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Contending for the FAITH

With thanksgiving to God, we welcome all our readers to this maiden edition of Karis Magazine. The magazine is coming out at a crucial time in these end times in which critical faith issues have to be examined and Christians must arise in spiritual militancy to contend for the faith. Not necessarily against a human foe, but against sin, against compromise, worldliness and every seduction of the forces of darkness.

As the return of the Lord Jesus Christ draws closer, distractions of various shades and colours are emerging to make the Christian lose focus of his heavenly destination. As the distractions abound, so do the pressures increase. The average Christian is undergoing so much pressure in a world that is racing without brakes to eternal destruction. Maintaining Christian testimony in today's world is a daily increasing challenge.

Believe it or not, you are under pressures; pressures to show results. Unfortunately, the results expected are of worldly values and have no relevance to the kingdom of God.

You are intentionally being pressurized to compromise, cut-corners, lower God's standard of righteousness, adopt a deceitful lifestyle and keep hoping that grace will be sufficient. The heaven focused Christian must not succumb to such pressures. More than ever, Christians must establish a daily link with the Lord for nourishment to maintain the faith in purity and sincerity.

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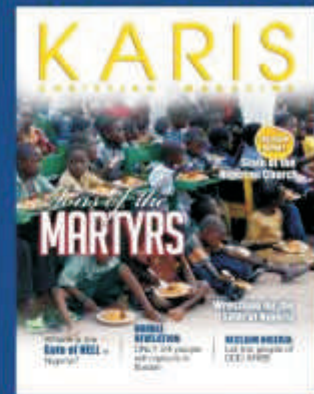
Karis Magazine is faith issues based and has the singular objective of meeting the information needs of Christians, so that they can take quality decisions based on personal scriptural convictions. It is glaring that most Christians lack adequate information, to take right decisions, to handle the various pressures that are being mounted on them daily from the world and the forces of darkness. Coming this far on this project has been a test of faith and endurance. We thank the Lord for His grace and we also wish to thank the various brethren who in various ways have been used by the Lord to bring forth this vision. Many have contributed financially, prayerfully, materially and in giving counsel. It is easy for me to mention their names, but I know that they will not approve. May the Lord remember them for good on the Day of judgment.

As we embark on this journey of brotherly love, we pray that weak Christians shall be strengthened, fallen brethren shall be restored, and the Church shall experience revival to positively impact this generation with the light of the gospel.

Welcome to revival.

Your servant in Christ,

Bro. Bosun



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By mid 1970, Pastor S. G. Elton prophesied that Africa is shaped like a gun. There will be trouble in all the strategic points of the Gun because the devil will not want God to use Africa as a weapon to shoot into the camp of the enemy. The Horn of Africa is the loading point, the devil will trouble this region to prevent the Gun from being loaded. The outlet of the bullet—South Africa, is bound by Apartheid to prevent the bullet from being discharged, but the outlet will be opened. Nigeria occupies the position of the trigger and the devil will do all he can (even if the Gun is loaded) to stop the trigger from being released.

Pray for Nigeria that the counsel of the Almighty God shall stand concerning this nation.

Gulled from A Herald of the Last Days, the story of S. G. Elton, by Ayodeji Abodunde

BANG!

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READY

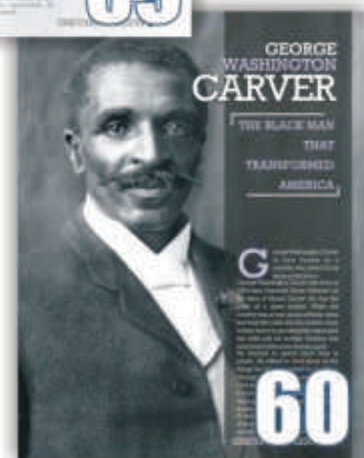
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Prophetic Revelation of the **NIGERIAN** **CHURCH**



God revealed the Nigerian church as a woman bound with iron rods, the way we tried to depict it in the illustration. *(Sorry, we used rope in our illustration)*

With the arms bound, the entity cannot take any action, it cannot be effective, but it is alive and can amble from place to place.

What has brought the church into bondage? God says, "Mammon".

According to God, only the fire of affliction can cut the iron rods.

It is clear that the church has not been able set a moral standard for the nation, neither has it been able to exercise spiritual authority over satanic recklessness all over the country.

Do we need to wait for God's judgment before we return to the narrow path and preach the cross and not the cash?

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

1 Timothy 6:9

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.



PROPHETIC DECLARATION to NIGERIAN Christians

In the revelation, the leader of a large congregation was leading the members of the church on a straight road towards a destination. All seemed to be going well when suddenly, the leader lost his sight and went blind. The members of the church could not see his face but only his back, so they were not aware that their leader had gone blind. Due to his blindness, the leader veered off the road and entered into the bush. The members of the congregation followed. As he went deeper and deeper in the bush, the people faithfully followed him.

The Lord wants to remind His people that they are called to fix their eyes on Him and to follow Him. (Heb. 12:2) Many of His people are now following men. The position of the Lord in the church is being taken over by church leaders.

If you take your eyes off the Lord and end up on the wrong side in eternity, you will have no one to blame but yourself. You have the Bible, the Word of God, and you have the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS

- 1** Intercede for ministers of the gospel that started well but are now forsaking the narrow path. Pray that God shall discipline them and turn them back to the right path.
- 2** Pray for your salvation that you shall never lose this precious priceless gift of God.
- 3** Pray for the Nigerian church that only Christ shall be honoured and served by Christians.



SONS of the MARTYRS

Arguably, the greater evil is not simply the persecution of Christians in various parts of northern Nigeria, but the unholy neglect of the northern believers by most of the Christian assemblies in the rest of the country.

Please ask yourself these questions:

- Whenever there was religious crisis in the North, how many churches in Nigeria declare prayer and fasting to intercede for the persecuted brethren?
- How many churches have you observed packaging relief materials to help the persecuted brethren?
- Have you seen a church take a full page advert in any newspaper to sympathize with the persecuted Christians and protest against the killings of Christians?
- Which Nigerian church has gathered the widows, the orphans, the bereaved, the homeless and the mutilated to care for them?
- "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; ..." 1 Cor. 12:26. Do churches in the South believe this?
- What shall we tell the Lord?



SONS of the MARTYRS

OUR OBJECTIVES IN RUNNING THIS STORY:



- 1** To mobilize Christian prayers for the Muslims in Nigeria. Jesus Christ taught us to pray for those that persecute us.
- 2** To re-awaken Christians in the South to their spiritual and moral obligations to pray and support the persecuted Christians in the northern part of Nigeria. *"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."* 1 Cor. 12:26. The sufferings of the Christians in the North are the sufferings of the entire body of Christ in Nigeria.
- 3** To encourage churches and Christians in the South to contribute resources to take care of the children and the widows left behind by those martyred in the North. Stephen's Centre would be able to do much more if the resources are available.
- 4** So far, Canadians and other foreigners have been in the forefront of supporting Christian believers persecuted in the North. The Nigerian church should come forward and champion this cause with the enormous resources that God has given Christians in the South.
- 5** To encourage Christian families to adopt the cost of educating these children. Some of them are ready to attend Universities but the resources are lacking. In addition, denominations that have established Universities should grant scholarship to these children.
- 6** To mobilize warfare prayers against the satanic forces behind these unwarranted shedding of blood in the country. Bloodshed defiles the land. Churches should make religious violence a consistent major prayer point at each prayer meeting and vigil.
- 7** To harness every Christian influence in Nigeria to ensure that government takes the right steps to put an end to religious violence in the country.



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BENJAMIN

tells his story

Benjamin Magaji is a confident young man with a dream—to be the President of Nigeria. The fact that Benjamin can even have such a dream is nothing short of the miraculous. In 2000, militant Muslims who were upset that Christians were trying to block Sharia law in Kaduna State went on a rampage and surrounded the Magaji's house of 14 people including Benjamin and the others.

They said, "are you ready to be a Muslim or a Christian?" So, my mother told them that she would never be a Muslim and her children too, would never be a Muslim. So, they called my senior brother, his name is Victor. They said to him, "Victor, today is your day. Today is the day you are going to die."

My brother replied, "even though I die, I know where I am going. I am not going to hell fire; I am going to heaven."

Benjamin, who was 6 years old at the time, said the rioters then started shooting bullets and throwing stones into the house. Then, they threw burning tyres into the house.

"My father stood in defence of our house, so they shot my father and killed 8 members of my family, including my little sister who was not yet 1 year old. So I started running and I fell into a burning fire. My brother, he too was tired, picked me from the fire. As I was about to run away, he fell back into the fire and died."

Before he could get to safety, Benjamin was grabbed by 5 Muslim men who took him to a house, where they gave him a choice — "Become a Muslim or die!" Benjamin refused to renounce his Christian faith. "They now brought food for me not knowing that inside the food, there was poison. So I said that I would not eat until I have seen my mother." One of the 5 men convinced the others to release the injured boy.

Benjamin's leg was badly burned. Later, he was reunited with his mother and was taken to the hospital. He was later to learn that 8 members of his family were killed when their house was burnt down.

"When I was 12 years old, I decided that when I grow up, I will be a soldier, so that when I grow up I will revenge. I

also decided that I want to be a rich man when I grow up so that I will get some people who will join me to revenge. But I have now changed my mind." That change of mind came when he understood what the Bible taught about forgiveness. "If Christ did not come to die for our sins, all of us could have been suffering. Because, one can just carry a knife and kill another person and nobody will blame him. But because Christ has come to forgive us our sins, we have known good and bad. Now I know that to kill is not a good thing."

Benjamin now enjoys his life at the Stephen's Centre in Abeokuta, Ogun State. Stephen's Centre is funded in part by the Voice of Martyrs, Canada. He has many friends here and feels safe. He believes that the high quality of education that he is given at the Stephen's Centre will help him to fulfil his dream.

"I want to grow up and be the President of Nigeria. So that I will be able to help others that their parents are dead like mine. I want to build good schools for them so that they can be able to learn and become great people in life. When they become great people in life, they will remember that somebody has helped me, let me help somebody too."

“My brother replied, “even though I die, I know where I am going. I am not going to hell fire; I am going to heaven”;



BLESSING

tells her story

Blessing Justine has lived most of her young life without a father. In 2000 when she was 7 years old, her father, Justine, a Christian leader of a church in Kaduna State was shot dead during a Muslim riot.

He was shot in the chest. He died instantly. My mother had nothing to do other than to wail and cry. So, we had to go and bury him. I was very sad because I never imagined losing my dad so early in life. I knew it was not easy to live without my father. But I know he died for Christ."

Blessing says that her father was a very committed Christian. "He was a strong Christian and he participated actively in church activities and he also speaks for Christ everywhere he goes. I am proud of him because he was a devoted Christian."

Blessing is not bitter about what happened to her father. She understands from the Bible that following Jesus involves persecution. "Even Jesus Christ tells us that persecutions will come and also temptations will come, so suffering is part of the Christian life. We have to suffer so that God will know how strong our faith is."

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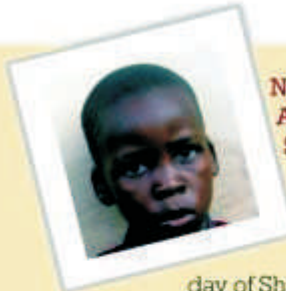
Blessing says her desire is to someday, become a medical doctor. This would not have been possible if she had not come to the Stephen's Centre in Abeokuta.

"I am happy that I am in Stephen's Centre right now to further my education. Free education, free clothing, free feeding. I want to be a doctor because people around me are suffering from bad health, especially in our country, Nigeria. People around me do not have the opportunity to receive good health treatment. I think that with me being a doctor, I will improve the health of people around me."

Blessing says her favourite Bible passage comes from Ps. 23. "It encourages me and always gives me the courage to walk in the path of Christ. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, God is always there with me."

The CHILDREN live...

TO TELL THE STORIES



Name : Revel Northcott
Age: 5 years old
State of Origin : Adamawa

My father was a reverend in Praise Chapel, Kaduna. He went out on that first day of Sharia riot at Kaduna on the 22 of February 2000, and that was the last time we saw him. We are three in number.

Thank God we met the Voice of the Christian Martyrs Nigeria that brought us to Stephen Centre International Abeokuta for free education.

Name : Kesia Mathisa
Age : 5 years old
State of Origin: Kano

When the riot started by Muslims fanatics on May 11, 2004 at Kano, it went beyond the city of Kano to Kobo local government area, where we lived. A group of Muslim youths caught my father and forced him to reject Christianity and accept Islamic faith. My father refused to reject Christ. He also refused the recitation to become a Muslim. The youths killed him, set his body on fire and burnt him right opposite a Police station at Kobo.



Name : Ruth Taminu
Age : 6 years old
State of Origin : Kano



May 11, 2004, while I was in the school, the Headmaster instructed all of us to go home immediately. At home I met my parents, brothers and sisters. The rioters were everywhere even near our home. So all of us ran away. On our way, a man told my father that the rioters have killed his brother. When he went to search for his brother, he was caught, killed and burnt beyond recognition. His brother was also killed.

I give thanks to God who has made it possible for me to be trained free of charge at Stephen Centre International, Abeokuta.



Name : Faith Tanimu
Age: 3 years old
State of Origin: Kaduna

What happened to our family on May 11, 2004 was as if mad people were let loose. The religious fanatics were everywhere killing the Christians. My parents were at home on the day of the

incidence. I was by my mother playing.

From nowhere, we saw Muslims who came to our home singing war songs. They attacked my father and shot him dead. My mother and I had to run away to hide ourselves.

I give thanks to God who has made it possible for me to be trained free of charge at Stephen Centre International, Abeokuta.



Name : Shinkut Issah
Age : 12 years old
State of Origin : Kaduna

My late father worked as a security man. He was a devoted Christian. When he returned from work on the day of the riot. My mother told him of the riot, and the killing of the Christians, my father felt sorry and out of sympathy, he went out to rescue the Christian in the area.

Unfortunately, he was shot seven times. He managed to return home, in spite of pains my mother rushed him to the hospital. Six bullets were removed from his stomach. The rioters still traced him to the hospital, and attacked him, killed a lot of patients, including my father.

I was brought by officers of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for free

More Stories...

Name: Monday Mathias Markus

Age: 10 years

State of Origin: Kano

During the riot that erupted in Kano on May 11, 2004, and spread to Kobo local government area, our father was asked by the group of Muslim youths to accept Islam or he would be killed.

When he refused the recitation to become Muslim, they killed him and set his body on fire, burnt his body opposite Police District Office in Kobo.



Name: Pam Ayuba Dung

Age: 8 years

State of Origin: Jos South, Plateau

The rioters came and surrounded our house when my parents were all asleep. They started shooting and killed my father and mother inside their bed room.

Well, such is life. I give God the Glory for Christian Association of Nigeria (C. A. N) Plateau State who assisted me by introducing me to Stephen Centre International Abeokuta for free education. May the Lord continue to bless and guide the organisation through their work.



Name: Daweng Bulus

Age: 8 years

State of Origin: Barkin Ladi, Plateau



My father worked at an irrigation canal together with one Muslim man at the time of peace. They were friends, so he decided to use his land for irrigation with him.

On the day that he was killed, he went to the man's house in the morning requesting for some money, and the man promised to give him in the evening, not knowing the plans of the man.

When he returned to the man in the evening, he was cut with sword and thrown into the well. I thank God for Christian Association of Nigeria, Plateau State who introduced me to Stephen Centre International for free education. God bless them

Name: Jerus Musa

Age: 10 years

State of Origin: Kano

May 11, 2004, was the day religious riot started in Kano. The mob came and met my father on the way trying to save the lives of the family members. They killed him and burnt his body. The body was taken away by government in the night of May 12, 2004. Till today no one knows where they buried him.

Thanks to Stephen Centre Int'l for caring and for giving me free education.



Name: Lazarus Istifanus

Age: 13 years old.

State of Origin: Kaduna

LGA: Zango Kataf.



My father was an active member of ECWA church in Kaduna. During the riot, we were kept in one house while my father stood outside as a watchman to inform us when the rioters were coming. The rioters met

him outside and poured petrol on him and burnt him to death. When we heard this we all ran away. I was brought to Stephen Centre Int'l Abeokuta by Voice of the Christian Martyrs Nigeria. They take care of my feeding, clothing and education free of charge. May God continue to bless them.

Name: Bulus Yakubu Dakai

Age: 5 years

State of Origin: Plateau State

We live in Pryom Local Government area of Plateau State, Jos. My father was a devoted and committed Christian and his life is worthy of emulation.

It was around 5.30 am when the rioters rang a Church bell that was hanging on the outside. It is the custom of the villagers to meet in one place every morning for prayers. Suddenly, the rioters surrounded the Church and village and started killing people. My father was one of the victims. Thank God for Christian Association of Nigeria (C. A. N) Chairman who introduced me to Voice of the Christian Martyrs



STILL... more stories



Name: Toma Davou. **Age:** 13 years **State of Origin:** Plateau State

My Father was a bricklayer by profession and lived in Jos South Local Government Plateau State. He went to the town for his normal work when the rioters just surrounded him and shot him dead. And he was the first to be killed in our Local Government area. I never knew I will have hope for a better future, but thank God who holds my future and He passed through Christian Association of Nigeria (C. A. N) Plateau State to introduce me to Voice of the Christian Martyrs Nigeria for free education at Stephen Centre International in Abeokuta, Ogun State. May the Lord continue to bless the Organisation.

Name: Tina Daniel **Age:** 8 years **State of Origin:** Kaduna (Gbagyi Local Govt.)

My father and grandmother were walking along the road side during Kaduna 2000 riot, when the rioters bounced on my grandmother and cut her head. My father tried to carry her corpse away when they also bounced on him and killed him. My mother heard of the killing and wanted to rescue my father, she started crying when she saw his remains.

My mother brought me to Stephen Centre International at Abeokuta.



Name: Malachi Musa **Age:** 12 years **Class :** Jss1 **State of Origin:** Kano

May 11, 2004, religious riot took place in Kano. The mob came and met my father on the way trying to save the lives of the family members. They killed him and burnt his body. The body was taken by government in the night of May 12, 2004, and buried in a mass burial. Till today, the family knows not where they buried him.

Hassan and Hussein Musa

Our father was attacked by rioters on his way home in 2004's Kano riot.



Mary and Martha Fidelis

Our Father was burnt to ashes after rioters surrounded our house in Kano 2004 crisis.



Miracle & Precious Nwaforcha

Our father was stabbed on 21st February 2006. Died on 21st after having been rushed to the hospital as a result of religious crisis in Bauchi, Nigeria.



Samaila and Ayuba Isah

Our father was killed by rioters after he was captured in our house and killed in Kano in 2004 riot.

Shedrack, Meshak and Abednego Tanko

Our father Mr. Ali Tanko was murdered on his way to work by the rioters in Kaduna 2000 crisis. He was a Medical Doctor.



MARY and MARY in the camp



Isaac saw two women in the camp who were both pregnant. Eventually, both of them gave birth, each to a baby girl. Each mother decided to call her own baby Mary. When the crisis subsided, the refugees left the camp to their various homes to find out who was alive or dead in the family. The two women also left the camp. The death of others and the suffering of those who survived kept coming back to Isaac's mind. He was restless on what line of action he should take to assist the suffering men, orphans, and women.

"I was challenged", Isaac said.

The memory of the two women kept coming back to his mind.

He must do something to assist them! He moved his emphasis beyond the two women, on ways to help others who also lost their husbands. His decision rested on the orphans particularly. He had to consult the widows to seek advice on a possible way of taking away the children to train.

"I took away the first eight children from Kaduna widows to Abeokuta where we originally opened a small centre to teach people computer skills and a primary school. The number increased to fourteen children all from Kaduna. Their age was from five years and above. When they first came to Abeokuta, they did not speak fluent English nor Yoruba languages. We communicated with our hands. Few months after, they were able to speak

and sing and communicated both in English and Yoruba languages fluently", Isaac informed.

A few years after, Isaac went in search of the two women refugees. In the course of his search for the women, in order to help the children, he discovered that one of the women and her child, Mary had died. He found the second woman and her Mary. He took Mary to the Stephen Centre International Group of Schools at Abeokuta to train.

The eight children from Kaduna formed the nucleus of the Stephen Centre International Group of Schools. "The following year, 2001, we increased the number to 14, and we added another 6, bringing the number to 20, all from Kaduna State. We decided to call them "Nigeria's Special Children," Isaac said.

The reason for the name is obvious. One can imagine that as the children grow, they may not want to be called orphans. Isaac decided to call them "Nigeria's Special Children".

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CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING of Religious Crisis in NIGERIA

IS RELIGIOUS CRISIS IN NIGERIA?

- A. Political
- B. Tribal
- C. Religious
- D. Economic
- E. Spiritual

WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE?

- A. Fire for fire
- B. Street protests
- C. Litigation
- D. Political lobbying
- E. Take spiritual authority

Ephesians 6:12


For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Matthew 16:19


And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled



*The answer to both questions above is "E"



TREADING THE PATH OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

*Are Christians Aware of the Growing
Trend in Religious Riots?*

- Rev. Isaac Oluwole Wusu

I remember that some years ago, I spoke in a church in Owerri about the persecuted church under the Communist Regime in Soviet Union and the people said, "that can never happen in Nigeria. So, why should you ask us to pray for the persecuted church?" I came to Kaduna and Christians told me the same thing, "it can never happen here".

There was this incident in Kafanchan, where there was this young man preaching and a Muslim lady jumped on the podium and said "if the men cannot defend Islam, women will do it". From that moment, it has been riots upon riots, persecutions and killing of Christians in the northern parts of Nigeria.

Due to my early exposure to the travails of the persecuted church in Communist nations, through my association with the Voice of Martyrs, I used to visit various Universities and churches all over Nigeria.

My ministry then was creating awareness about the persecuted church and mobilizing prayer support for Christians facing inhuman treatment in nations hostile to Christianity. In a number of instances, I was opposed by Christians! I remember that in ABU, Zaria as well as in the University of Jos, some Christian students came openly to attack us. They challenged us for talking about Christian persecution in Russia because to them, Russia was a model of the perfect society. In those days, the influence of Russian Socialism was prevalent in the universities where many of the students were either Leninist or Marxist.

The situation in Nigeria today is fast approaching the unenviable record of the Communist regimes in Christian persecution. For example, consider the post election riot in April 2011. For what reason should dissatisfaction with elections result in the destruction of churches? For those of us who are on the ground,



who see thousands upon thousands of dead bodies, Christians, killed, murdered, you are not satisfied. People have asked me how religious riots can be stopped. I have often replied that it cannot be stopped until the Almajiris are taken off the streets. Until you take these children off the streets, you cannot know peace. Let me tell you, the leaders in the North will not do anything about taking them off the streets. Their belief is that in any city in which you do not have these beggars on the street, the city cannot be blessed. So these children grow up in hopeless conditions. They sleep on the streets; they are covered with flies and live in inhuman conditions. They therefore kill without passion because they themselves

grow up in hopeless conditions.

I challenge the church in Nigeria to come forth and help the persecuted church. I think the church needs to pray more. To stand up and be serious about issues that affect Christianity. When the government sees us that we are serious, they are ready to dialogue with us. However, the current culture of corruption that has entered the church hinders the effectiveness of the church. A government that gives you "Ghana must go" is telling you to shut up.

We are making a lot of mistakes. They keep burning the churches and the Christians will rebuild it and the cycle continues. We can keep on building and multiplying churches, every denomination wants to build its own cathedral in the North. But the more we build, the more they are tearing them down.

I think a major project that the church should embark upon is to create funds to produce books that will gear people to become Christians. For example, we have some books in Hausa that are going round the North with positive results. The church should aim to produce millions of such books that will encourage and convict the people to accept Christ.

We must be able to give the Bible as well as the gospel clearly in the language that people can understand. Let the church mobilize resources to provide the gospel and make it abundantly available that tracts in Hausa language will be available everywhere. If we can do that, we are bound to see a lot of conversions.

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The **ALAKE OF EGBALAND,**
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**NIGERIA'S
SPECIAL CHILDREN**





How did the Stephen Centre Start?

In 2000, while I was distributing relief materials donated by international organizations, I came across two women in a refugee camp who gave birth to two girls and named them Mary. It was a story of Mary and Mary. The circumstances leading to their birth was very touching. By the time I went back searching for the two Marys, I discovered that one had died with the mother. The other Mary, whom I carried, survived and I brought her with me to Abeokuta.

Stephen Centre was not actually founded as a school. While we were in Lagos, the harassment during the Abacha regime was so terrible that my brother suggested that I move to his apartment in Abeokuta. Incidentally we spent little time there since the situation in Nigeria was not conducive for our activities so we moved to Ghana.

After the death of Abacha and Abiola, I decided to use the apartment which I was given in Abeokuta as a computer school and Christian library. That is why the name of this school is called Stephen Centre. I first brought 8 children here from Kaduna. I called them Kaduna Special Children. Without funding support, we increased the number to 14, then 40, later to 50. We later brought children from Kano, Bauchi, Jos, Maiduguri, and from Boko Haram uprising.

Now, there are 300 of such children here. We call them the family of martyrs. Each of them lost either both parents or one of the parents in

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religious uprising in northern Nigeria.

When we brought them in those days, we could not communicate. I cannot speak Hausa very well, none of the children could speak English, so we used signs to communicate. By the end of July 2011, we should have had 44 of them who have graduated from the College here; 7 of them are in the University.

Till today, the 7 students are not sponsored by anybody apart from us. We did not get any external help for them. To date, we have only paid their Acceptance Fee. We have not been able to pay their school fees in the University.

What has been the contribution of Nigerian churches in supporting the persecuted church?

Coming to real participation in Stephen Centre, I think I would still

challenge the church to come forward.

I remember the General Secretary of CAN asking me, "Isaac, this your kind of mission, assume people from overseas did not support you, what would have become of it?"

What we usually notice is that whenever there is religious riot in the North, churches collect used clothes of the members and send them to the North. There is no reason for our church leaders to think that the only way they can help the persecuted church in the northern Nigeria is by giving them some small relief, some rice, and such like. I think we still see the Voice of the Christian Martyrs (Canada) giving more to persecuted Christians than the Church in Nigeria.



HELP COMES FROM ABROAD FOR PERSECUTED NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS



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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
Mrs Christianah Oluwatobi
OLUSEESIN





THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS CHRISTIANA OLUWATOBI OLUSEESIN

In March 2007, a shocking story came out of Nigeria's Gombe state which drew worldwide attention. A Christian school teacher, Christiana Oluwatobi Oluseesin, a mother of two small children was brutally murdered. What made the tragedy even more disturbing is that the killers were students of the school where she taught.

But what actually happened, why such a tragic death? Christiana was supervising a classroom during examination in a government school. According to the procedures in the school, the students were not allowed to bring their bags into the examination hall. As a devoted teacher who would not allow cheating, she took the bag from the girl and before she knew it the girl started screaming "Allah Akbar" meaning "God is great".

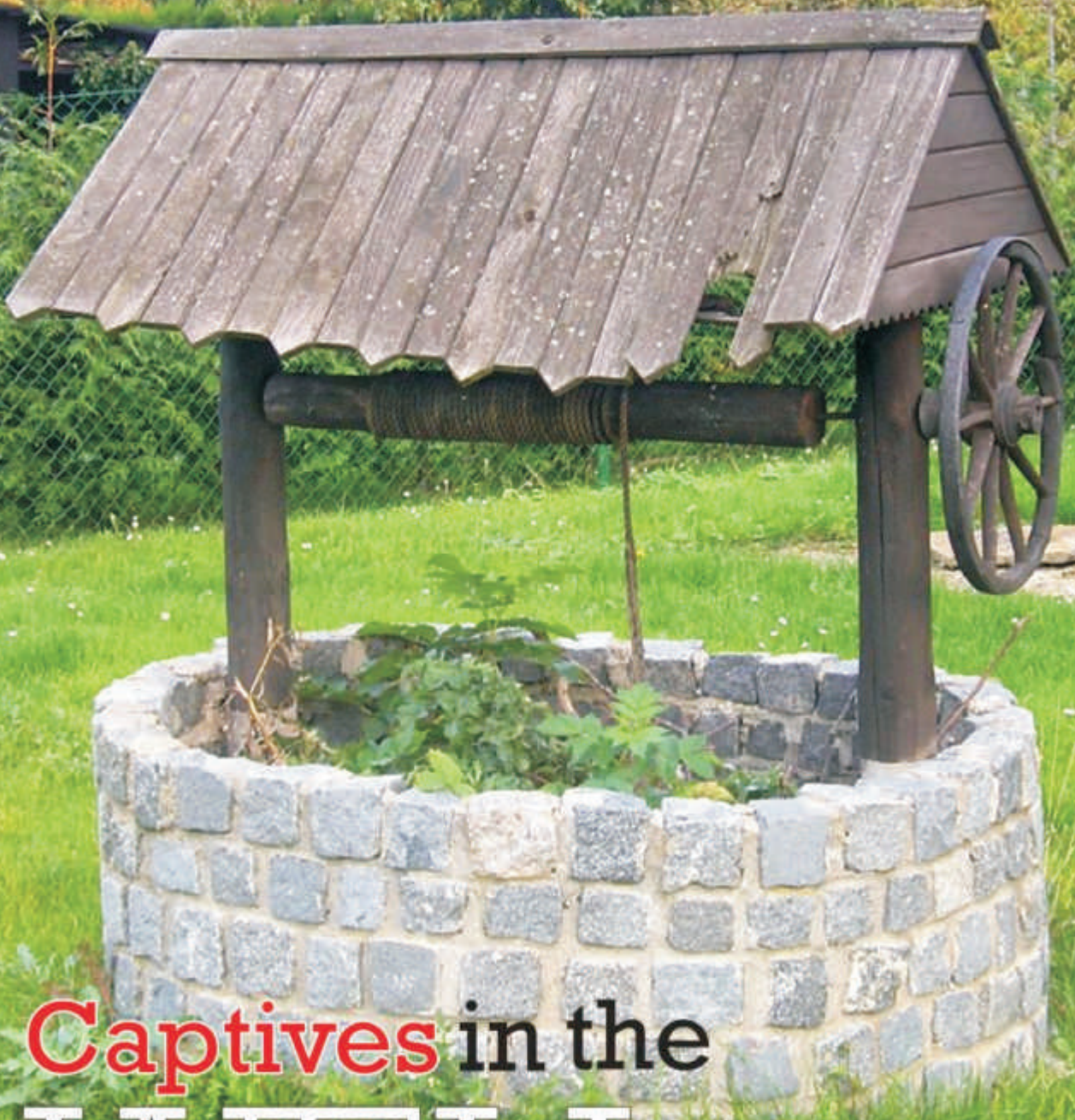
Mrs. Oluwaseesin was tagged as desecrating the Quran, that she, being a Christian touched the bag containing the Quran. The students murdered Christiana and dragged her corpse outside and burnt it. Later findings revealed that it was not the Quran that was inside the bag, but a piece of paper with jottings in the Arabic language. What makes the senseless killing even more

tragic was that it what was supposed to be Christiana's final day in the Government school in Gombe state. She was to join her husband in Abeokuta, Ogun state, where she had a new job lined up. To date, no one has been prosecuted for the gruesome murder.

Her husband said he has no option but to forgive those who took his wife away from him. "The only way I can help myself and to live longer to take care of my children is to forgive them. But all I am trying to tell the world is that even though I've forgiven them, I may not be able to forget it, because it is not easy to forget."

The Voice of Christian Martyrs from Canada has established a computer training project in Christiana's memory through donations made by Christians from across Canada. The training facility has 60 computer units and it is located at the Stephen's Centre in Abeokuta.

The bereaved family received thousands of letters and encouragement from people around the world. "It was amazing to receive all these from around the world. It's been a source of joy and encouragement to me and the children; the cards, the letters, some even sent flowers".



Captives in the
WELL

During a bitter civil war, a soldier discovered 10 men thrown into a deep well by the enemies. He was in a hurry to meet his commanding officer, so he got a rope and pulled one man out. The soldier instructed the man to pull the other people out, and the soldier left.

The man waited for the soldier to go out of sight before he chopped the rope and walked briskly away. He was in a hurry to make a business appointment!!

What do you think God will do to that inconsiderate man?

If you were one of the 9 men left in the well, how would you feel?

By the way, who was that selfish, wicked, and self-centred man?

He represents the Christian that refuses to evangelize. He has been pulled out of the well of eternal destruction, but he refuses to pull others out.

So, what shall happen to such a Christian when the Lord shall return? Shall the Lord accept his business profit/prosperity as compensation?

There is good news, however. We have a solution for you. We know that you love the Lord and you desire to obey Him. It's just that, evangelism ... Hmm, evangelism.

Yes, we know and we understand.

Let us ask, why do Christians find evangelism difficult?

- Most churches no longer emphasize obedience to the Lord. Much emphasis is placed on blessings, prosperity, breakthrough and wealth.
- There is misunderstanding on how blessings come. Matthew 6: 33; John 12: 26; and John 15: 16 confirm that evangelism is actually the key that unlocks blessings, prosperity, and wealth.
- Believers are not properly trained and equipped to share their faith.

So, we have produced the tools for effective witnessing. You can witness and you will enjoy it.

We have designed creative tracts aimed at various groups of people in the society. E.g. Drug addicts, party lovers, youths, prostitutes, prisoners, business executives, politicians, students, cultists, and so on. There are even doctrinal tracts that explain in creative manner complex doctrines like redemption, justification, adoption, repentance and so on. You can give these to new converts. There are also general tracts that can be given to anybody.

All that you need to do is to pick the tracts for the groups that you wish to reach and Karis Tracts will do the rest. These tracts are interesting to read; they are short, sharp, and focused.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TIPS:

- It is recommended that you get a partner if you wish to go on street evangelism. Do not go on outside evangelism alone. Even the Lord sent the disciples out two-by-two.
- Unbelievers are all around you. You can drop tracts at fast food centres, (as they eat, they will read) at banking halls, (while they wait to be served, they will read) supermarkets and pharmacy (they will pick it as bonus), barber's shop, hair dressing salon, on your seat as you leave the bus or taxi, etc. You do not need to stand by the side of the road to distribute tracts!
- You can target secondary and primary school students as they close from school. They are relaxed and friendly at that time of the day.
- You can give your child a pack to take to the University. Once naughty students see him/her distributing tracts, they will leave your child alone.
- You can order tracts to support ministries in your home town. At no extra cost to you, we can produce tracts in your native language to reach your people.
- All our tracts are custom produced for churches, fellowships, individuals, and companies owned by Christians. All your contact details shall be on the tracts that you order.
- If you want to invest in soul winning (that is, laying your treasure in heaven), and you do not know who to reach, we can administer the distribution of the tracts for you. You will receive a report on where the tracts went. Your tracts can go to places you cannot reach.

**So, are you ready to
set the captives free?**





“Paul planted;
Apollos watered”

GET INVOLVED

You may not be the person
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You may not **SPONSOR**
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Igbala nipase ala (Itan Khosrow)
Igbala nipase ala (Itan Khalil)
Igbala nipase ala (Itan Ali)

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WHERE IS THE
GATE
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located in
NIGERIA?

Think about it. How come since Independence in 1960, Nigeria has not had one Godly leader?

It is certain that for ethnic and tribal reasons, people will seek to point to one or two past leaders as Godly, but a sincere appraisal of all the past leaders will reveal that the nation has not had a single Godly leader since Independence.

It is pertinent to define what is meant by "Godly" within the context of this discourse. On the spiritual side, a Godly leader is one that does not traffic in occultism, charms and has no association whatsoever with cults or powers of darkness. On the moral side, he does not take decisions to favour himself or his friends. He has no iota of corruption, injustice, covetousness, or illegal acquisition of wealth that can be ascribed to him. He puts the people first and does not discriminate either on the basis of religion, tribe, ethnicity, class, or gender.

In the ancient northern kingdom of Israel, the gate of hell was located in Bethel and it led to the destruction of the entire nation till today. Let us turn into the Bible:

"And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Genesis 28:17

As Jacob was fleeing from Esau, he caught the revelation of the gate of heaven in the land. He saw a ladder reaching from the earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending. As long as that gate remained opened, grace, favour, mercy and goodness shall continue to flow into the land. He named the place "Bethel", "house of God", and



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to affirm the spiritual importance of the spot, anointed the place in worship.

To confirm the flow of mercy upon the land, when the children of Israel returned from captivity, goodness filled the land. Of course, on many occasions they would stray from God, but they would always come back in repentance. Since the gate of heaven remained opened, righteous leaders would always spring up in the land to bring restoration. The ministry of the prophets flourished and many kings were obedient to the Lord. The reigns of David and Solomon brought unsurpassed wealth, victory, and expansion to the nation. Everybody was happy. Everybody? Not really. The devil was mad.

Since Lucifer understood spiritual principles very well, he realized that so long as the gate of heaven remained opened, he could not destroy the nation. He bided his time and waited for an opportunity to present itself. Sure enough, an opportunity came in the days of Jeroboam. Working on the fear and insecurity of Jeroboam, Satan led him to set up a golden calf, where? At the gate of heaven. An abomination was placed right under the nose of God. The golden calf was placed at Bethel!

“Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.”
1 Kings 12:28-29

The devil knew what God did not want to see in the land. Remember that it was because of the golden calf that God nearly annihilated the entire nation in the wilderness if not for the intercession of Moses. The calculation of the devil was correct. The moment the golden calf landed in Bethel, the gate of heaven was shut. In the northern kingdom of Israel, mercy, favour, goodness, and godliness, stopped flowing from heaven. It is amazing to note that the northern kingdom existed for 255 years and had 19 kings. Not one of them was Godly. Even though powerful prophets like Elijah ministered in the land and Elisha came with double the spiritual power of Elijah, the nation did not turn back to God. The people saw miracles upon miracles, they experienced divine intervention, again and again, but they did not return to God. Why? The gate of heaven in the land was shut. Until the image that provoked to jealousy was removed, the gate of heaven would not open to the land.

Of course, the moment the gate of heaven was shut, the gate of hell opened. In the days of David, the soldiers in the northern kingdom numbered one million. (1 Chr. 21: 5) By the reign of Jehoahaz, son of Jehu, the army had been reduced to fifty charioteers and ten thousand foot soldiers. (2 Kings 13: 7)

To make sure that righteous indignation was heavy upon the land, the devil duplicated the abomination by setting up another one in Dan. The land came under God's indignation. For all the evil kings in the northern kingdom, God kept repeating the same charge against them, “the sin of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat”. And what was the sin of Jeroboam? The golden calf at Bethel. That was the major sin in the land.

When king Josiah eventually appeared to destroy the altar, long after the nation had been destroyed, he carried the ashes of the idols that he destroyed in Jerusalem to Bethel! Why? Because the problem was located at Bethel and he carried the ashes of the other idols there to defile the evil altar. Imagine carrying ashes from one city to another city.

2 Kings 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.

Nothing stopped the people from tearing down the altar in Bethel after the young prophet cried against it and gave two powerful signs immediately - the tearing down of the altar and the hand of the king that withered. That was a wonderful opportunity for the people to avert a national calamity; but, no, they did nothing. They simply repaired the altar that God tore and continued in their idolatry. So, God left them to their ways. 255 years later, the entire nation was destroyed. Till today, no one knows where the ancient Israelites of the northern kingdom are.

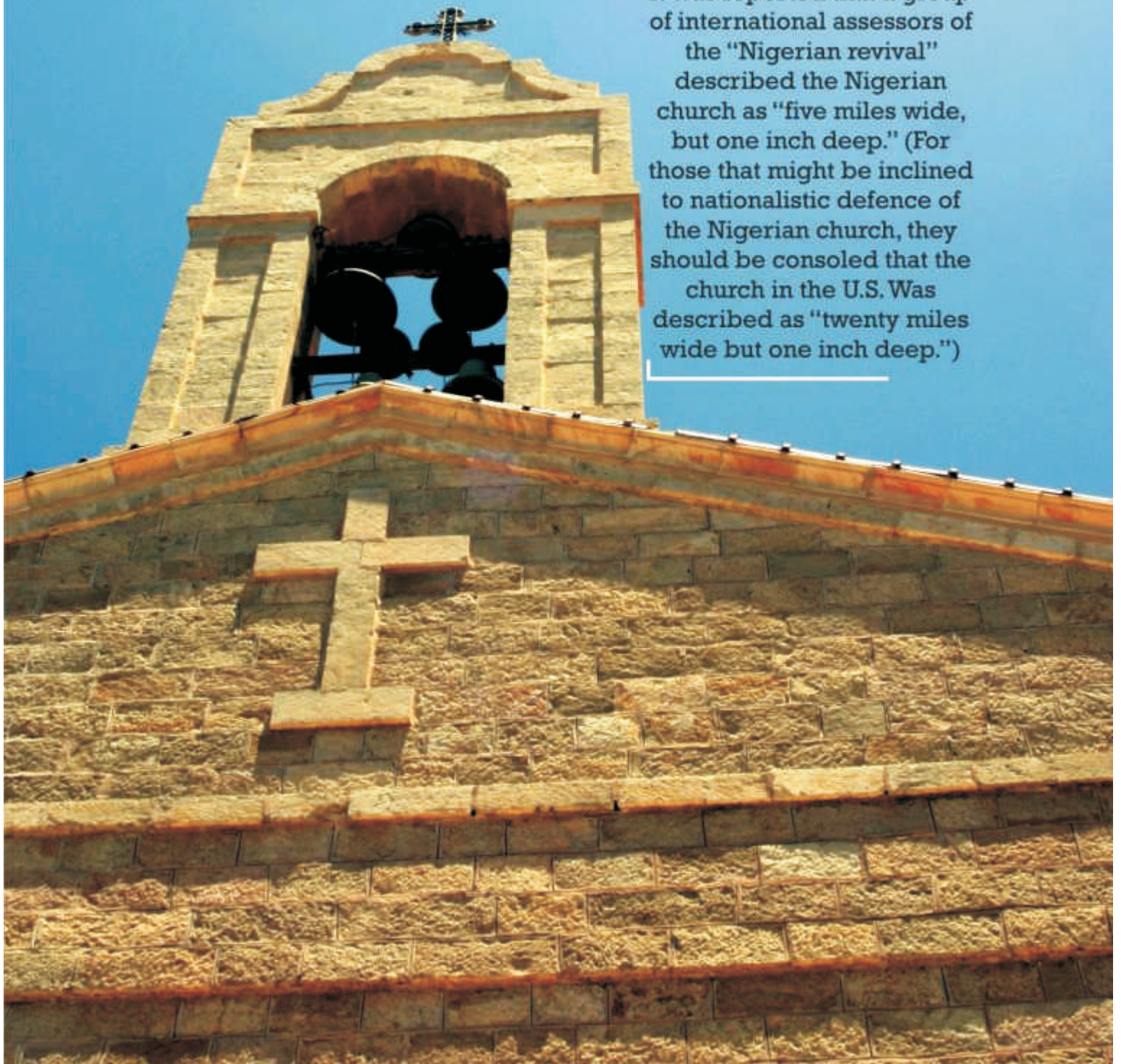
Could something similar have been done in Nigeria around 1960, at the foundation of the nation? Did a prominent leader in Nigeria set up an image or a covenant that is provoking God to anger against the land? Is there something that Christians need to focus repentance prayers upon and prayerfully tear it down? When a nation has had over twelve leaders and not one of them could be considered Godly, then, the issue is no longer a coincidence. Where is the gate of hell located in the land?

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STATE OF THE NIGERIAN CHURCH

It was reported that a group of international assessors of the "Nigerian revival" described the Nigerian church as "five miles wide, but one inch deep." (For those that might be inclined to nationalistic defence of the Nigerian church, they should be consoled that the church in the U.S. Was described as "twenty miles wide but one inch deep.")



The issue here is not how wide the church is or is not, but the spiritual depth of the church. Is the Nigerian church spiritual? Is the Nigerian church reflecting the character, the image, of Christ? The multitudes that are in the church, in which eternal destination are they heading? What is responsible for shallow spirituality in the church?

Dr. U Obed, in his paper "Imperative of Transformational Discipleship in the Global Church Pursuit of the Great Commission" identified 'discipleship' as the missing link. He stated that "pastors' emphases in the last few decades have shifted from concern for believers' spiritual growth to more humanistic issues." Churches are evidently more concerned about the financial and material prosperity of the Christians than the imperative spiritual growth of the believers. There is a wide gap between the physical growth of the church and its spiritual growth. While numerically the church is becoming a giant, spiritually it is turning into a dwarf.

The Nigerian church is in dire need of disciples. Only genuine disciples can reverse the downward spiritual trend the church is facing. There is a crowd that turns up every Sunday in church but, to a spiritually discerning observer, majority of them are fake converts. They are not in church to do the will of Christ; they are in church seeking prosperity and miracles.

Of course, not all is gloom. The Lord in His mercy still has a remnant in the land. There are still faithful men and women in the land doing the work of the Lord, according to the dictates of heaven. Mention must be made of the faithful missionary men and women labouring on the harvest field, faithful ministers serving the Lord without covetousness, and the faithful men and women engaged in intercession day and night.

However, it would appear that the mainstream church is facing serious faith issues challenges that must be addressed and reversed in the best interest of the church and the nation. Some of the problems plaguing the Church are:

1. Worldliness: The average believer is blazing with passion for the wealth, pleasures, and fame of the world. A Christian brother lamented, "if you are in looking for the church in the world, you cannot find the church. But if you are looking for the world in the church, you will find the world right inside the church." Spurred by prophecies of transfer of wealth from the ungodly to the righteous, the average believer is panting after worldly prosperity — by fire or by force. Christian leaders run the church with the mentality of those that "rule over the Gentiles". The Nigerian church has a new wave of spiritual leaders canvassing violence as Christian response to violence. Pride, vanity, greed, obsession with wealth, acquisition of titles, immorality and scandals of various shades plague the church. In many assemblies, spiritual mediocrity is openly displayed on the altar.

2. Lack of spiritual impact: As the Nigerian church increases in size, so do corruption, immorality, terrorism, cultism, moral bankruptcy, murder, drug addiction, and crime in the nation. The church has not been able in recent times to set a moral standard for the nation. Evil seems to be keeping pace with church growth; in some instances, like the situation in the northern part of the nation, evil is openly challenging the church. A spiritually vibrant church should be able to exert spiritual authority over the satanic forces of violence in the land and speak peace to troubled waters.

3. Spiritually myopic: The church seems to have lost the vision of heaven. One scarcely hears sermons extolling the beauty and glory of heaven as a place to look forward to. Inappropriate attention is paid to well-being in the world. Like the church in Laodicea, Nigerian believers exult in "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, ..." The rebuke of the Lord is well deserved, "knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and

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naked." Rev. 3:17 The church is exposed; it seems as if the Nigerian church has no spiritual cover. Evil is intimidating the sons of God. In certain parts of the country, people are afraid to go to church on Sunday.

4. Hero worshipping: In most assemblies, the pastor has assumed the status of a demigod. The honour and adulation accorded ministers of the gospel is Pharisaic. (Mt. 23: 5-7) In some congregations, the pastor is worshipped. Rarely would one find a pastor that regards himself as a "brother" in the church. They have become "fathers in the Lord". That the Lord stated clearly "all ye are brethren" does not seem to impress the Nigerian church leaders. That the Master commanded, "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9), does not impress Nigerian Christians. One gets the impression that some assemblies have increased the membership of the Godhead by one — the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost and their Pastor. Unfortunately, the pastors not only encourage this aberration, but like the Pharisees of old, they seem to enjoy the honour and the glory. When the Lord said "But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." (Mk 10:43-44), the Nigerian church is not attentive. In fact, you can scarcely

find a church leader that has a servant attitude; they reign as kings. The people of God have become their subjects.

5. Lack of Godly focus in ministry:

While the northern part of the country as well as the northern part of Africa are screaming for evangelization and Christian welfare, Nigerian church boards a flight to the U.S. and Europe to establish churches and preach the gospel in places that have received the gospel long before we did. While one agrees that every soul is sacred and God does not want any soul to perish, the statement by Oswald Smith cannot but give us a Godly perspective to the work of the gospel. "No man has the right to hear the gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once." In the 10/40 window, there are over 2.5 billion souls that have not heard the gospel. What should be the priority of the church? Reaching those who have never heard, or stuffing those who have hardened their hearts against Christ? How can we expect spiritual power to continue to flow from heaven if we persist in going in the wrong direction? Not only is manpower wrongly directed, resources are also misallocated. Millions are spent in the construction of architectural monstrosities called cathedrals while millions of souls are thirsty for the living water in other parts of the country. Does it stop there? No. Mention must be made of acquisition of worldly paraphernalia like, private jets, exotic vehicles, mansions, designer made wardrobes, and so on. All these, at the

expense of raising disciples and penetrating unreached places with the gospel. A new gospel model is emerging: Church Enterprises. The modern church is a business conglomerate with diversified business interests. In the Nigerian church, "a servant can serve two masters".

6. Fragmented to serve men:

How can an army that belongs to the same kingdom, serving the same king, fighting the same enemy, yet, the soldiers refuse to cooperate with each other. Each arm of the army sits in its own corner running its own show. The air force, the infantry, the navy, the commandos, the intelligence unit, the artillery, refuse to practise together, they fail to exchange information and they refuse to go into the battle as a team. How will they win the war? Meanwhile, the enemy is united and well coordinated. It can seem like an unreal scenario, but that is the way the church operates. When last did you see the major denominations hold prayer meeting together? When did you see churches in one city meet together to pray for their city? National prayer? If one denomination plans a successful program, all the other denominations will plan their own. In place of cooperation, there is competition. In place of mutual assistance, there is mutual strife; each arm of the church is seeking to outdo the other. The Lord died to build one body, church leaders have split his body into thousand parts. All for commercial reasons. The more people you have, the more the offering and the tithes you will collect. So, nobody wants to lose a member. The prerogative of the Holy Spirit to move believers to and fro in the church is frustrated. The church is not united to serve the Lord. Even within the denomination, they are fighting each other. One zone is seeking to outdo the other zone. Within the zone the story is the same; all the way down!

7. Inability to raise disciples: The Lord commanded, "go into all the earth and make disciples ..." Matt. 28:19 (NIV). It is quite understandable that people will object by insisting, "in our church, we are disciples."

No problem. In your church, please announce on Sunday that there will be evangelism on Saturday and note how many of those present during the Sunday worship will turn up. The next Sunday, announce that the coming Saturday, there will be love feast with musical concert, and note how many people will NOT turn up. So much for your discipleship program. One never knew it was so bad until a major missions agency revealed that it has started closing down missions training schools. Why? Christian youths are no longer enrolling for missions training. If the church fails to raise disciples, who shall accomplish the Great Commission? Who shall do the will of the Lord? What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? John 6:28.

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“If the church fails to raise disciples, who shall accomplish the Great Commission? Who shall do the will of the Lord? What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?”

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THE Strategic Relevance of NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORP

"A time is coming when the Nigerian government would pay the youths of Nigeria to preach the gospel in all the nooks and crannies of the nation."

- Pastor S. G. Elton

The prophecy given by Pastor Elton about the government sponsoring missionaries was fulfilled in 1973. The administration of General Yakubu Gowon instituted the NYSC Nigerian Youth Service Corps scheme as part of the programme of rehabilitation, reconstruction, and reconciliation.

The introduction of the NYSC scheme resulted in a lot of demonstrations on campuses. The students felt they were being "used" by the Government. Once again, the Student Christian leaders turned to Pastor Elton. Many visited Ilesa severally to seek counsel on this new development. The leader of the Evangelicals Students in O.A.U. remembers Pastor Elton responding this way:

"Can't you see? This is God. This is God sending Nigerian students from the Southwest where there has been revival, to the North to preach the Gospel. Many of you will find yourself in the North and you will preach the Gospel there."

He then renamed the NYSC as:

Nigerian Youths Serving Christ

To confirm this prophecy, CAPRO, the largest Nigerian indigenous missionary agency was established by Youth Corpsers.

Culled from *A Herald of the Last Days*, the story of S. G. Elton, by Ayodeji Abodunde

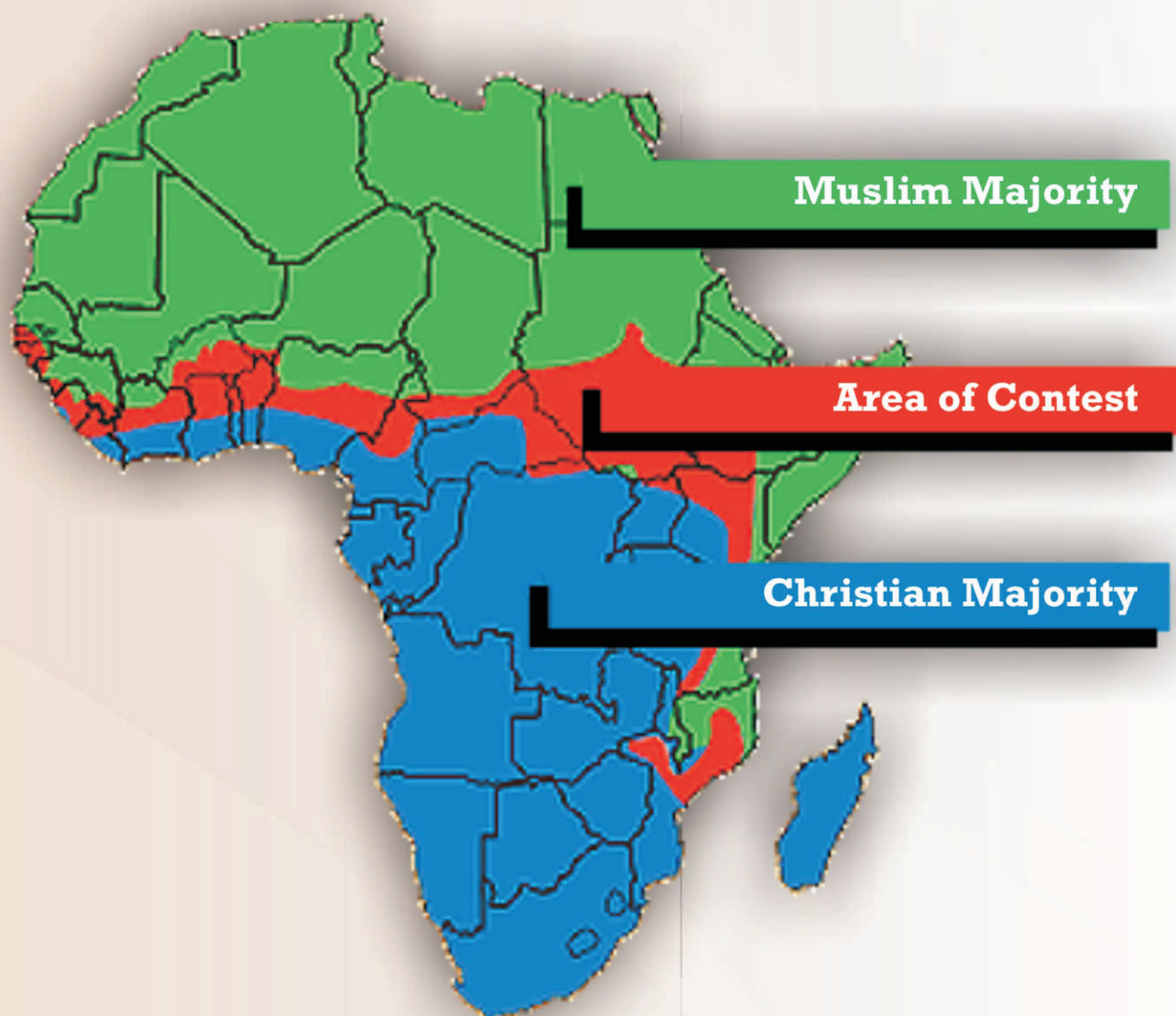
Did The Church Pray?

PRAYER CRY

A call to all Nigerians to watch and pray against the success of this evil plan of the enemy. For I saw the President crying while addressing the nation over this unfortunate occurrence, concern for trapped citizens, and destruction of lives and properties through the unexpected launching of bomb by the bitter envious and ambitious neighbouring nation.

The Ten Virgins Ministry
March 2009

Spiritual Conflict in Africa



PRAY for JOS and the MIDDLE BELT



**It is the spiritual responsibility of every Christian to
PRAY FERVENTLY for the Middle Belt region of Nigeria.**

As can be seen from the African map, the entire Middle Belt of Nigeria lies in the area of contest between opposing religious beliefs.

The only solution to the crisis in Plateau State, and indeed the entire Middle Belt, is prayers.

The Nigerian church must commence immediate and heartfelt intercession for Plateau State as well as for all the other states in the Middle Belt.

Christians are called upon now to develop a national and global view of the church. The traditional view of focusing attention only on the local assembly and on the denomination is not helping anybody. The body of Christ is greater than any local assembly. Whatever affects Christians in the Middle Belt and in the northern parts of the nation, affects every Christian in the

nation, and indeed the whole world.

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12:26-27

Christians should make the religious crisis situation in the Middle Belt and in the northern part of the nation a consistent major prayer point at all Church meetings, particularly during vigils.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isaiah 62:6-7

Pray NOW!

RECLAIM NIGERIA: LET THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARISE

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Matthew 17:21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The problem of Nigeria is simple and straightforward.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34

The only solution to the problem of Nigeria is first and foremost genuine repentance.

We are advocating a 7-day prayer and fasting by all willing Christians, irrespective of denomination, tribe or ethnic group. The fasting shall be night fasting from 6.00 p.m. till 6.00 a.m. Prayers shall be from 12 midnight till 1.00 a.m. This way, office workers can participate and still be fresh to go to work in the morning.

The prayers shall be done individually at home. Please do not go to any place of worship for vigil. We can all use our mobile phones to set alarm for 11.50. p.m. to refresh and be ready to commence prayers by 12.00 midnight.

Join in these prayers when you hear of it.

DAY 1

Start by confessing personal sins and ask forgiveness for yourself in the name of Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:8-9

Confess and ask forgiveness for the sins of the church. Calamity befell the nation because the church went into sin. Greed, covetousness, conspiracies, worship of mammon, adultery, occultism, witchcraft, pride, hero worship, division, disunity, and so on, are the hallmarks of the Nigerian church. Daniel 9:3-10. Confess as many sins as you have noticed in the church. Passionately seek the mercy and forgiveness of the Almighty God.

DAY 2

Matthew 15:13 - Pray that God shall arise and purge His Church of everything that defiles, pollutes, and corrupts the body of Christ in Nigeria. Pray particularly that God shall sweep out of the sanctuary every fake minister of the gospel that Jesus Christ has not planted in His Church. Pray that the fire of God shall fall upon the Church in Nigeria and consume every defilement and carnality. Matthew 21:12-13

Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 3:8 - Pray and take authority over the satanic forces that have been let loose upon Nigeria. Bind all these forces of darkness and cast them back into hell fire. Matthew 16:19

Take specific authority over the blood sucking spirits operating in the land.

DAY 4

Pray and revoke every covenant that is between Satan and Nigeria. Whatever covenant, agreement, initiation, and dedication, that people have gone into with the forces of darkness concerning Nigeria, revoke and nullify all those covenants in the name of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah 10:11; Psalms 24:1-2. Proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ all over Nigeria and revoke whatever right Satan has to operate in this nation.

DAY 5

Pray the judgment of God upon every ungodly and wicked leader/public office holder in Nigeria. Pray that God shall arise in righteous indignation and execute judgment on all those using the instrument of government to loot the treasury, make unrighteous laws and promote evil in the land. Isaiah 26:9-11. Pray that the offices that they occupy in unrighteousness shall vomit them out. Job 20:15-29

DAY 6

Isaiah 5:20-25. Pray for the judiciary. There are frequent instances of weak and questionable judgments particularly concerning corruption and election malpractices cases. If dubious elections are justified by the judiciary, the wrong set of people will be in power. If corrupt people are not righteously judged, corruption shall continue to thrive. Pray that God shall intervene and cause the judiciary to be reformed in righteousness and justice. Pray that corrupt and compromising judges in the land shall be removed and replaced with righteous judges.

DAY 7

Pray that the purpose of God concerning Nigeria shall come to pass. Pray for revival in this land. Isaiah 2:2-3; pray for divine restoration concerning all that this nation has lost. Pray that Nigeria shall become a praise to all nations on the earth. Isaiah 62:1-9

PRAY FOR NIGERIA



the WOODPECKERS must GO!

*... ye that make mention of the
Lord, keep not silence. And give
him no rest, till he establish,
and till he make NIGERIA a
praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:6-7

WRESTLING for the SOUL of NIGERIA

| Mrs. Patience Eworo

“ Calling Women to surrender their Wombs to incubate the prayer Burden for a New Nigeria ”

Sometime in 2009, before late President Yar'adua was declared ill and taken out of the nation, I had this vision in which I was translated into Aso Rock by the Spirit of the Lord and I was privy to observe, in the spirit, a caucus meeting which was in session. The participants had a document, and that document was the Constitution of Nigeria. They were trying to amend the Constitution so that the Vice President will not become the president of Nigeria should the President die suddenly. Right in that realm where I was, I spoke out a word, "Do you want to disintegrate Nigeria? Do you want to bring chaos upon this nation by amending the Constitution?"

Immediately, the person who held that document was in a state of fear, like, who saw us? Whose voice is this? His hand clung to the paper and he began looking to the right and to the left trying to see who knew that meeting was going on.

As I woke up from that revelation, I knew that the Lord had revealed to me that something was brewing that will cause chaos in this nation if we did not start praying immediately! I shared this with the other intercessors and we began to pray. It was after we had started praying that all the problems and confusion that the nation witnessed during that period started to manifest. When it seemed as if it would turn into a major crisis, we were not worried because we knew how it would end.

One thing I got from that revelation is that they would not be able to perform their enterprise.

No matter what they planned the Lord had revealed it and planted it in the womb of His daughters as a prayer burden.

I entered the ministry of intercession through a deep-seated and long standing burden concerning the poverty, lack of development, terrible crimes, abuse of womanhood and general darkness and setback pervading the land of Edo State. This outcry came right from within when I realized that things were not the way they ought to be. I made my discovery from scriptures in 2 Chronicles 7: 14. I got stirred up by this Bible promise and began to speak to a few sisters from Edo State that I knew were fervent in the spirit that there was a need for us to meet, according to this promise of God, to begin to intercede for our State. It was in 2004 when that burden actually started.

By September 11, 2005, we had our first meeting, strictly to intercede for Edo State. But somewhere along the line, I remember that the very day September 11, 2005, that we were to start praying for Edo state, Pastor Yemi Adekunle called me on the phone and told me that he needed to see me urgently. He told me that he had a word for me from the Lord that the Lord spoke to him categorically, mentioned my name in his ear, "Go tell my daughter, Patience, that I want her to gather women unto me who will wrestle the soul of Nigeria out of the hands of the devil"

That sounded strange to me, "Wrestle the soul of Nigeria"? Does Nigeria have a soul? I just said to him that this very day, we are going to gather and 7 other sisters are going to join me and we are going to start praying for Edo State. He said he thinks it is beyond Edo State. What he heard is "wrestle the soul of Nigeria out of the hand of the devil. Bring Nigeria out of darkness into My purposes." I just said it is okay, since we are going to pray for Edo State, we shall just include the nation in the prayer. We gathered twice a month to pray for Edo state.

By December of that year, I was having my quiet time and I heard the voice of the Spirit of the Lord say to me, "My daughter, I have not called you to Edo State alone. This intercession is not all about Edo state, but the entire nation." It is about His purposes, about His treasures. It is about any woman who could give back her

womb to Him; any woman who understood His purposes, not just any ordinary woman. I wondered what this meant. What does it mean to "render the womb back to Him"? God explained it to me (and it was as if I was having a conversation with the Spirit of God), that when a woman gets pregnant, what takes place? It is like a seed has been planted. What happens next? The woman begins to guard that seed jealously, she nurtures it in expectation until it comes to fruition. Now, this is what I want from you. I want you to gather women that I will sow seeds in their womb - plant my burden inside them. That seed is my burden, what I want accomplished on the earth." Any woman prepared to give her womb to the Lord can be a part of this prayer group; it is not restricted to the women from Edo State alone.

What exactly is intercession?

Intercession is standing in the gap. Psalms 115: 16 says that God has given the earth to the children of men, so whatever operates here is left for man to handle. Until we invite Him into that situation, His hands are tied because God is a legal God, He does not usurp authority. With this knowledge, God is always looking for one person who understands. God is grieved if He cannot find an intercessor whenever one is needed. In Isaiah 59: 16 there was so much iniquity in the land, and God was looking for someone to intercede for the land. He was quite pained that there was no intercessor. No one to stand on the earth to call upon Him so that He would say I have heard the voice of my daughter or my son. He has given us the legal right to come and intercede. So intercession is standing to represent God and man.

How do you develop the burden needed for intercession?

First, you must develop the mind of Christ. Your focus must cease to be on yourself and on your needs. Christ was not concerned about Himself but on the needs of others. The burden comes when you are empty of yourself. Why would God give you His burden when you are full of personal burdens and your problems? God gives intercessory

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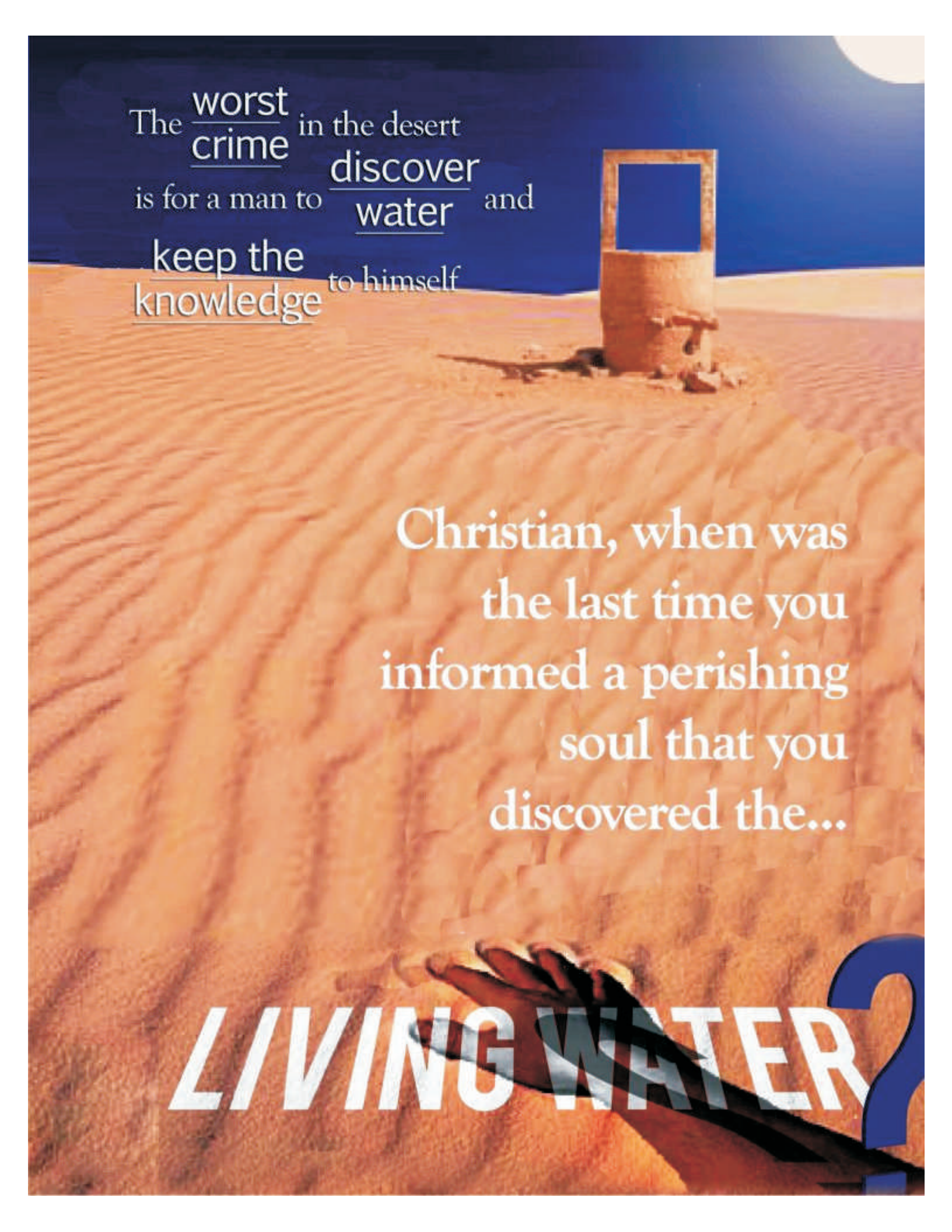
burden to those He knows will take prayer action. If you are an intercessor, you are empty of your personal worries, anxieties, and cares, so there is room for God to give you prayer revelations. However, if you are full of yourself and your needs, there is no room for God in you; you cannot receive intercessory prayer burdens. So God just bypasses you. The present structure in the church, in which there is so much emphasis on meeting the needs of the individual, is a hindrance to effective intercession. It is not that you should not talk to God about your needs. Once you mention it leave it there. God knows what you need before you ask. All He wants you to do is occupy for Him till He comes. Therefore, do not bother yourself with what you will eat or drink. Unfortunately, because we are such unbelieving children, we have decided to cry and shout the "Luciferean prayer" that is just about "I, T, T", nothing but "me", as shown in Isaiah 14. Most of these repetitive "I" prayers of follow this Luciferean pattern. This is not what we have learnt from Christ.

Is intercession a general call on all Christians or a specific call on a few?

I would say it is a general call in the sense that the Bible tells us categorically, we have been saved to serve. In 2 Corinthians 5: 18 we are called to reconcile others back to God. Apart from evangelizing, witnessing, there is a place where you pray souls out of bondage. God's will can only be done in this sinful world which is presently in the dominion of the devil when believers unite with Him in intercession and witnessing. Christ is forever interceding for us. Hebrews 7: 25. If we belong to Him, should we not be doing what He is doing? Believers must unite with Him in intercession and witnessing. The ills we see in our society and in the world today is a manifestation of the rebellion of mankind against the will of God. Intercession is a general call. In Christendom, there is a level of grace for various tasks. The grace that others have in some aspects I may not carry it. The grace that I carry in intercession ... I could pray for 9 months without asking God for cold water or mentioning to Him that I have a personal issue, but just burning with what I know concerns Him or His will. So I think that it is a grace that I may have in that area that other people may not have. But in all, I think it is a general call, because He says "if my people who are called by my name". I think it is a call to the people of God. He did not say a select few.

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The worst
crime in the desert
is for a man to discover
water and
keep the
knowledge to himself

Christian, when was
the last time you
informed a perishing
soul that you
discovered the...

LIVING WATER?

How is the church handling intercession?

It is unfortunate that we have been so beguiled by the adversary concerning the ministry of intercession in the church. If you go to most of the Christian assemblies, you have Prayer Warriors or prayer group. A prayer group is not an intercessory ministry. Intercession goes beyond the local assembly. An intercessor carries the burden of the prayer with him wherever he or she goes. Most prayer bands gather prayer points to pray and disband till the next prayer meeting. When you are an intercessor, you carry that issue in your womb everywhere you go. When each local assembly has effective intercessory ministry, that is when most of the darkness that is in the church today, the darkness that only a few people can see, will be destroyed, because the intercessor is actually making a highway for the Lord to come in. The intercessor is one that gives God no rest; he just keeps mentioning the matter. I tell you something, especially concerning the women in the local assemblies. I have discovered that the spirituality of any assembly is determined by the spirituality of the women there. This also applies to families. The atmosphere in a local assembly is determined by the spirituality of the women in that assembly.

"Now, this is what I want from you. I want you to gather women that I will sow seeds in their womb - plant my burden inside them.

That seed is my burden, what I want accomplished on the earth." Any woman prepared to give her womb to the Lord can be a part of this prayer group;



In which other areas could you recollect intercession making positive impact upon Nigeria?

Apart from WIIF, there are diverse intercessory groups that God has raised over time in Nigeria. Sometime last year, CAN organized intercessory prayers in Abuja and Lagos, this is apart from the underground ones undertaken by the "silent labourers" working in the background. There was a group that I was privileged to work with last year. We went to Abuja to carry out some prophetic actions at the gate of the city at night. I want to say that such prayers have helped this nation a lot. Some years back, we held a program in Edo tagged Edo Women 3 Days Convocation where we went to take the land for God. A lot of women within and outside Edo State participated in that program. I remember that Pastor Success Oyewole was there with us as well as some intercessors from Akwa Ibom and so on. Just a couple of days back, I reflected on the developments taking place in Edo State and, I see a new Edo State emerging. The last time I visited Benin, I saw what the new governor is doing. As I began to meditate on what I see happening in Edo, it was like God was chiding me, "you did not believe in your Prayer Convocation? This is the fruit of the prayer that the women prayed a few years ago." After Governor Ogbemudia left office, no other

governor has been able to improve on any of his projects. But to the glory of God, we can see new projects coming up. The transformation in Edo State is not due to some successful political strategy, but the result of spiritual work that had been done much earlier. It is because of the intercession that had gone on ahead that positive changes were possible in the political arena. I can say that intercession really works. You may not know when and how the prayer will be answered, but your own is to pray and give God no rest until the answer comes.

How do you combine your ministry with your role as a wife and mother?

Philippians 4: 13 say I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I just celebrate the grace of God upon my life. It is only by the working of the Spirit of God in me that I can achieve a balance. I want to encourage other women in the church who might think that combining intercession with other feminine responsibilities is not possible. We can pray as we cook, take the children to school, even while doing some house chores, we can intercede. Once you carry the womb of intercession, every moment you are praying. Even while driving, you see a road that should not be the way it should be, begin to decree reconstruction upon it. You hear of a marriage that is about to fall apart, right there and then, you are praying. It is not that our women do not have time for intercession, but they do not have a burden for it. Some of the women who say they do not have time, call them that a miracle working prophet is coming to town who will double the money in their hands, give them fruit of the womb, and such like, they are ready to take seven days off their work and you will see them there! You see, if there is willingness in us, God comes to help us carry the burden through. But I must also mention that having a believing husband also helps a great deal.

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On the morning of the 11th July 2008, God gave me a vision in which a whole ammunition depot was blown up through a very small spark. And the Lord said to me, "Write it down quickly, and let all your friends know, so they will be warned, and not panic."

GLOBAL PROPHECIES

A Giant "finance Tsunami" Rushes Upon Us


The time has now come. Everything in the world has been turned upside down. We now receive new shocking reports on daily basis. The bank and real estate crises are far from over. Another thing that I am supposed to tell you from the Lord is this. It is exactly 7 years (2008) since the attacks on the towers of the World Trade Centre (11th September 2001). Now, Wall Street is on the line. Now comes the 7 lean years. (According to the true Bible story in Genesis 41:17-36) God has declared war on the system of this world. Every politician and responsible person (person in charge) is so entangled in this "Babylonian economic system" that they have gotten into a rut (blinded by routine) and have lost track (lost the overview). It happens exactly as the Bible states <as they thought themselves wise, so have they turned out to be fools.> We do know that there is always crisis in some parts of the world at some time. We had the Mexican crisis, the Russian crisis, the Asian crisis, and the Argentinean crisis. In every case, new money was simply printed. Almost every land on the face of the earth now prints worthless paper money like mad. Since 1971, the dollar has lost more than 90% of its buying power. In his 8

years in office, President Bush has accumulated more debt than all 42 past American presidents put together. The governments can do nothing anymore against this trend of indebtedness. At some point, the bomb will explode. The gentlemen cannot continue eternally in this manner, and go unpunished.

In following developments carefully, one discovers that since the 14th July, 2007, things have constantly deteriorated at the stock markets and banks. As coincidence would have it, I have an old press report in my hand, which states thus: On the 13th of July, the new session of the US Senate was opened by the prayers made by a Hindu priest, and with that, the whole of America and the world economy dedicated to the Hindu gods: A scandal and a shame to the so called "Christian America".

The Hindu priest read from his book, calling up the spirits of the earth, the seas and the winds. A believer, present in the hall shouted out. "Oh God, forgive us this abomination". Immediately, security was all over him, and he was ejected from the auditorium. The Hindu priest started his ceremony and dedication ritual all over, and concluded it in all serenity.

What happened then? In my archives, I found another press report of the 13th July 2007: "Giant hornets/Wasps attack the US parliament". About 16 swarms of about 5cm large hornets



descended upon the US parliament building. In Exodus 23:27, God says, "I will send my fear before thee and I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. That was as punishment for the idols of the Hivites, Cannanites and Hittites. And these 3 folks worshipped as their main gods, the god of the earth, of the wind and of fire; exactly the gods, called upon by the Hindu priest on the 13th July 2007. Since then, the US has become the home of destructive storms and of forest fires and exactly on the 14th July 2007, the oil prices began to soar rapidly, from 65 Dollars per barrel, to the magic number of 147 dollars.

The apocalypse began exactly on the 21st September 2008, exactly 7 years after the terror attacks of the 11th September 2001. God says in the book of Isaiah 30:25-26, "when the towers fall" begin for God the "day of reckoning". Since then, there has been in America and in the world as a whole, just as prophesied in the Bible, a lot happening in the direction of the totalitarian rulership of the antichrist. America has become a totalitarian control state (police state), with entry and travel restrictions, as it once was in the Soviet Union, or the former DDR (East Germany).

The Lord said to me, "just as I preserved Noah, in those days, so will I also keep all those, who hold strictly to me and my instructions, and keep my Word. You must stop seeking help from people. You must stop hoping on "worthless printed paper" and instead, start "buying that gold which has been purified by fire".

Furthermore, says the Lord "tell my people, they should start storing their treasures in heaven, where neither inflation, nor thief, nor rust will affect it. Tell them to seek those virtues that will endure eternally. They should seek that, by which their souls will be saved. This is because everything you

see now, that is supposed to be worth anything will become worthless, and be thrown on the streets. Every support or form of security, social and otherwise, on which man has depended upon or still depends upon will break down, one after the other. The world is at the brink of the great declaration (affidavit of means); the day, when the whole truth will be revealed.

The Lord says here: "Blessed are the ones who have learnt to depend on my blessings and know that I am able to and will also provide for my children supernaturally", says the Lord. Blessed then are the ones who have already learnt to be dependent on me, as well as to be led and directed by me. Blessed are the ones who are no longer dependent on the systems of this world, but instead, are connected to my heavenly system. They will always have more than enough, and their excess will serve to aid their friends and relatives to survival, being that they have learnt to make much out of little. They know how bread is multiplied, and also, where to find the hidden manna.

And thus says the Lord "many changes are coming upon the world. You will experience surprise upon surprise, and blessed are you my children, if you have learnt to trust me on a daily basis, and to let me lead you from day to day. I will daily give you my instructions for survival. Learn to listen to me even more".

‘ Just as I preserved Noah, in those days, so will I also keep all those, who hold strictly to me and my instructions, and keep my Word. ,

THE Prophetic DESTINY *of* TIVLAND

Prophecy by Pastor Elton in Benin

Gboko will be very difficult to take but as God's people begin to persist in prayers, the surrounding cities will begin to fall until Gboko eventually will fall under the cross of Christ. A wild fire revival will burst out among the Tiv people which will eventually consume the Islamic north. Tiv people were used by God to stop the spread of Islam (to the east), to unite the country during the civil war and will still be used by God to uproot Islam from the north in this revival.

Prophecies by Jesus the Centre Point Ministry

I received the unction to go to Tiv land in November 2002 about the time I received the vision for Ogoniland. As I waited on the Lord in the hotel at Makurdi, God revealed to me through dreams, visions and impressions His thoughts concerning the Tiv nation. The summary of what He revealed to me during my stay in, Gboko, and at subsequent periods is as follows:

- 1 It is not an accident, but God ordained it, that the Tiv nation shall be a standard in Nigeria that is raised against the flood of the ungodly. Isaiah 59: 19
- 2 It is not an accident that people from the Tiv nation were in the forefront in fighting in the Nigerian Civil war to keep Nigeria as one. It was revealed to me in 1994 that God is going to use Nigeria to take the gospel to the nations in this end time. Therefore, God has decided that these same people, i.e. the Tiv, are going to be in the fore front in this particular assignment.
- 3 God sees the Tiv people as the army that He will use to push back the frontiers of opposing religious forces, occultism, etc, not only in Nigeria but also in the nations. The way the Tiv people are at this time, however, they are unprepared for this task simply because even though the world sees them as Christians most of them are only churchgoers steeped in occultism.
- 4 The Tiv people have been resisting domination for more than a century. They have hitherto been doing this physically and with occultic powers. However, out of economic frustration, many of the young people are compromising on their religious beliefs. In fact, on my second day in Makurdi, God revealed to me in a dream I which I saw myself holding an open air outreach declaring the coming soon of Jesus Christ and most of the people including my Tiv interpreter, a pastor, left me and I found them later in an Islamic meeting in a large hall nearby. God therefore, impressed it on me that if care is not taken, the Tiv people will no longer defend their faith but they will be promoting Islam.
- 5 Apart from being highly occultic, God revealed to me they are also ruled by the spirit of violence. In fact, the Tiv People are more violent against each other than against other people. God is saying this violent destruction of each other must stop now.
- 6 Devastation of the land by violence, diseases such as AIDS (incidentally Benue state has one of the highest rate of incidence of AIDS in Nigeria) and economic neglect will continue unless the people turn to the Lord and embrace His ordained destiny for them. Turning to Islam will not reverse the economic fortunes of the land, not until their stubbornness is broken and they yield to Him and His plans for them.
- 7 The Spirit led me to organize an outreach and intercessory prayer meeting for the Tiv nation which was held in Gboko. We prayed in all the local government areas of Tiv land.

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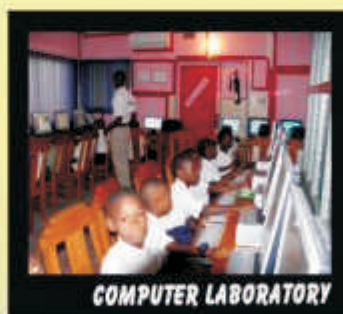
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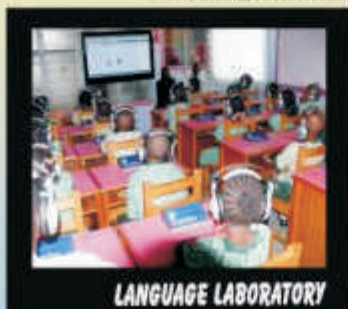


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But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14.

His words are being fulfilled today according to new data from the Barna Research Group. The company's nationwide surveys have determined the probability of people accepting Christ as their Savior in relation to a person's age. The data show that if a person doesn't accept Jesus Christ as Savior before the age of 14, the likelihood of ever doing so is slim. Based on a nationwide representative sampling of more than 4200 young people and adults, the survey data show that people from ages 5 through 13 have a 32% probability accepting Christ as their Savior. Young people from the ages of 14 through 18 have just a 4% likelihood of doing so, while adults (age 19 through death) have only a 6% probability of making that choice.

While this information is consistent with other Barna studies over the years that have shown that a large majority of Christians accept Jesus Christ as their Savior before they

reach the age of 18, this is the first study that has calculated people's probability of accepting Christ at different life stages.

The data also challenge the widely held belief that the teenage years are prime years for evangelistic activity. A look at the conversion age of early Christians seem to confirm this research report.

- Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna, was converted at the age of nine.
- Matthew Henry was eleven.
- Jonathan Edwards was seven.
- Isaac Watts was nine.
- Henry Drummond was nine.
- E. Stanley Jones, the great Methodist missionary statesman, was moved to be a missionary when he was eight years old. He saw a picture of a big tiger standing beside a small Indian boy, and underneath was the caption, "Who will tell me about Jesus?" And Stanley Jones said, "I will".

- Corrie ten Boom asked Christ to be her Savior at age five.

- W. A. Criswell, the famous Southern Baptist pastor, was saved when he was ten, but he felt God calling Him into ministry even earlier. "I had been thinking about being a preacher for years, since I was six," he recalled. I knew I wasn't converted yet, hadn't been saved.

Probability of positive response to the gospel:

Children	5 - 13 yrs	32%
Teenagers	14 - 18 yrs	4%
Adults	19 - above	6%

Landmark research confirms that children respond more positively to evangelism than teenagers and adults

But I knew God wanted me to be a preacher."

- Hymnist Philip Bliss was twelve years old when he made his public confession of Christ.

- William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army was fifteen.

- Harry Ironside was fifteen.

- Count Nicholas Ludwig Zinzendorf, who gave rise to modern Protestant missions, was saved at age four.

BE STRATEGIC

In areas that are highly resistance to the gospel, churches should commence free education private schools. Those schools should be equipped with air conditioners in the classrooms, free breakfast and lunch, free school uniforms and books. Additional educational equipment like computers, e-books, digital projectors should be provided to draw the children to school.

After all, is that not the way the missionaries evangelized us in the South? They simply started schools for us and we accepted Christ.



SONGS THAT BRING REVIVAL

REV. TONY ONYEJEKWE

At 75, Rev Tony does not mind being called "Bro Tony". In fact, that is what everyone around him calls him. He belongs to the real school of disciples that see Christianity as an equal brotherhood in the Lord. In like manner, his gospel music is directly linked to revival. Bro Tony does not sing to entertain or make people feel good. He presents the message of the cross in songs. I saw him start a song in Port Harcourt at a

revival meeting and he had to stop because he himself broke down in tears.

But you cannot say the same for his anecdotes. He successfully combines the soberness of a matured Christian with the warmth and excitement of a family member that cracks your ribs during dinner.

He told us a story of himself when years ago, he wanted to rub shoulders with an intercessor in the church. This woman was known to be a prayer warrior.

So one day, Bro Tony walked up to her and suggested that they should have a prayer meeting. The sister was very happy to oblige and on the appointed day, Bro Tony promptly showed up, to show the sister that in the kingdom of God, brothers pray more than sisters. The prayer started and the sister went on, without repeating the same point for over one hour. At a point, Bro Tony opened the eyes just to be sure that they were still on the earth. After one hour of non-stop prayer, the sister stopped and said, "brother Tony, now that we have warmed up, let us start the real prayers."

"Start the real prayers? What have we been doing?" Without waiting to reply, the sister took off again. This time, it took over two hours.

At a point, brother Tony stopped praying with her and started pleading with God to intervene and stop her.

Of course, you know God, He doesn't answer that kind of prayer. Eventually, God decided to show some mercy and the sister stopped - there was something she needed to attend to.

As she escorted Bro Tony to the door, she told him, "sorry, brother Tony, we did not have much today to pray. Next

time, I am sure we shall have more time." Next time? That was the last time brother Tony showed up for prayer meeting with her.

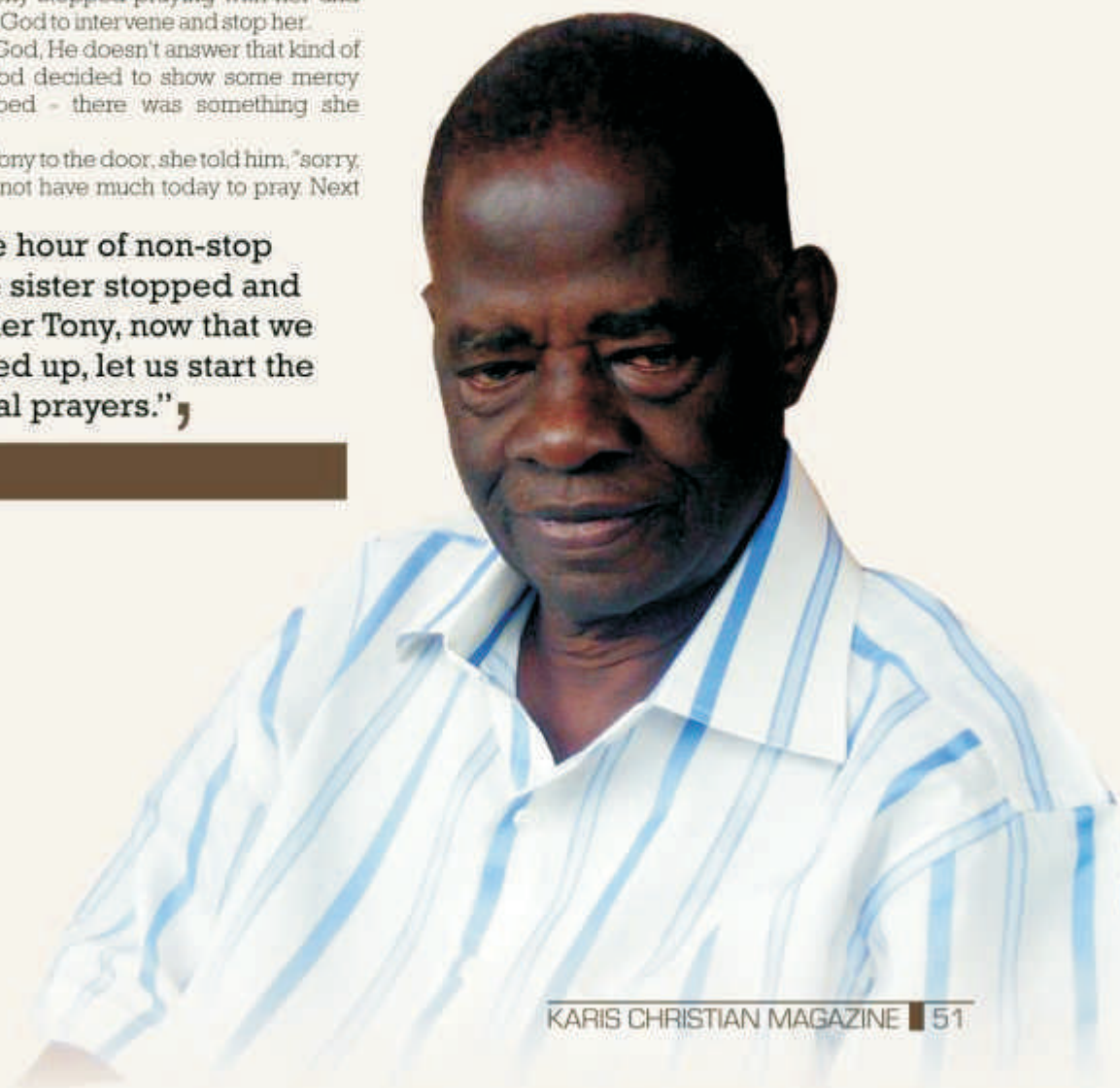
By the time he finished the story, everyone of us in the house of Dr. Ebinne that evening had forgotten the food. Tears were streaming out of our eyes in uncontrollable laughter.

However, when you listen to his music, for example, LAST NIGHT, you will be sober, that is, if you are not shedding tears of repentance. Bro Tony was invited to minister in a church in the U.S. After his ministration in song, the pastor simply made the altar call and closed the meeting. There was no need for a sermon. The same result takes place wherever Bro Tony is invited to minister. Other popular song ministration include GOD CAN NEVER LIE and LORD USE ME.

Bro Tony came to the Lord in 1972 and has been on fire since then. It is a wonder of God, to listen to a 75 year old man sing in clear unbroken voice. Only God can give such grace.

Rev. Onyijekwe can be reached on 08035821868

"After one hour of non-stop prayer, the sister stopped and said, "brother Tony, now that we have warmed up, let us start the real prayers." ,



DOUBLE REVELATION:

ONLY **24** PEOPLE will
RAPTURE in IBADAN!!!

- Sister Toun, The Ten Virgins Ministries



In the early hours of December 4, 2009, I saw in a dream that my body was suspended and was moving at a very high speed. Many Christian homes in their fallen states were brought before me and I was told why many would not make heaven as the Lord said He would judge us with the happenings in our homes...

Parents whose children indulge in sin and who refuse to warn them of the danger of hell consequent on their behaviour would go to hell for this.

Husbands unbecoming attitudes, particularly husbands who oppress their wives and or indulge in extra-marital affairs would end up in hell.

Parents whose homes are soiled with the blood of aborted babies would go to hell.

Wife's insubordination to her husband and unforgiving behaviour would lead her to hell.

Lying, cheating, murder, lust, greed, covetousness, stealing are the order of the day in several Christian homes which have consequence of hell and the Lord said this standard of living is not the standard of God's

kingdom.

At the end of the chat, I became aware of Jesus' Presence and realized that He had been pointing out all I had seen, interlacing them with the question, "is this what your brethren call RIGHTEOUSNESS and HOLINESS?"

Suddenly, I noticed two angels approach with the instrument called REED in their hands. I recognized this instrument though I had never seen one physically. They came to report to Jesus that they had gone round the city of Ibadan to count, and found only twenty - four people!

I had been standing with my back towards Jesus all along, but then, I turned and asked, "What 24? What are they referring to as 24?" Jesus replied that Father had decided that rapture should take place in spite of believers compromising attitudes.

I was stunned because I could not bring myself to accept what Jesus just said, "How could there be only 24 saints whose garments are not stained in the whole of Ibadan, or has God rejected us?"

However, I took a look at the instrument in their hands and then, at Jesus, and knew in my heart there is no lie in Jesus and the angels but I just could not bring myself to accept they came up with only 24...

I was overwhelmed with great sorrow which caused my wailing to increase but Jesus would not budge. In fact, His countenance was fixed with a look that was neither ready to change the verdict nor accept any plea...

The next day, some brethren and I gathered to pray and plead with the Lord on account of this revelation and His response was that He would give the grace of WARNING and repentance if only we do like the people of Nineveh.

Confirmation of REVELATION

- Pastor Iyiola, Bible Based Church, Ibadan

I was in my house one day when I received a call by some pastors that a woman saw a revelation concerning Ibadan land that only 24 Christians were ready for rapture. This situation bothered me so much that it gave me a lot of burden that troubled my spirit that night when I got home. I could not do most of the things I was used to which led me to seclude myself to seek the face of God in prayer over the matter that night...

I started praying with tears, when it was few minutes to 3a.m., I rested my back on the wall and slept off. While I slept off, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to me in a dream asking, "son, why are you crying?"

I said it was this case of 24 people ready for rapture in Ibadan. Just 24! Not 24 thousand or 24 million...

He answered me, "do you know the reason why it was so?"

"No, sir", I said.

He said, "let me take you round some churches in the city of Ibadan to know the reasons why only 24 Christians are considered."

"There is a car outside which I want you to enter, go and enter and let me take you round."

Not quite long, we landed in front of a church. He said I should come down and enter the church instructing me that I should take a proper look at what I saw there.

I saw four cardboards that were used to partition the church as if it were Sunday school classes. These four cardboards were divided and hanged on the ceiling of the church to separate them from one another. I discovered some writings on each of these cardboards, which go like this:

The first had on it **DISOBEDIENT CHRISTIAN**

The second had on it, **NONCHALANT CHRISTIAN**

The third had on it **UNFORGIVING CHRISTIAN**

While the fourth one had on it **UNFAITHFUL CHRISTIAN**

We visited 99 churches and finally visited my own church making 100 churches. In all the churches, I saw the same inscription.

DISOBEDIENT CHRISTIAN: The Lord said the church of God is full of disobedient Christians today. In the church today, how many Christians are committed to Bible reading.... Ask the people in your church that how many of them finished reading their Bible last year?

NONCHALANT CHRISTIAN: They will tell God that their service starts by 8a.m. But will not keep to their word; they will arrive late to church service. They will not get to church in time until 9.30 or 10a.m. What they cannot do with any earthly judge or doctor, they do unto ME, their God, to prove their disdained attitude.

UNFORGIVING CHRISTIAN: These Christians are rubbing shoulders with each other in the church, but they will not forgive those that offend them. There is no unforgiving person that will enter into My rest.

UNFAITHFUL CHRISTIAN: He told me to look at them as they were sitting down they were not faithful.... They were unfaithful in all their ways.

EPILOGUE

Many Christians reacted negatively when the issue of only 24 ready for rapture came, claiming that the standard God was demanding was too high. They claimed the revelation I received could not be from God, for this cause the Lord chose to confirm through a source I did not even know.

Christian, make your way right with the Lord. Repent and consecrate yourself to do the will of God.

BAPTIST CONVENTION launches **CHRISTIAN** Low-Interest Bank

“**T**oday is a great day, a remarkable one indeed ...”, enthused the Director of Finance of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Rev. Moses Adebayo. He had good reasons to be happy. It was the official launching of the Bowen Microfinance bank of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. For a registration process that “was unduly delayed by the CBN”, Rev. Adebayo has every reason to be happy that at last, the bank was being commissioned.

The Nigerian Baptist Convention is taking the lead in denominational response to the yearnings of the multitudes in the church crying for help. The main aim of the bank is alleviate the level of poverty amongst the members of the church by giving them easy access to funding for business projects at very low interest rates without the usual hassles of provision of collaterals. In effect, it would appear that the Baptist Church is championing brotherly kindness in meaningful terms as the local assembly would be the guarantor for the facilities to be granted the members of the church.

The Chairperson of the bank, Mrs. Abiola Otaniyi explains further that the bank would not simply grant loans, but it would provide counselling and free consultancy services for its customers. The bank would seek to guide, monitor, and encourage its customers to achieve financial liberty.

To drive the vision of the bank, the Baptist Convention appointed Mrs. Adebimpe Ogunleye, a time tested banking marketer of proven integrity as the Managing Director. In a short speech at the launching ceremony, Mrs. Ogunleye left no one in doubt that her core principle is integrity in the banking industry. Shortly before declaring the bank opened for business, the General Secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Rev. Dr. Samson Olasupo Ayokunle, directed that all the various units and arms of the Baptist Convention should open account with Bowen Microfinance bank with “immediate alacrity.” Bowen Microfinance Bank is open for members and non-members of the Baptist Convention to transact business. The bank is rightly located inside the Baptist Convention ground at Obanikoro, in Lagos.





10/40 WINDOW

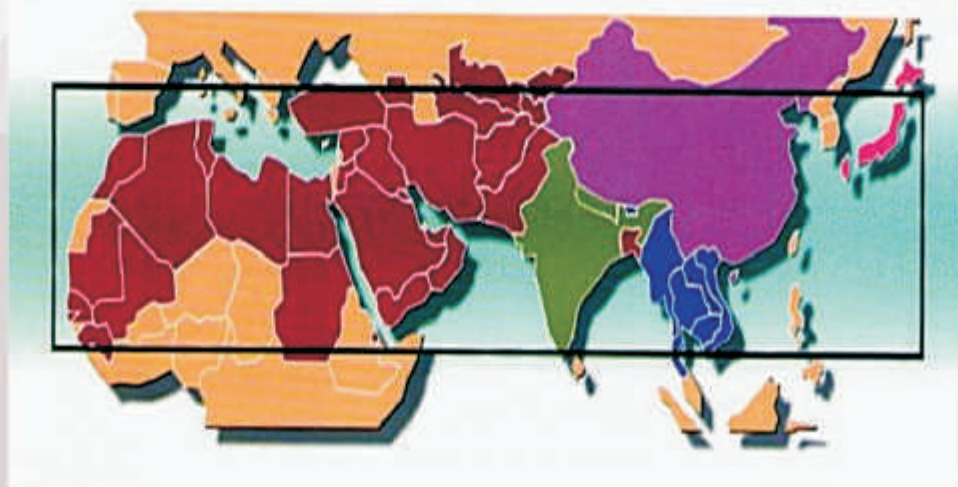
(The Unfinished Task)

The 10/40 Window is a unique expression coined by Luis Bush, the International Director of AD2000 & Beyond Movement, to describe the part of the globe covering an area from 10 degrees to 40 degrees north of the equator. In this area are found 95% of the least evangelized poor people of the world. The window stretches from Cape Verde in West Africa to Japan. Also included is part of southern Spain, Portugal, northern Nigeria, a large portion of China, the entire Middle East and the entire Indian sub-continent. In the 10/40 window are some of the world's strongest spiritual strongholds - Islam, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, Communism and so on. Over 2.7 billion souls are trapped by the devil in the 10/40 window. Every major religion that contends with Christianity are located in the 10/40 window. In this dark window of mankind are all manners of idolatry, witchcraft, perversity and wretched human suffering and need. Children are sold into slavery for no more than the equivalent of \$16, or forced out on to the streets to beg for money, or worse yet, forced into prostitution either as a means of survival for themselves or for their family. The children are indeed the most tragic victims of this stronghold of darkness, for in them lies the hope and the future of their nations. Is it any wonder then, that Satan has launched such an onslaught of devastation against these little ones. The major task of the church in this generation is to penetrate this dark window of the human race with the light of the gospel. Every Christian assembly must be involved in this task either by praying, giving, or raising disciples to go and preach the gospel there.

The Lord made it clear that the gospel must be preached to all the nations before the end would come. If the global church does not finish this task, then the return of the Lord is delayed. All the resources given to the church are meant to accomplish this task. Every local assembly that is yet to be involved in penetrating the 10/40 window is either ignorant of the Great Commission or indifferent to the commandment of the Lord. Of course, Satan will very much like to distract the attention of the church from this goal but Christians must not be deterred. In obedience to the Master, local assemblies must unite and Pastors must take the lead to champion the evangelization of the unreached places of the earth so that the King of Glory can return.

The 10/40 window is also called the "resistant belt", for obvious reasons.

It is interesting to note that the line of the 10/40 window divides Nigeria into two. The implications are also obvious. The Nigerian church must mobilize prayers to open up the North for the gospel. It is a task that can only be prayerfully achieved.



Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. - Hebrews 13:3

ASIA BIBI: A Case History



Asia Bibi, a Christian wife and mother in Pakistan, was arrested by police on June 19, 2009, and charged with blasphemy after she engaged in a religious discussion with co-workers. Many of the local women, including Asia, worked on the farm of Muslim landowner Muhammad Idrees. Her family was one of only three Christian families in a village of more than 1,500 families. During their work, many of the Muslim women had pressured Asia to renounce Christianity and accept Islam.

On June 19, 2009 there was an intense discussion among the women about their faith. The Muslim women told Asia about Islam, and, according to VOM sources, Asia responded by telling the Muslim women that Jesus is alive. "Our Christ sacrificed His life on the cross for our sins... Our Christ is alive." She told them. Upon hearing this response, the Muslim women became angry and began to beat Asia. Then some men took her and locked her in a room. They announced from mosque loudspeakers that she would be punished by having her face blackened and being paraded through the village on a donkey.

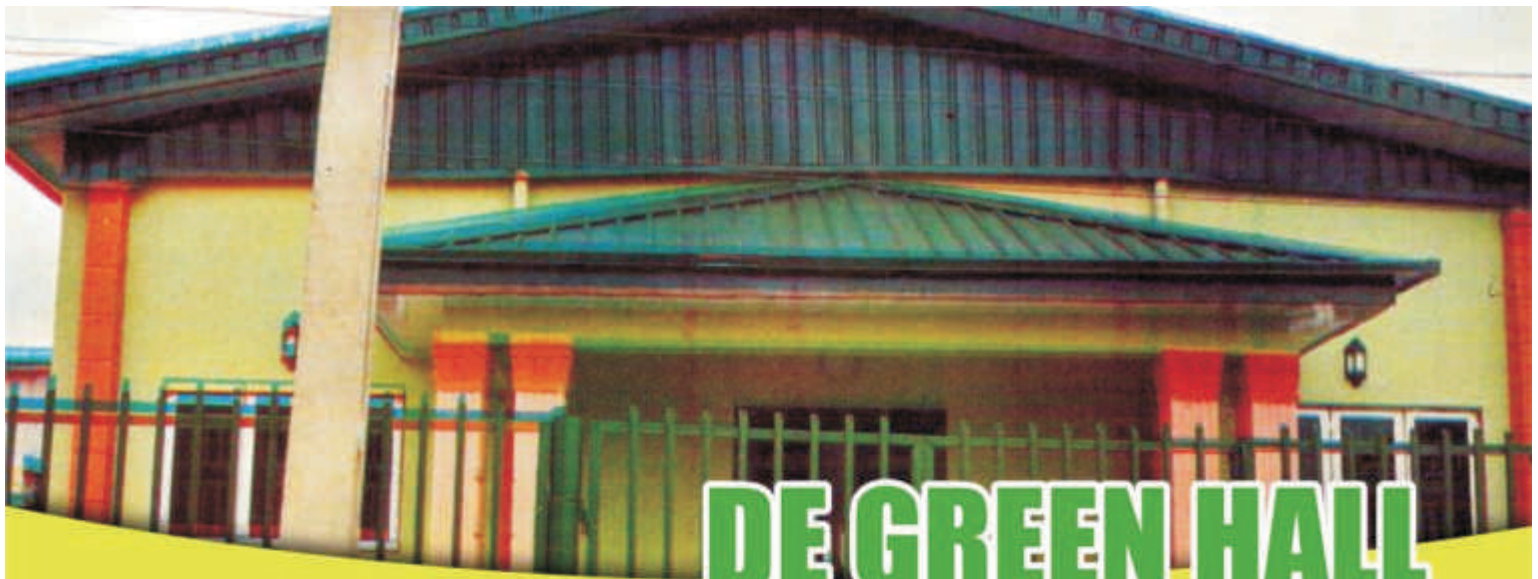
Local Christians informed the police, who took Asia into protective custody before the Muslims could carry out their plan. Christians urged the police not to file blasphemy charges, but the police claimed they had to go forward because of pressure from local Muslim leaders.

After a lengthy trial, on Nov. 8, 2010, Asia Bibi was sentenced to death by a judge. The judge also fined Asia

\$1,190 (U.S.) and told her she had seven days to appeal the decision. Her attorneys filed the appeal promptly, and now wait for the Lahore High Court to rule. If the appeal is rejected, Asia would be the first woman to be lawfully executed under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. She remains in prison, waiting to hear the high court's ruling. On Jan. 4, 2011 the governor of Punjab province, where Asia lives, was assassinated by a member of his security team. Though a Muslim, Salmaan Taseer had spoken out repeatedly in favour of a pardon for Asia Bibi and for a re-examination of Pakistan's blasphemy laws. Governor Taseer also met with Asia in prison. On March 2, 2011, Shahbaz Bhatti, the only Christian member of Pakistan's cabinet and another person who had spoken out on behalf of Asia Bibi, was also assassinated for his support of her.

The Voice of the Martyrs has supported Asia Bibi and her family since the time of her arrest.

In July, 2011, VOM launched www.CallForMercy.com in an effort to gather 1,000,000 signatures from around the world asking for Asia's release.



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WHY
would the
LORD
call a

70 year old man
to the
MISSION
FIELD?



Pastor Orebayo

Man: Because the younger generation are not interested in missions.

Heaven: If the younger generation are not interested in missions, which is the heartbeat of the Lord, what then, are they interested in?

Man: Money of course. They want to maximize their potentials so that they can be wealthy.

Heaven: Okay. Let them go and maximise their potentials. But, do they know that a servant cannot serve two masters? Do they know that the day of the Lord cometh like a thief in the night?

He has ministered in 88 different countries of the world, 42 of which are in Africa. As an ordained minister of the gospel, Pastor Bisi Orebayo spent 40 years working with the Foursquare Gospel Church. He holds a PhD from Indiana, U.S.A. and he majored in Missions and Christian Counseling. Officially, he had retired from active ministry from the Foursquare Gospel Church. That was when the Lord called him out of retirement back into the mission field.

"I want you to go to Cameroun for Me."

The Lord promised him two things:

1. I will meet all your needs.
2. I will restore your youth.

He arrived the city of Limbe, on 1st March 2010. Work commenced immediately and on 7th March, 2010, he held the inaugural service of the church in the living room of his apartment. In attendance were six people.

After meeting in the sitting room for three months, the fellowship rented a hall nearby for church meeting. Attendance has increased drastically to average of 30 - 35 worshippers on Sunday.

Discipleship is of paramount importance in every ministry that will bear fruit for the Lord. In June 2010, three months after arriving in Cameroun, Pastor Orebayo started a seminary class with 12 students. The goal of the ministry in the coming year is to get more students to enrol for the discipleship training and to open 2 or 3 more churches in the city of Limbe.

In addition to mission activities, Pastor Orebayo is also the founder of the International Counselling Center, Akoka, Lagos.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

THE BLACK MAN
THAT
TRANSFORMED
AMERICA

George Washington Carver is best known as a scientist who loved Christ Jesus as his Savior.

George Washington Carver was born in 1864 near Diamond Grove, Missouri on the farm of Moses Carver. He was the baby of a slave mother. While the country was at war, some robbers came and took the child and his mother away. In their hurry to get away, they separated the child and his mother. Nothing was ever heard of the slave woman again. He learned to spend much time in prayer. He talked to God about all the things he did and wanted to do. When George was an old man, he told people God made him a good scientist. While it is true that George Washington Carver was a genius, it was God who helped him in everything he did.

At first George was not able to go to school, but he made good use of a speller that had been given to him. At first

he found it hard to learn. But George had made up his mind that he was going to learn to read and write, so he worked hard at his studies.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Iowa State College in 1894 and a Master of Science degree in bacterial botany and agriculture in 1897. He was an Assistant Botanist and was in charge of the greenhouses at this same college while he worked on his master's degree. This position was taken away from him because of his skin colour. As a result of this, he had more time to do research work.

In 1897, Booker T. Washington, founder of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for Negroes, convinced Carver to come south and serve as the school's Director of Agriculture. Carver remained on the faculty until his death in 1943.

As an agricultural chemist, Carver discovered three hundred uses for peanuts and hundreds more uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes. Among the listed items that he suggested to southern farmers to help them economically were his recipes and improvements to/for: adhesives, axle grease, bleach, buttermilk, chili sauce, fuel briquettes, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, meat tenderizer, metal polish, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream, shoe polish, synthetic rubber, talcum powder and wood stain. At Tuskegee Carver developed his crop rotation method, which revolutionized southern agriculture. He educated the farmers to alternate the soil-depleting cotton crops with soil-enriching crops such as: peanuts, peas, soybeans, sweet potato, and pecans.

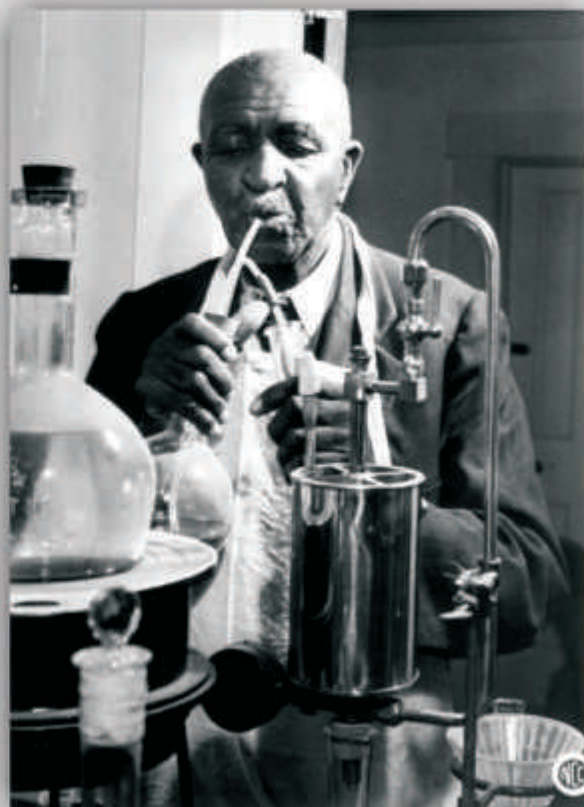
During World War I, he found a way to replace the textile dyes formerly imported from Europe. He produced dyes of 500 different shades and he was responsible for the invention in 1927 of a process for producing paints and stains from soybeans. For that he received three separate patents.

Carver did not patent or profit from most of his products. He freely gave his discoveries to mankind. "God gave

them to me" he would say about his ideas. "How can I sell them to someone else?" Carver declined an invitation to work for a salary of more than \$100,000 a year (almost a million dollars today) to continue his research on behalf of his countrymen. In 1940, Carver donated his life savings to the establishment of the Carver Research Foundation at Tuskegee, for continuing research in agriculture.

While other scientists looked into the microscope only to find that their work had been in vain, George Washington Carver, the black scientist spent much time in prayer. His faith and his prayer, rather than his microscope, made him such a success. For each problem and each discovery, Mr. Carver spent much time praying to the Lord and waiting on Him for results. This man who loved God so much turned many weeds into food and made waste places into gardens. His help to people has never been forgotten. Friends and other great men of the world came to visit George Washington Carver in his small laboratory. Whenever they came, Mr. Carver would explain to them the scriptures and give his own testimony of his love for the Lord. George Carver especially liked to read about the Lord Jesus and His parables. His well worn Bible proved to everyone that he spent much time reading God's word.

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100 Years from NOW?

where will you be

HERE



...OR
HERE!



100 years from now...

Where will members of your family be?

Where will your friends be?

WHY WON'T YOU WIN SOULS?



For *Every*
RICH MAN,
there is a **LAZARUS:**



Have you identified your own?

Lazarus did not just surface at the gate of the rich man. God placed him there. He was a living test which the rich man failed. woefully. I think the real failure of the rich man stemmed from his inability to realize that Lazarus was an examination question that required the right response. The rich man was not the only person to write such an examination. Portiphar's wife was the examination for Joseph. Bathsheba was the test for David. royal wine and flesh were the test for Daniel. and foreign beauties were the multiple tests for king Solomon, the wise man.

There are many believers that wrongly assume that Christianity is just about themselves. If they had lived in the days of Peter, they would have been the Ananias and Sapphira we read about. All they think and do is how to get advantage and recognition for themselves, both from men and from God.

Which of the 10 commandments did the rich man in Luke 16 violate? None. The man could have been comforting himself that he was neither a thief nor an adulterer. He obeyed his parents, was no idolater neither was he covetous. Since he was a covenant child, (he called Abraham "father"

in hell, and Abraham called him "son"), he could have assured himself that when he died, he would make paradise. After all, God loved him so much that God blessed him abundantly. (You see the irony? Prosperity does not mean that God loves you.)

As the story played out, when he died, he went to hell. Why? Because he was self-centred. He thought only of himself. So, God arranged a test for him.

Unfortunately for the rich man, he did not realize that God placed a major test right at the gate of his house. God placed Lazarus there, right under the nose of the rich man. It was a test; the rich man failed.

Look around you, who is your Lazarus?

You think that you do not have anything? You have more than other people have. It only takes a little of looking away from yourself to see the needs in the lives of others.

For some people, their Lazarus only needs intercessory prayer. There could be someone around you that desperately needs prayer. Do not ignore him or her. Do not say like some ignorant and selfish Christians, "have I finished praying for myself?"

For others, their Lazarus could be a widow in the village, or a minister of the gospel in a rural area that requires help. It could be your driver, or your security man. It could be your neighbour, or someone in your church. Oh, most definitely, a missionary is included.

Whenever you stumble on anyone with needs, needs that you are capable of meeting, do not ignore them; God placed them there for you to see. There is no coincidence in life; God orders our steps.

Now, I am not suggesting that you engage in "escape giving". This is giving without responsibility. How is this done? Simple, you increase your giving to your church and silence your conscience that you have given to God. Subsequently, you ignore the needy around you; after all, you have settled God. You have escaped responsibility to the needy. If the rich man had gone to the temple and offered 10,000 lambs as sacrifice to

God, how would that have improved the lot of Lazarus? He gave alright, to the right Person, but in the wrong place.

Let your giving put a smile on someone's face and hope in a distressed heart. Let thanksgiving rise to heaven from a grateful heart that shall sincerely and honestly proclaim, "Lord, you are faithful; you never fail". Let your giving cause someone to renew commitment to Christ and purpose, "I will live and die for Jesus".

Be an angel in someone's life. Give to the poor around you, help a poor family pay school fees, look for missionaries and give to them. Give to Christians, give to Muslims, give to pagans. Do not discriminate in giving. Through your generosity, you can melt a heart that is hardened in rebellion against Christ.

Lift up your eyes and look: Lazarus is sitting at your gate, right under your nose. If you ignore him ... hmm, God is watching.

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SPIRITUAL MAPPING of NORTH CENTRAL ZONE, NIGERIA

When God led me in the year 2006 to build a spiritual base in Abuja, I did not know what to expect until I started making initial visits to the city.

Even though the name Abuja was coined from the names of two ancient leaders of the territory, Abubakar and Suleja, God gave me the current meaning that the devil had turned it into, in Yoruba language. **"Abuja" in Yoruba means "short cut and under hand dealing"; God said the spirit that I would first and foremost deal with in the nation's capital is that of short cut, cutting corners, dubious ways of acquiring wealth, pride, arrogance etc.** Even as I approached the city in a bus, I could feel the aura of dubious achievement and arrogance among my co-passengers who are mainly Abuja residents. Everything about Abuja-political, governmental, economic and spiritual seems to be based on deception, corruption and all kinds of short cut. To worsen the matter, even as I started to pray concerning these issues for the capital and the nation, the Holy Spirit stopped me. He said I should leave these other aspects alone and zero in on the church.

God said the main problem of Abuja and the nation is the church. He even mentioned specific ministries to me which He said have become demonic principalities condoning and encouraging what is happening in the political, governmental and economic spheres of the country. To confirm this, there have been stories of some key church leaders who have participated in the looting of the nation's treasury. Also, many in political and governmental positions who claim to be Christians have been known to add to their so called Christianity, involvement in occultic covenants. God said to me that many of the churches which are occupying the capital city are encumbering the ground. They are there just to collect members and money anyhow they can get it many times through occultic means. Also, many so called spiritual houses and prophetic centers whose activities have occultic, shamanic (Hindu) foundation have sprung up to deceive the people. In fact I was led to visit one in 2007, and the Holy Spirit led me to tear its brochure symbolically tearing it down in 2008. In fact, I have been told some church leaders who felt offended that I alluded to their occultic connection in Benue state have relocated to Abuja.

The Holy Spirit revealed to me in 2006 that because the Abuja ground is being encumbered by many churches He has not ordained, His true pastors and ministries, whom He has anointed, into whose hands He has placed His visionary keys, have no room to operate. In fact, He showed to me a vision of a man who was just waking up from sleep with a bunch of rusting keys hanging from his waist belt. God told me to note that

those people He has earmarked for the church, the political, governmental and economic set up of the country have given up and gone to sleep because they have no room to operate.

God revealed to me that my major assignment and that of others in similar positions He has brought to Abuja, is to sweep away those churches and ministries He has not ordained but are encumbering the ground, so that those He has ordained can occupy their rightful positions in various sectors of the land to steer Nigeria into her prophetic destiny.

Even though Abuja is my major focus in this volume of the spiritual profile of Nigeria, I would need to touch on the peculiar condition of some other states in this zone. Plateau state for example, and Jos its capital in particular had a strong spiritual Christian foundation from the early part of the 20th century. Even today, many major missionary organizations targeting the Muslim North have their headquarters in Jos. However, nominalism and syncretism in the church have allowed the pressure from Islam through intimidation and violence to weaken the church. The missionary organizations are getting frustrated because fewer Christians are getting involved in missions because of fear since many churches are not equipping their people spiritually to deal with demons in rural areas and also the current emphasis of the church nationwide for self enrichment has reduced the financial support for the activities of these mission organizations.

The other states of the zone like Nassarawa, Niger, Kwara and Kogi states are majorly in the strangle hold of Islam and idolatry. Islam is getting more aggressive in Kwara, especially in Ilorin. While there are large pockets of Christians like Igala and Nyaba areas of Kogi, the church has been facing pressures from Islam and reversion back to idolatry and even occultism in the church. It is even difficult to find Christians within these territories that are willing to evangelize their neighborhood let alone other groups in the North or other nations.

When I was led to go and intercede in Lokoja, the capital of Kogi state in 2001 and lately in 2009 in Ayingba the headquarters of Igala land, God instructed me to take authority over the forces that had been holding the area bound through political and spiritual leaders' involvement in occultism. This means that just as it is happening in many parts of the Middle Belt and Southern Nigeria, we tend to take one step forward spiritually and several steps backward. This in essence means that our nation which should at this time be ready to carry the message of the Kingdom of God to the nations, we have instead been handing it back to the demonic authorities which our Christian spiritual leaders in the last century had largely ousted.

The Jury Ministry

15% of people groups in **NIGERIA** yet to receive the **GOSPEL**

Take a close look at the map on the opposite page. Now, please take a closer look at Nigeria and you will discover that some of the black dots, representing locations of least reached people groups in Nigeria are in LAGOS!!!

Yes, Lagos, the thriving base of ministries sending "missionaries" and pastors to evangelize U.S.A., Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Hong Kong, Brazil, and so on, has unreached people groups in its backyard. What is the church doing? Does not even the world say "charity begins at home"? Some streets in Lagos have more than 10 different churches. What are they all doing?

Nigeria has 530 people groups out of which 81 people groups are yet to be effectively evangelized. Should not the church complete the work in its "Jerusalem" before going to the rest of the world? It is the unfinished task in the north of Nigeria that in presently haunting the entire nation in form of religious violence, bomb blasts, national insecurity and a state of anarchy. If the task in the north had been given priority attention by the church, the nation will not be witnessing its present upheavals.

Now is the time to heed the call of the Lord. The Lord says, "GO NORTH". The church in the South should mobilize and head to the North, from there to north Africa, on to the Middle East and finish the task.

Join the Movement today by praying for missions.

Why Should We Pray For Unreached People Groups?

- 1** Missions & salvation of all people is God's plan, God's will, God's heart, God's dream, Gen. 3:9, 15!
- 2** In the Great Commissions Jesus commanded us to reach all peoples in the world, Matt. 28:19-20!
- 3** Jesus commanded us to pray to Him to send workers into the harvest, Luke 10:2!
- 4** People without Jesus are eternally lost, & Jesus is the only Name who can save them, John 14:6!
- 5** We have been given "the ministry & message of reconciliation", in Christ, 2 Cor. 5:18-20!
- 6** If we love Jesus, we will want to obey and please Him, John 14:15!
- 7** Jesus' return is intimately tied to reaching all people groups, Matt. 24:14; Rev. 7:9!

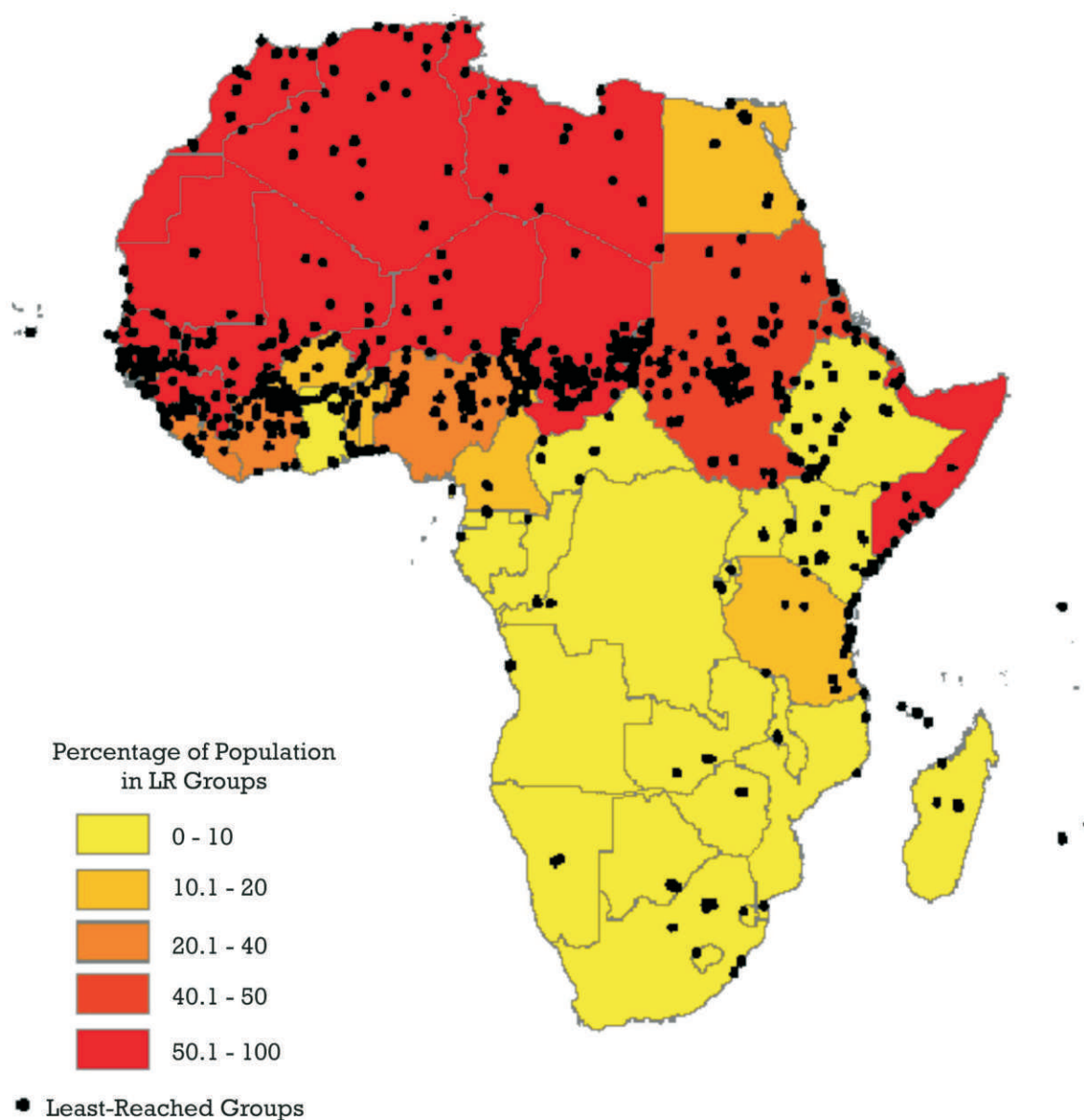
How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

- 1** Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!
- 2** Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!
- 3** Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!
- 4** Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!
- 5** Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!
- 6** Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!
- 7** Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!

God answers prayer for UPGs! An example are the Cholanaikkans of Kerala, South India!

In the late 1960s the Cholanaikkans of Kerala, South India were discovered living naked in caves and completely unreached. Local Kerala Christians began praying for them and sent church planting teams to reach them. Within a few years the Cholanaikkans' lives improved, many became believers in Jesus, and a church was built with half the Cholanaikkans attending!

Least-Reached Status Map of Africa

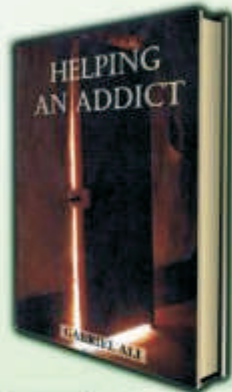


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HELPING AN ADDICT

Pastor Gabriel Ali



Helping an addict" is a timely book release to the public. The 121 pages priceless book throws light into the world of an addict and how to help him. Regrettably drug addiction is one of the health problems on which insufficient knowledge exists. Pastor Ali's book **HELPING AN ADDICT** defines drug addiction as nothing but a form of bondage which demands devotion, time, and energy. Slavery to use of illicit drug in the end destroys the addict's potentials and future. It also leads to untimely death... suicide cases. A drug addict can do anything to satisfy his craving. When the habit is full blown he becomes entrapped and a slave. He needs help, he needs deliverance and freedom. It is this help and the help available to drug

victim and family members that Pastor Ali talks about in his book.

It is a step-by-step guide to being a channel of God's love and becoming an instrument of His mercy to individuals despite their façade of wellbeing but they are actually hurting inside. Many a drug patient/family carries scars in their mind too hot to be revealed to outsiders. This book is equally a balm and a healer to the reader, drug victims and family members.

It is a must read for all those whose heart cry to be God's vessel in today's society. It is a must read for those who wish to be intellectually enhanced and spiritually prepared to deal with issues of drug addiction either in their lives or in those of their relatives.

This book paints a most unflattering picture of our world today. Values and norms of a bygone era have been consigned to the refuse heap of history by an impatient and brash generation. Gone are the days when men were weighed in the balances before being thrust forward onto the altar of God's service. Gone is the praying and fasting that typified life in the Upper Room. Gone is the holy boldness that led men to do remarkable exploits for God.

What we have on offer today, is salvation without repentance, repentance without restitution, and grace that borders on licence.

The author, Dr. Ebinne, is a wordsmith in his own rights. At times writing with the flair and fervour of a poet, at times bringing to the fore, the doctor in him, he writes with the polished style of a literary artist.

I recommend this book to the Christian world, particularly in these days of apostasy and denial of faith. This book is a must-read for all who desire a life of power, holiness and relevance in our world today. This book is required reading for all who do not want to echo the regret of Jer. 8: 20 *The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved...*

Prof. Benjamin Chuka Osioma

I FOUND IT

Dr. Smart Ebinne



WHO HELPS A SURGEON?

Dr. Smart Ebinne



Three distinct factors shape the character and destinies of men. The first is pedigree the genetic and natural roots which an individual is born with. The second is the conviction and basic philosophy of life that drives the individual. Finally, there are the experiences and environmental conditions that define his operating space from childhood.

In his latest book, *Who Helps a Surgeon?*, Dr. Smart Ebinne takes us with leisurely but determined strides into his worldviews, and grants us more than a peep into those events and circumstances which shaped the man. This little book brings alive the Word of God in full colour, sketched out in the day-to-day motions of daily living. In a

very real and impressive manner, he shows us how truly the Word must become flesh, if we are to live victoriously for Christ.

A wise sage once said that there are three enemies of peace: Regrets over yesterday's Mistakes, Anxiety over tomorrow's Problems, Ingratitude for today's Blessings. Dr. Smart Ebinne offers the reader Repentance in place of Regrets, Peace in the face of threatening anxieties, and the High Praises of our God in response to His rich blessings.

I happily and most enthusiastically commend this book to all who are interested in the printed word. It is surely a treasure in print. God bless you as you read.

Prof. Benjamin Chuka Osioma



Song **WARNING**

Power of the Almighty
The Holy Ghost is speaking
The righteous ones
Prepare yourselves today

Rapture is coming
The Holy Ghost is speaking
The righteous ones
Prepare yourselves today

*This song was given to Sis. Ngozi on
31st January, 2009. Ironically, she
remembered the lyrics clearly, but
could no longer recollect how it
was sung to her in the revelation...*

Can you give it a rhythm?

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Nigeria has 530 people groups and presently, 81 people
groups remain to be evangelized.

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every Bible believing Christian/ministry in Nigeria.

If you have not been active in missions, NOW is the time to
get involved. When the Lord shall return, it is only those
who obeyed the command "GO" that shall be
recognized.

YOUR MINISTRY CAN:

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What does the Church Need?

More Millionaires or, More Disciples?

"I can't hear you. What did you say?"
"I said I never gave it much thought, before."

"Now that you are aware of the question, what do you think?"

"Honestly, I believe the church needs more disciples. But, ?, but, money too, is important. Yes, we need money to preach the gospel."

"So, where do you stand?"

"It is both. We need both. We need the millionaires and we need the disciples."

"Do you realize what you have just done?"

"What?!"

"You have just called Jesus Christ a liar."

"Me?! Never! How can?"

"You said the church needs millionaires as well as disciples. You placed both millionaires and disciples on the same pedestal in the church."

"You nearly frightened me. Is that why you said that I called the Lord a liar? Please, be realistic. Both are important. You must balance it."

"You need money to run the church, plan programs, build decent places of worship, help the needy, win souls, and so on."

"Ironically, the Owner of the church does not seem to think so."

"What do you mean?"

"The Lord says, 'a servant cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve God and money.'"

"So, does that mean rich people are not needed in the church? Are you implying that it is wrong to teach people how to get rich?"

"Again, the Lord thinks otherwise. He specifically commanded in Matt. 28: 19, 'go and make disciples of all nations' (NIV). The word rendered 'teach' in KJV means 'make disciples'.

It is disciples that the Lord wants His church to raise."

"So, what you are saying is that it is wrong to teach prosperity in the church?"

"Who am I to determine what the church should do or should not do? I am simply reminding you of what the Owner of the church demanded. Of course every strata of the society is needed and welcomed in the church. But do not forget the question, 'what does the church need more?' Does the church need more millionaires or more disciples?"

"The church needs both. Simple."

"Okay. You agree, then, that a servant can serve two masters? A pastor can be teaching prosperity and still raise disciples?"

"What is all these, now? People need money to live, they need to prosper to show that God has blessed them! You, are you happy with poverty?"

"I see. You believe the Lord made a mistake when He commanded us to focus on raising disciples. What His church actually needs are millionaires and billionaires."

"Look, you can be a millionaire and still be a disciple."

"That is not the impression I receive looking at many churches today."

The programs, the sermons, everything tilts heavily on making people rich. You scarcely can find a ministry that is focused on raising disciples."

"In our church, we are rich, and we are disciples."

"Yeah. That is what every believer will say. But look around you. How many disciples of Jesus Christ do you see? Let me tell you a story shared by Bro. Pade Tokun. He was seated beside a Lebanese Muslim on a flight and he sought to evangelize the man.

Interestingly, the man was willing to discuss Christianity. The man told Bro Pade that he actually contemplated becoming a Christian recently and started watching Christian programs and listening to Christian sermons on cable TV. After some weeks of receiving Christian sermons, he opted to remain a Muslim. 'Why', queried Bro. Pade. 'Ah', responded the man triumphantly, 'you see, while Islam teaches you how to make heaven, Christianity teaches you how to get the best out of this life.' "Can you see the irony? Was Christianity instituted for man to get the best out of this life, or for man to make heaven?"

"It is for man to make heaven."

"So, why are churches focused on raising millionaires, and less emphases is placed on raising disciples? Why are we becoming increasingly engrossed with wealth at the expense of discipleship? Why would a Muslim come to the king of conclusion that he came to if the church is doing the right thing?"

"Okay. So, what do you suggest?"

"We should focus on raising disciples and leave the Lord to decide whom He will turn into a millionaire. You see, millions of money in the hands of an unconsecrated man is meaningless to God, while ten naira in the hands of a disciple will make tremendous impact in the kingdom of God. You see, God is not interested in what is in our hands; He is interested in what is in our hearts."

"Hmm. I see. God is not interested in what is in our hands. He is interested in what is in our hearts. Hmm. How do I tell my pastor this?"

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