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## Post Camp Meeting REVIVALS

Post camp meeting revival services were scheduled to take place after the 2005 camp meeting. The revival fires kindled during the camp meeting were to continue throughout Nigeria. Delegates went home and prepared for the meetings which were to start early September.

Below are reports from some states:

In Ogun State, revival services were held at the following locations: Oke-Abetu, Ijebu-Ode, Ijebu-Igbo, Sagamu and IbeFUN.

One week was devoted to prayers towards the proposed revival meetings. Posters and handbills were centrally printed and shared to all stations in the state for necessary publicity.

Vehicles with public address gadgets were used for early-morning and evening campaigns on a daily basis.

## FROM THE AFRICA OVERSEER



The dictionary meaning of **revive** is to become or make someone conscious, healthy or strong again. In the spiritual sense, revival is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the lives of individuals, to make them conscious of sin and its consequences. The Holy Spirit will

**“reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment”**. As each person turns to God, confessing, forsaking his sins and yielding his life completely to God, God pardons.

There is great joy and peace in the heart of the forgiven person. There is joy among the saints and among the angels of Heaven over the soul that repents.

Revivals are prayed down. That is usually what happens after the camp meetings. In this edition, you will read some of the reports that came in from many branch churches, of the revival services held after the 2005 camp meeting.

As the work grows and new horizons open, it becomes imperative for more men of God to be appointed to oversee the work in the states. Some states that had formed a district were split for ease of administration.

Reports and testimonies of victory also came in from other parts of Africa. Since the world is now a global village, it is easy to reach our Zambia Church on their E-mail address; apostolic faith@zamtel.zm.

Let us work and pray earnestly as we watch for the Lord’s return.

*P. O. Akazue*

All roads led to the various revival centres everyday.

Film shows took place every Monday at the different centres while evangelistic services were held from Tuesday to Friday at 5.30 pm each week. Preachers from different stations in the state officiated in turns at the various centres. The variation was a revival in itself.

Attendance at the revival meetings was thrilling. New faces attended the meetings throughout and many of them received their Christian experiences.

We are grateful to God for the many blessings recorded at the different centres. Notable among the people saved at Ijebu-Ode was a man who had been seeking salvation for about twenty years. The founder of a church attended our revival services at Ibe fun. She was saved and sanctified. She and her church members have since been attending services at The Apostolic Faith Church, Ibe fun. Available records show that 155 souls were saved, 86 sanctified and 28 baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Many inspiring testimonies were given at the various revival centres during the two weeks.

At Oke-Abetu, a sister testified to God’s miraculous healing of her unbelieving husband from an ailment, which had defied medication.

Another sister told of how God delivered her from sin. She stated that the fetish priest she had consulted before her salvation demanded her best dress which he gave to his wife. She thanked God for delivering her.

A sister also testified that God restored her brother who had backslidden twenty years before. He was saved, sanctified, and baptised with the Holy Ghost during the last camp meeting at Igbesa. He was also healed of diabetes.

A minister testified at Ijebu-Ode that while praying at home one day, God told him to open his eyes. In obedience to the instruction, he found a snake by his side. God protected him and the snake was killed.

A sister also told of how Satan lured her away from the fold with promises of a brighter time. She however found out that the devil was a liar because she suffered much out there. She thanked God for restoring her to the Gospel.

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A sister, who was saved on the day that Odosenbora Church started, was recently delivered of a bouncing baby. In her testimony, she told of the difference in her child bearing experience. Before coming into the Gospel, anytime she was due to have a baby, she used to sacrifice a sheep. In spite of that, she would fall sick and spend between four and six days in the hospital after having the baby. But this time, she trusted in God and had her baby safely at home before the arrival of the midwives.

Follow-up visits have been made to new converts and the results are evident in our meetings in that some of them are regular in our services. New faces are also seen at the Bible Study meetings.

Reports from Edo State revealed that a sister from Ofunwegbe who had always been spiritually empty attended the revival meeting. She prayed through to salvation, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and has since been spiritually refreshed.

A brother also testified that during the period of the revival, thieves came to his house in the night. He heard the dogs barking but did not bother because they had barked the previous night too. He did not know that thieves were trying to climb the fence into his house. God used a man to frighten them and they fled leaving their weapons behind.

At Oluku, workers from Benin came to launch an aggressive house-to-house evangelism. The exercise produced a very good result as about 45 people were present in that day's revival service. One of the guests was saved and sanctified. During the mid-week services, 4 people prayed through to different Christian experiences. Also, the pastor of a neighbouring church attended the revival services and prayed very well.

Ekpoma, being a University town, the Church there is often referred to as the students' Church. The revival meetings came at the time the students were writing their first semester examinations. In spite of that, the students had a strong desire to pray and they tarried long at the altar of prayer. A lady prayed through to her two Christian experiences of salvation and sanctification.

At Ikpoba Hill branch church, two people prayed through to salvation and one to sanctification. Over the years, the branch had been praying for a piece of land to site the church building. It pleased the Lord to answer prayers during the revival period. The Lord stirred up a sister to donate a parcel of land to the Church.

At Ugbowo, after a film show titled *The Passion of the Christ*, many people

rededicated their lives to God. People also defied the rains to attend the mid-week revival services. Two souls were saved, three were sanctified and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

God greatly blessed the revival meetings in Kogi State. At Lokoja, nine people were saved and one was sanctified. Seven souls were saved at Okene branch, one was sanctified and two were baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire. At Ajaokuta, five people were saved and three were sanctified. At Aiyetoro Gbede, the attendance was encouraging. Souls were also saved.

A brother testified that he travelled to Lagos and mistakenly boarded a bus occupied by armed robbers. The robbers searched his luggage and found his Bible and Sunday School book. They ordered him out of the bus without hurting him.

The revival services which were held in 17 church locations in Osun State were preceded by two weeks of prayers. Between September 18 and October 2, 2005, 16 branch churches had at least two days of revival services each.

From October 2 to October 9, 2005, Ilesa had one week of inspiring revival services attended by all pastors and ministers from the state.

172 souls were saved, 76 sanctified and 24 baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire, from available records.

# MEET THE NEW DISTRICT OVERSEERS



**Brother Julius Oluwasanya Ajayi** was born on June 11, 1939, at Ise-Ekiti, in Nigeria. He was saved in October 1967. In 1976, when he was transferred to Ibadan by his then employer, he heard about the The Apostolic Faith Church. There he learnt

of and prayed through to the experiences of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

He was the House Secretary of Association of Visiting Secretaries (AVS) in Ibadan from 1990 to 1997. On October 1, 1997, he was appointed the pastor of The Apostolic Faith Church, Ikirun. He was transferred to Uyo District in January 2003, as the District Overseer. On July 1, 2005, he became the Overseer of Oyo State.

**Brother Sylvester Effiong Ekpe** was born on May 7, 1946, at Creek Town, Odukpani L.G.A, Nigeria. He prayed through to the three Christian experiences on June 1, 1967, May 1968 and August 1968 respectively.

He joined daily team work in 1968 and became a member of the church choir in 1969. Brother Effiong was appointed Sunday School teacher in 1971. He has been a member of the Efik Language Editorial Staff from 1979 to date. He became a youth minister in 1974, a minister in 1985 and a pastor in 1992. In October 2004, he was appointed the Overseer of Cross River State.



**Brother Jonah Tetendeng Waribo** of Ajakajali, Andoni, Nigeria, was born on December 12, 1939. He came to the Gospel in 1962 and prayed through to the three Christian experiences.

In 1967, he became a



pastor. On June 3, 2005, he was appointed the Overseer of Bayelsa State.



**Brother Festus Ajayi Oniyide**, a native of Abeokuta, Nigeria, was born on April 8, 1954. He was saved and sanctified during the 1976 camp meeting and was baptised with the Holy Ghost in 1977.

He was appointed a Sunday School teacher in 1983 and a minister in 1988.

Simultaneously, he became the pastor of Ajaokuta branch church in 1988. In 2005, he was appointed the Overseer of Kogi State.

**Brother Emmanuel Nnaji** was born in 1950. He is a native of Nkpofia in Obeagu-Awkunanaw, Enugu, Nigeria. He came to the Gospel in 1972 and prayed through to the three Christian experiences on January 7, 1973.

He was appointed a Sunday School teacher in 1978. The same year, he became the treasurer of Enugu branch Church till 1992. He was appointed the Overseer of Enugu/Benue/Ebonyi District on June 5, 2005.



**Brother Albert Adegboye** was born in Ikere-Ekiti, Nigeria on October 16, 1938. He was saved on January 14, 1974, prayed through to sanctification in February 1974 and was baptised with the Holy Spirit in August 1974.

He became an usher in 1976 and a Sunday School teacher in 1981. He was an interpreter in the Church and later, a minister. He was made the pastor of Akiode branch church, Lagos. Brother Adegboye was the Overseer of Akwa-Ibom State between 1998 and 1999 and that of Kaduna State between 2000 and 2001. He was transferred back to Lagos where he served till July 2005. Presently, he is the Overseer of Ondo State.

# Newsline

## News from The Gambia

We have every cause to thank God for all the wonderful blessings He is showering on us.

Thanks be to God for the people who are coming into our midst and for the Christian experiences that the Lord is giving them. Testimonies abound to prove this.

A brother prayed through to salvation and then trials came. Three of his extended family members passed away within two weeks. His business also collapsed. Many of the goods he ordered from Nigeria were diverted to Dakar in Senegal, instead of to The Gambia. This made him travel to Dakar about ten times. These problems discouraged him from coming to Church. However, the members of the Church were very much concerned about his whereabouts.

On the day he came across the pastor, he was encouraged to discuss his problems. He was then counselled and prayed for. From then on, things started changing for good. Through the prayers of the saints, his money that had been outstanding was paid back to him. We thank the Lord that this experience drew him closer to God.

The Lord surprised us with an answer to our prayers on June 21, 2005, by giving us a sound gospel bus at no cost to the Church. This God is very wonderful. May we be faithful to Him to the end.

**Joseph K. Amogbonjaye.**

## News from Zambia

We rejoice in the Lord Who is working wonderfully in many lives. August till now seems to be Zambia's time of visitation from the Lord.

In preparation for the Youth Rally,

daily prayer meetings were held from August 1-19, 2005, by the youths. The elders too were present. Concurrently with the prayer session ran the holiday school attended by students from different areas. Many of them were also able to attend the 5-day Youth Rally from August 22-26, 2005. In attendance were two delegates from Zimbabwe and one from Botswana.

The caption of the Rally was, **Rebuilding the Broken Down Walls**. It was emphasised that the cause of broken down walls in many people's lives today is sin. However, the Lord can help anyone who is willing to surrender his life to Him.

The activities during the Rally included Bible teachings, Bible study, seminars, career talk and revival services..

One afternoon was devoted to **The Roots of the Gospel in Zambia**. This was a discussion of the history of The Apostolic Faith work up to the present time. The youths, who form the bulwark of our Church need to know the beginning of the glorious work so that they are well focused for the days ahead. At the end of the Rally, 35 souls were saved, 16 sanctified and ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The youths had a wonderful time with God and were greatly blessed. The Rally ended on Friday, August 26, but many opted to stay till Monday, thus prompting the organisers to arrange extra activities to keep them busy. The activities included: plays interspersed with group singing, Sunday School children's programme and music presentation by the combined junior choir.

On August 13, a team of workers drawn from various stations in

Southern Province and Lusaka, headed for Munyumbwe, Gwembe district, for a one-week revival to "plant" a branch church.

The response of the people was very encouraging. What hunger for the Truth of God's Word was witnessed at this new location! 41 souls were saved, 15 sanctified and 11 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The services were outstanding and the music by the choir was simply great. Even more remarkable was the willingness of the people to tarry on the altar of prayer, at the end of each service.

Among other remarkable testimonies given at Munyumbwe revival was that of an 11 year old son of a pastor who was wonderfully sanctified and baptised with the Holy Ghost on the third day of the meeting. The boy was so happy that he missed his meal for the joy of these experiences. This challenged the young boy's elder sister to seek the Lord more earnestly for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord rewarded her consecration and faith on the last day of the revival. She is now rejoicing in the Lord.

From Nyimba in Eastern Zambia and Ndola on the Copperbelt where camp meetings were held in August, came reports of victory. Many were evidently blessed of the Lord. The Lord equally blessed the Mbeya special meetings in Tanzania.

On the communication front, we are delighted to say that our Church is now connected to the Internet. The installation was done on August, 31, 2005 and our E-mail address is [apostolicfaith@zamtel.zm](mailto:apostolicfaith@zamtel.zm) Glory be to God.

It is amazing how the Lord is blessing the work in Zambia. Recently, the Lord surprised us with the gift of twenty bicycles for evangelistic outreach along the Zambezi Valley, bordering Zimbabwe - popularly known as "bottom road", stretching from Chirundu to Kafwambila. We believe that the Lord will do more in the days ahead for His own glory.

# God Did it For Me

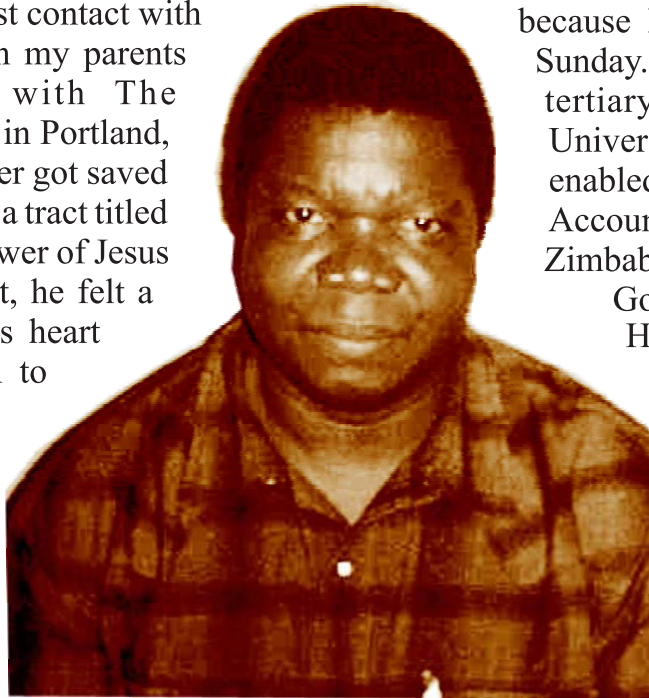
## From *CONVICTION* to **SALVATION**

I thank God for bringing me into this glorious Gospel. My first contact with the Gospel was through my parents who corresponded with The Apostolic Faith Church in Portland, Oregon, USA. My father got saved in 1953 through reading a tract titled How to Become a Follower of Jesus Christ. After reading it, he felt a strong conviction in his heart and he prayed through to salvation, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

By the time I was born, my parents were both Christians and I had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. We were taken to Sunday School and at the age of twelve, the Lord began to speak to my heart about where I would spend eternity if I died as a sinner. One day I dreamt that I had died and I was pleading with God to give me one more chance to repent of my sins. When I woke up, I was afraid and conviction gripped my heart. I really thank God because this experience drew me closer to Him and I prayed through to salvation. I felt such joy and peace in my soul that nothing could compare with.

I made restitutions for the lies I had told and my disobedience to my siblings and parents. They gladly forgave me and my heart bubbled with unspeakable joy. I told God I would serve Him all the days of my life if He would take care of me.

After saving my soul and sanctifying me, God started to open up new opportunities for me. I was the first child to go to a secondary school and even to the University in my family. I found school life challenging with peer pressure piled upon me from those who did not know God. But Jesus kept me as the apple of His eye and promised that He would take me through. I passed all my subjects even though



some of my friends thought I would fail because I attended church services every Sunday. God wonderfully provided for my tertiary education through a World University Services Scholarship. This enabled me to enrol for a Bachelor of Accountancy degree at the University of Zimbabwe.

God led me to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit at an Easter convention when the late Africa Overseer, Rev. J. O. Soyinka, came to Zimbabwe on his way from Zambia. While at the service, God opened my heart and I began to praise Him for the wonderful fellowship. God took over and the Spirit of God gave me utterance in a language I had never spoken.

I made further consecration and God showed me how He wanted me to follow Him. He gave me better understanding of the Scriptures and my heart bubbled with joy.

Since then, I have never looked back. God blessed me with a good job and gave me victory in my day-to-day challenges. In October 1988, God gave me a wonderful wife and has since blessed us with four children. It has been a privilege for my wife and I to serve the Lord as Sunday School teachers and choristers. The Lord has been taking care of our children and providing for all our needs.

Jesus is our Healer. It was diagnosed that our first child had cancer at the age of three months, but through the power of prayer, God raised him up. A child specialist nicknamed him “a miracle baby” when he re-examined him and confirmed that the cancer was completely removed.

It is my desire to follow Jesus and serve Him with all my heart till I see Him face to face in Heaven.

*Kwaziso Bhosha*  
*Harare, Zimbabwe*

# Joy in the LORD

I was born into a family where I did not have the benefit of attending Sunday School. My great-grand father was the founder of our village where many traditional practices were held on to. My father upheld many of the practices including polygamy. Soon after his death, the entire family disintegrated. I then had to be moved from one location to another in search of safety.

In 1964, I found myself in the city of Calabar, Nigeria. There, I came across the Gospel through an invitation by a Sunday School boy. I kept attending the Sunday School. One Sunday afternoon, during the Young People's service, I had an encounter with Jesus Who made a real and lasting change in my life. He set me free from sin and gave me joy. I later prayed through to the experiences of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The change in my life caused my family members to misunderstand me and became rather hostile to me. This was the beginning of my many persecutions. Sometime in 1970, two options were presented to me by the family. I was to choose between serving Jesus in my new-found way and forfeit all the benefits of a son at home or, renounce my faith and enjoy the full benefits of sonship in the family. Facing such a decision at an early age of thirteen years was very difficult. There was pressure on me to succumb but I had made up my mind. I was not prepared to sacrifice my new experience with Christ for any material benefits.

Later in the year, I came back from church on a Sunday evening to discover, to my surprise, that I had been locked out. I remained outside till midnight. A neighbour took me in quietly to sleep in his room, but early the following morning I was standing at our door again. When my brother opened the door and saw me, he threw all my torn clothes that I had in the house at my feet. "That is

the end of you here", he said. Many people rushed in to plead on my behalf, but he said he was through with me and that decision was final.

I picked those few rags that were my belongings. With hot tears and my hands on my head, I walked into the street not knowing where I was going. As a little boy in the elementary school, I had nothing except my new found Friend, JESUS. I had some hope that Jesus would not leave me alone like that. For five years, I could only see our house from a distance. During those years, it was a miracle that God saw me through the secondary school in Calabar.

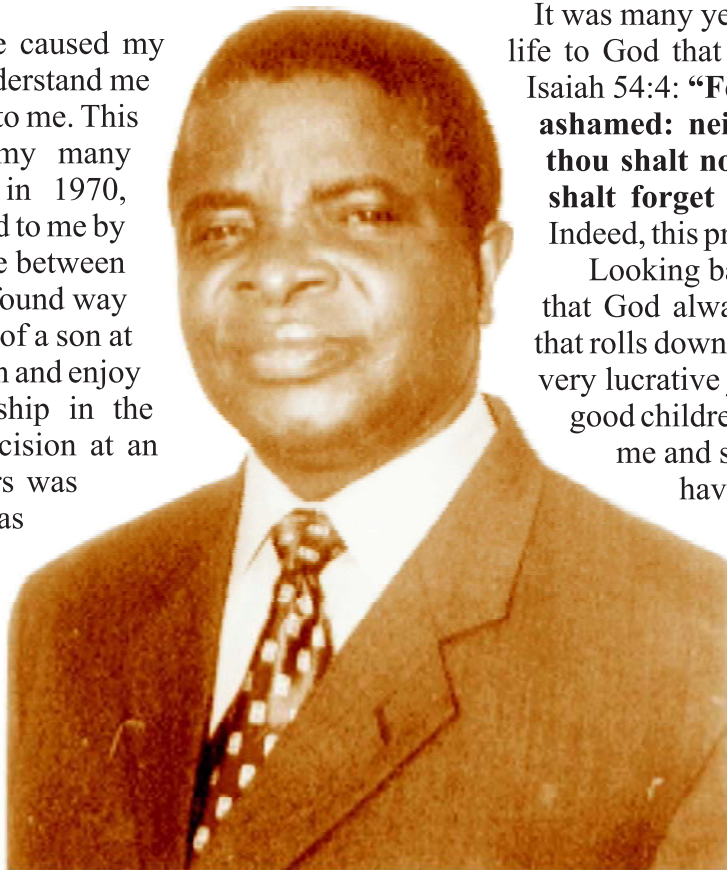
In September 1979, I experienced another miracle. I became a University student in Portland, Oregon, United States of America! God gave me a brilliant success in all my studies. I lived a total of eleven years in Portland, Oregon.

It was many years after I had surrendered my life to God that He led me to the passage in Isaiah 54:4: **"Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth..."**. Indeed, this promise of God availed for me.

Looking backward today, I have realised that God always takes notice of every tear that rolls down my cheek. God has given me a very lucrative job, a beautiful wife and three good children. Jesus has been everything to me and since I gave my heart to Him, I have never had a cause to regret it.

Years have come and gone, the joy of salvation is still bubbling in my heart and the desire to remain with Jesus is ever more appealing.

Oh, what a wonderful joy to know that there is Someone Who is greater than all our mountains and valley! I thank God for the power, blessings and contentment that I have enjoyed in the Gospel for these many years.




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# OFFICIAL OPENING OF Crawford University



*Above is the picture of the Administrative block of the Crawford University, Faith City, Igbesa, Ogun State, Nigeria. The Crawford University formally opened to students on Friday, September 30, 2005. On that day, the students were thrilled to an evening of music. On Saturday, the students went on a familiarisation tour of the campus. The first Sunday on campus was richly blessed. A student prayed through to salvation. The Orientation week was informative, useful and a huge success. Classes started at the Crawford University at 9.00 am on Monday, October 10, 2005. The Pioneer students matriculated on December 20, 2005.*

**WISHING YOU  
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**