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## Mourning in Chad

“We intercede for the bereaved in sincere and heartfelt prayer,” writes Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider in his letter informing the Apostles of the passing of Apostle Jean Koiyoumtan Blague. He was only 59 years of age.

The sad news came from District Apostle Mark Woll. On 29 January 2021, the Apostle Jean Koiyoumtan Blague from Chad passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of only 59. He took ill two weeks ago on the way home from a divine service, and had been in a coma ever since. Although he received treatment at a regional hospital, it was impossible to save him. This was not only because of the fact that he could not be moved, but also due to a lack of medicine.

### **A zealous servant of God**

District Apostle Woll describes the departed Apostle as a humble, obedient, discreet, zealous, creative, and organised servant and man of God, who was endowed with great love for the brothers and sisters.

Jean Koiyoumtan Blague was born on 20 October 1962 in Gong in Chad. In 1990 he became acquainted with the New Apostolic Church, and was baptised and sealed in that same year. The first ministry he received was that of a Priest, and further ordinations followed soon after. He was ultimately ordained an Apostle on 22 January 2017 in N’Djamena by Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider.

He leaves behind his wife and nine children. In reference to them, the Chief Apostle writes: “May our heavenly Father grant them much comfort, strength, and confidence in these difficult moments.”

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