the country, they are taking the initiative to plant new churches and reach into new areas with the gospel.

By 2008, all church-planting and related missionaries transitioned out of Gabon. The remaining U.S. workers are connected with [Bongolo Hospital](http://www.bongolohospital.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22new), where thousands of people hear Jesus’ message of hope in their darkest hours, regardless of their religious background or ability to pay for treatment. Each year, the number of patients who place their trust in Christ continues to grow. In 2008 more than 1,700 patients received Jesus at Bongolo Hospital.

## National Church

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Gabon: 115 organized churches, 145 unorganized groups, 91 ordained ministers, 11,226 baptized members, and 25,550 inclusive members

## Team Initiatives

* Transfer the vision, leadership, and administration of all institutions to the national church.
* Help the national church become a missionary-sending church within the next two years.
* Establish the Librairie de l’Alliance Chrétienne (Alliance Bookstore) in its new location and transfer management of this ministry to the national church.

## International Workers in Gabon

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### The Alliance at Work in Gabon

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#### [Patient’s Eye Miraculously Healed](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2015/10/15/patients-eye-miraculously-healed/)

About 70 percent of all cataract surgeries in Gabon are performed at Bongolo Hospital.

[read more](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2015/10/15/patients-eye-miraculously-healed/)

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#### [Bongolo Hospital Ministry Growing](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2015/01/22/bongolo-hospital-ministry-growing/)

Nearly 40,000 patients received treatment at Bongolo Hospital last year.

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#### [Bongolo Hospital: Recovery Update](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2014/02/05/bongolo-hospital-recovery-update/)

Your prayers are what hold us together.

[read more](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2014/02/05/bongolo-hospital-recovery-update/)

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#### [Divine Encounter](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2014/01/24/divine-encounter/)

I am glad I had an opportunity to tell him about Jesus before he died.

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#### [Bongolo Hospital: Disaster, Quick Provision](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2014/01/23/bongolo-hospital-disaster-quick-provision/)

Four days after a fire destroyed Bongolo Hospital’s electrical transformer, God provided a new one.

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## Demographics

**Population**

Population—1,389,201

Infant mortality rate—53.6/1,000

Life expectancy—55.8

**Capital City**

Libreville (661,600) pop.

**Geography**

With an area slightly smaller than Colorado, Gabon (103,346 sq. mi.) is mostly covered by dense tropical forest, with coastal lowlands, plateaus, and mountains.

**Languages**

French (official)

Fang

Myene

Bateke

Bapounou/Eschira

Bandjabi

**Ethnicity/Race**

Bantu tribes (including Fang, Punu, Nzeiby, Mbede)—88.7%

other Africans and Europeans—11.3%

**Economy**

Per capita income—$5,900

Inflation—1.5%

Unemployment—21%

Literacy rate—63% (1995 est.)

**Government/Political Climate**

Republic,with multiplicity presidential regime. Only two autocratic presidents have ruled Gabon since independence from France in 1960. A small population, abundant natural resources, and considerable foreign support have helped make Gabon one of the more prosperous and stable African countries.

**Religion**

Christian—75%

animist—24

Muslim—1%

## Support the Mission

Alliance ministry in Gabon is primarily funded through the Great Commission Fund. Help fulfill Jesus’[Great Commission](http://www.cmalliance.org/about/beliefs/great-commission) and make a gift to the GCF today.

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## Give to Special Projects

These field-approved projects are funded by donations in addition to the GCF. Click and give today.

### Gabon Team

* [Synergy Project](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-01035&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Synergy%20Project)
* [Gabon Airplane](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-05014&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Gabon%20Airplane)
* [Hospital Projects/Bongolo](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09016&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Hospital%20Projects/Bongolo)
* [Bongolo Med Supp/Shpg](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09037&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Bongolo%20Med%20Supp/Shpg)
* [Gabon/Bongolo Hosp Endowm Fund](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09041&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Gabon/Bongolo%20Hosp%20Endowm%20Fund)
* [BH Poor Fund](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09068&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=BH%20Poor%20Fund)
* [Hope House](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09078&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Hope%20House)
* [Bongolo Communications](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09079&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Bongolo%20Communications)
* [BH Aids Treatment](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09080&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=BH%20Aids%20Treatment)
* [Bongolo Heart Send Project](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09081&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Bongolo%20Heart%20Send%20Project)
* [Surgery Clinic Renovation and Expansion](http://www.cmalliance.org/give/online-giving?project=1-47200-43-40-09086&projectName=Approved%20Special&projectDesc=Surgery%20Clinic%20Renovation%20and%20Expansion)