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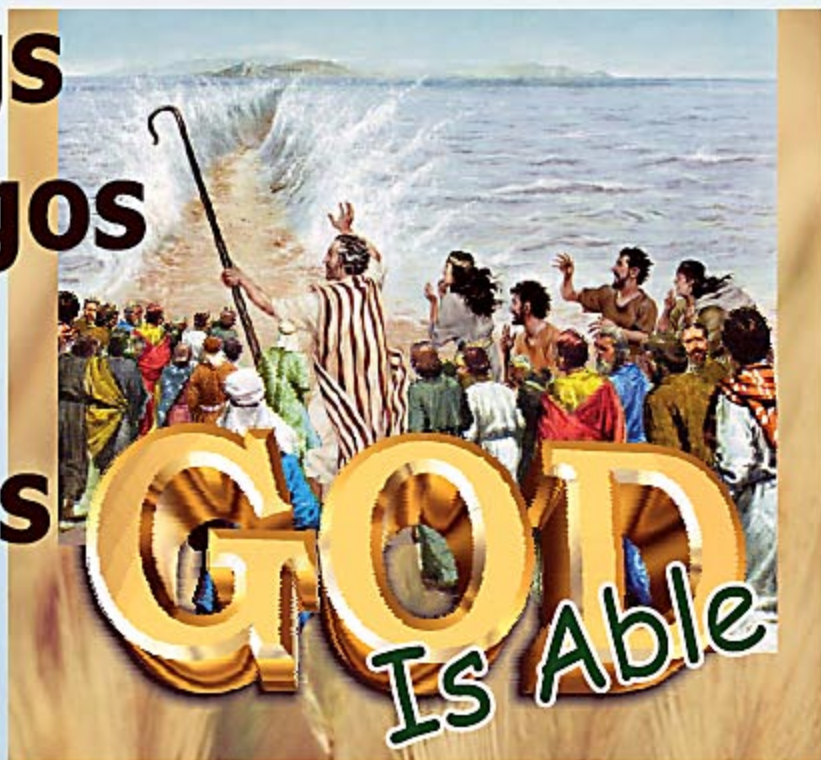


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# Blessings Trail Lagos Revival Meetings



The revival programme for Lagos District comprising 29 branch churches, including the Africa Headquarters, came up between January 22 and 29, 2006. The theme of the revival was "God is Able."

Prior to the revival meetings, there had been a massive campaign including house-to-house invitation, public announcement and one-on-one invitation.

The Africa Overseer, Brother Paul Akazue, declared a week-long prayer in all branch churches to precede the revival services. Signs of an oncoming showers of blessing became manifest from the large turn-out of brethren at the prayer meetings.

When the revival started on January 22, God visited His people mightily. At the Anthony Headquarters alone, 267 souls were saved, 182 sanctified, and 125 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A unique feature of the revival programme was the determination of the first timers to receive blessings

from God. Like the Syrophenician woman, they agonisingly tarried, unwilling to depart from the presence of the Master, unless they were blessed. Hanging on the promise of the Saviour that if they asked, they would be given, they, in earnestness cried: "Lord, help

me," and they received more blessings than they asked for.

Reports from across the District showed that many of the young people realised they needed to seek God early. This quest made many

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## Reports from Branch Churches

At Oke Aro, a woman who had never attended The Apostolic Faith Church, said that her heart was arrested immediately she heard the public address system announcing the revival meeting. She left the clothes she was washing, ran to the front of her

house but the vehicle had left. She decided she would catch the bus when it returned, but she failed. She, however, saw faintly *Folashade Campbell Avenue* on the vehicle. She traced the Church address and

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## FROM THE AFRICA OVERSEER

**What is hindering you?**

Have you received of the abundant grace of God flowing across Africa in these last days? You should!

God has convincingly proved that He is prepared to revive His work. He wonderfully started 2006 with a revival. It is of such a magnitude that we can categorically say that this will be a year of revival. The Headquarters Church in Lagos, and the districts across Nigeria have proved this.

Why then are you left out? What is hindering you? Jesus, Who loves you so dearly that He died for your sins said: **“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6).**

**“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.**

**“Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11,12).**

All you need do to receive the grace of God is to confess your sins, forsake them, and call Jesus into your heart. Oh, what a wonderful moment when Jesus comes in! You too will then testify that **“No other God ... can deliver after this sort” (Daniel 3:29).**

Your life will not be devoid of His praise. **“This people have I formed for myself: they shall shew forth my praise” (Isaiah 43:21).**

Since grace is unmerited favour, you can be a beneficiary, if you put away your hindrances.

*Paul Oge Akazue*

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of them to run to the altar. They too sought God, and tarried in prayer and their faithfulness was rewarded with salvation.

Every meeting was special. The sermons centred on salvation from sin. On Monday, January 23, sacred films were shown in Anthony, Ebute-Meta, Mafoluku and Idogo, while some other branch churches organised drama, prayer meetings and campaign.

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the same evening, she was saved and sanctified. She was endued with the Holy Ghost on the Friday of the revival meetings.

At the same location, a middle-aged man who was saved and sanctified, was reluctant to go home. He kept thanking the children of God, and regretting he had been resisting God's love for so long.

Of specific interest was a deaf and dumb couple. Initially, the husband was lukewarm, but by the third day of the revival, the wife had obtained her three Christian experiences. The husband was challenged, claiming his partner had taken all the blessings. The husband was saved and sanctified the following day. Over 30 souls were saved within the one-week revival period.

At the Isolo branch, a couple attended the revival meetings with their children. The husband and wife were saved and their first child tarried at the altar, refusing to go home without salvation. 23 souls were saved and 14 sanctified during the revival.

The Prince of Peace manifested Himself at Sango Otta branch church, where a couple that would hitherto not see eye-to-eye were reconciled. The husband and wife came to the revival meeting separately. The Word of God convicted the wife and she miraculously prayed through to salvation. As she was rejoicing, and getting ready to go home, somebody alerted her that the husband was at the altar praying. She said: "I will wait for him." They both went back home rejoicing. Surely, there is no impossibility with God. He is able.

At Akowonjo, a play was staged on Monday, January 23, titled, **The Solid Foundation**. It depicted the difference between the godly and the ungodly homes. People were inspired to pray fervently. On Sunday, January 29, a film, depicting the end of the ungodly and rejecters of God, made the people rush to the altar. At the end of the revival meetings, 23 souls were saved, three sanctified, and many were healed.

The Abeokuta brethren assisted Idogo branch church which is close to them. The people were mightily blessed; one soul was saved and sanctified.

Reports from other branch churches indicated huge success and victory as many people prayed through to different Christian experiences. Backsliders were restored to grace and broken homes were mended. Many other people testified to having received healing.



# Newsline

## AFRICA OVERSEER VISITS GABON

The Africa Overseer, Rev. Paul Oge Akazue, accompanied by his wife, Sister Jane, Brother James Olaleye and Sister Rachel Fakorede arrived Libreville, Gabon, in the wee hours of Thursday, December 8, 2005. At the airport, the delegation was given a rousing welcome by members of The Apostolic Faith Church in Gabon. Though very late, the children waited to present a bouquet of flowers. They also staged a welcome programme.

During the visit, the Africa Overseer paid a courtesy call on the Charge d'Affaires of the Nigerian Embassy in Libreville, Mr. Danjuma Sheni, who warmly received the delegation. Rev. Akazue gave the Charge d'Affaires the mission statement of The Apostolic Faith which is to win Africa for Christ. The

Church is not profit-oriented but rather, is interested in getting people ready for the Rapture.

The Overseer visited some old acquaintances of the Church who promised to attend the 2006 camp meeting at Faith City, Igbesa, Ogun State, Nigeria. Sister Fakorede took note of the people with a view to sending them invitation letters in French language as may be requested by the Gabonese Immigration Authorities.

Brother Akazue held a meeting with the saints on Friday. In attendance were Gabonese, Cameroonians, Beninoise, Togolese, Congolese, Equatorial Guineans and Nigerians. He also attended the Sunday School Teachers' Conference on Saturday. The Overseer and

his team were at the morning devotional service as well as the evening evangelistic revival service held on Sunday. Many people attended the services. Some prayed through to salvation and other Christian experiences. There was a lot of revival, and joy filled the hearts of the saints.

Brother Akazue also visited the branch church in Esasa, about 28 kilometres from Libreville. The congregation warmly received him. He, in turn, prayed for them all.

The visit to Gabon was divinely planned and was an answer to the prayers of the saints in that country. The congregation was advised to look for a better and larger location as the current church site in Libreville is in a remote area.

## CAMP MEETING IN GHANA

Delegates from Nigeria, Republic of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger Republic and all the branch churches throughout Ghana, attended the 2005 camp meeting in Ghana. The meeting was attended by the Africa Overseer, Brother Akazue and his wife, Jane. Also present were Brother Hounmenou Marcellin, the Overseer for Benin Republic, Brothers Kintin George and Kouassi Kouakou Benoit both from Cote d'Ivoire.

The Ministers and Workers' Conference was held on the Friday preceding the camp meeting where **Membership** was discussed; and on Saturday at the Ministers' Conference **Ministration to the Sick** was the topic.

Brother Akazue opened the meeting with a sermon from 3 John 2, which was the theme of the camp meeting. He ended his sermon with a prayer of benediction, **"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them"** (Numbers 6:22-27).

The benediction was fully realised during the camp meeting as the Lord made His face to shine upon everyone who came to the meeting with a thirsty and hungry heart.

Many people prayed through to victory and as many as 85 people prayed through to salvation, 40 received sanctification and 20 were baptised with the Holy Spirit.

The Camp Concert was held on the first Saturday of the camp meeting. During the meetings, there were many testimonies of God's answers to prayers. The wife of the Pastor in Kumasi testified that she recently became pregnant after many years of marriage. She stood there pointing to her protruding belly to the glory of God.

A brother testified: "I am thankful to God that He can protect our property. I forgot my briefcase, which contained my Bible, some documents and money, after alighting from a bus with my two children. We went home only to realise that my briefcase was not with us. We prayed to God to send His angels to guard the briefcase. When we went back to the place, a man who owns a store there had picked it up for safety. He brought the briefcase from his store and handed it over to us. That was the miracle God performed to protect my briefcase."

On the last Friday of the camp meeting, ordinance services were held, starting with the Water Baptismal Service in the morning. Sixty-two souls were baptised in water. In the evening, after the evangelistic service, the children of God had a wonderful fellowship when the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Saints' Feet were held.

The meeting came to an end with the assurance that God will take care of His people till another camp meeting.

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## Cross River District

Cross River District held a two-week camp meeting from December 4 to 18, 2005.

The camp meeting started on Sunday, December 4, with a programme presented by the Elementary Sunday School children on **Just One Touch**. People with diverse ailments received a touch from Jesus and their sicknesses disappeared. In the sermon, during the devotional service, Brother Muiyiwa Olamijulo said that salvation is the basis for real prosperity; hence, prosperity without the foundation - Jesus Christ - is vain. He further remarked that the secret of Joseph's prosperity in Genesis 39:21-23 was his righteous life. True prosperity is also carrying the cross assigned to one by God in love.

From December 6 through 15, there were inspiring Bible Teachings. 185 souls were saved, 71 sanctified and 35 baptised with the Holy Ghost. 142 candidates underwent the ordinance of Water Baptism. Among those healed during the convention was a 10-year-old child who slumped during one of the evangelistic services and whom the Lord brought back to life.

The average attendance for the three Sundays of the camp meeting was 7,120.

## Kwara District

At the last quarter of 2005, God opened another avenue for village evangelism in Isin Local Government Area. This took the Gospel team to two and eight other villages in the environs.

A two-day retreat was held on December 23 and 24 at the State Headquarters. The Bible study centred on **Jesus, the Saviour of the world**. The retreat also featured a symposium on **Building and Maintaining A Christian Home**. Five people were saved, two sanctified and two baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire.

One of the elementary Sunday School children was sick to the point of death. She lost the use of her eyes, voice and could no longer walk. But through the prayer of the people of God, God raised her up.

## Enugu District

Enugu District had a two-week post-camp meeting revival services from September 18 to October 2, 2005. The revival centres were: Enugu, Amechi, Afikpo, Nsukka, Amodu/Obeagu, Makurdi and Nara. Gospel teams went out every day on either open-air services or house-to-house campaigns. At the end of the revival meetings, 106 souls were saved, 63 sanctified and 28 baptised with the Holy Ghost.

## Abia District

The two-week revival meetings in Abia District were held in selected centres, which were outside the various church locations. They were to serve as evangelistic outreach for new fields. The people were then brought to Church on Sundays for services. Because it was outdoor evangelism for a period of two weeks, a lot of preparations were put in place. These were made possible through the consecration of the saints. The revival meetings at the various centres were conducted simultaneously. The results were marvellous. 29 souls were saved, 21 sanctified and 11 baptised with the Holy Ghost.

## Niger District

Post-camp meeting revival services were held at The Apostolic Faith Churches in Minna, Bida, New Bussa, Sokoto and Kontagora. One week of prayer meetings preceded the revival period to seek God's help and blessings on the revival meetings. The first revival week was at Minna between September 4 and 11, 2005. 24 souls were saved, 10 sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost.

A week-end revival was held at Sokoto from September 23 to 25. Four souls were saved, three sanctified and one baptised with the Holy Ghost.

At Bida, the meetings started on October 2 and ended on October 9. 30 souls were saved, 14 sanctified, and seven baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire.

At the District Headquarters, New Bussa, the revival services took place between October 23 and 30. A mighty revival broke out in the morning and evening services of the first Sunday. On that day, a total of 78 blessings were recorded. By the end of the last Sunday revival service, 109 souls were registered saved, 41 sanctified and 19 baptised with the Holy Ghost.

The revival then moved to Kontagora between October 30 and November 6. 38 souls were saved, 13 sanctified and 10 baptised with the Holy Ghost. God also provided the Church with a 15-seater bus.

A brother testified in Minna during the revival: "I was a Muslim before I came in contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was antagonistic to anything called Christianity. One glorious day, I prayed in the Name of Jesus, and He saved my soul. I was persecuted by my father but God saw me through. Recently, I saw my father on his sick bed praying to my Jesus. He passed into Glory a saved soul!"

## Delta District

The two-week post-camp meeting revival services were held in five branch churches: Asaba, Aviara, Owerre-Olubor, Warri and Sapele, from September 4 to 18, 2005. God gave us good weather and journey mercies during the meetings.

Eight backsliders were restored to grace! 35 souls were saved, 24 sanctified and 15 baptised with the Holy Ghost.

## Ikot Enwang District

A two-week District camp meeting was held at Ikot Enwang in Akwa Ibom State from December 18, 2005 to January 1, 2006. The camp meeting was attended by 7000 delegates among whom 201 souls were saved, 130 sanctified, 65 baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire. 220 were miraculously healed of divers diseases like diabetes, issue of blood, appendicitis, toothache and fibroid. The power of God is still the same today.

## Osun District

The District started the year with a one-week revival meetings that took place between January 8 and 15, 2006 at Ilesa, Ikirun, Osogbo, Ile-Ife, Ila-Orangun, Otan Ayegbaju and Ilobu. A total of 101 souls were saved, 60 sanctified, 26 baptised with the Holy Ghost and 11 healed. The Lord literally crowned the year with goodness.

In one of the revival services at Ikirun, a brother testified that he was the son of a herbalist. Yet he had a chronic stomach ache, which could not be healed until he met Jesus Christ. Jesus saved him from sin and healed him of his disease.

## Ondo District

**"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" (2 Chronicles 7: 14).**

This was exactly what happened in Oka Akoko, the headquarters of Akoko South-West Local Government in Ondo State on November 27, 2005. Before this day, the entire community under the leadership of the king, Olubaka of Oka, His Royal Highness, Oba Yusuf Adebore Adeleye, had called for a 40-day prayer to appease God on behalf of the land. The community requested The Apostolic Faith Church to hold a special service for them. The sermon focused on **Reconciliation to God**. The preacher stressed the need for individuals to open up their hearts for the King of Glory to come in and break the curses generated by sin. The sermon was followed by a fervent prayer session. Thereafter, the dignitaries testified of being assured of peaceful, and progressive days ahead.



*Brother Joshua Manlee Roberts, the Overseer of The Apostolic Faith Churches in Liberia tells of his service in the vineyard of the Lord in this lucid interview.*

**Q:** Could you introduce yourself please?

**A:** I am Joshua Roberts, born on May 28, 1961, by Liberian parents.

**Q:** When did you become the leader of the work in Liberia?

**A:** I assumed the position, by the grace of God, on February 14, 2002, when Brother Dealyn George, the missionary sent from Nigeria, returned home. The appointment took me by surprise.

**Q:** And your family?

**A:** My father is still alive, a very old man. I have a wife and God gave us five boys.

**Q:** How did you come across the Gospel?

**A:** I was born in the Gospel. In 1975, when I was a teenager, God saved me. Two years later, He sanctified me. And in 1986, while I was in Nigeria to learn Music, there was a two-week revival services at Agege. During the second week of the revival programme, God gave me the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

**Q:** When the Georges left Liberia, did you really have any inclination that you could be the next leader?

**A:** Not at all. It has not been easy. The work in Liberia has suffered a lot, especially during the fourteen years of bloody war. At that time, the Church almost crumbled. God heard our cry. The Georges came in and spent four years and two months. Now the Church is progressing; new branch churches are being established.

**Q:** How many branch churches, do you have?

**A:** Fifteen, with two in Monrovia. I started with thirteen but God has helped us with additional two branch churches. Some workers were recently sent to where people are in need of the Gospel. The people in that region have already accepted the Gospel. They started

building a church there at their own expense. So by October, we would fully move into the building.

**Q:** Do you have national meetings like camp meetings or retreats?

**A:** Oh yes, we have a retreat every Easter at the Headquarters. All the nearby branch churches come together in Monrovia. We also go out for open-air-services, and visit rural churches. We go from village to village for revival services.

**Q:** How about the logistics?

**A:** We need vehicles, we are crying for that. We have one bus, but it is almost running out of use. However, we walk; we do serious trekking in an effort to reach other people. I do not know how to describe it. If you get to Liberia, you will see the need of the Gospel work. Actually, we are crying unto God, and I am persuaded that He is able to answer our prayer. If we have vehicles, the Gospel work will progress faster.

**Q:** Is the war ended now?

**A:** Exactly so, by the grace of God. There is peace now. We have the UN with 2,000 troops. No more gunfire. You can travel the highway of Liberia, any hour of the day.

**Q:** Do you have people to visit schools?

**A:** Of course. But we have not reached the universities yet. We are going to do that when we get home.

**Q:** Could you tell us how you were saved?

**A:** Thank God I was born in the Gospel. I was taken to Sunday School, at a tender age. However, I chose my own way - the way of sin. But I thank God that during one evening service, in a village, where we had our first Headquarters, God got my attention. I heard the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" Before then at home, God had shown me the picture of hell. That day, when I heard the question, it pricked my heart and I prayed. Jesus saved my soul. Later on, He sanctified me, and in 1986, He baptised me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Since then He has been all in all to me.

I started making restitutions. I made restitution to one woman whom I had

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once insulted. When God saved me, I wrote to her to ask for forgiveness. She forgave me. When I was a young boy, we used to go around stealing cassava and other things. While at school, I stole my friends' pencils. But after my conversion, I went to all these people and begged for forgiveness. They joyfully forgave me.

**Q:** How about Music in Liberia?

**A:** The choir members are improving, but they lack musical instruments. You can imagine five choristers with two or three clarinets and without sufficient number of reeds. One person would play for a while and then pass it to another. Think of a violin without a bow. Most of the instruments were looted during the war. However, we have about 20 music students - two on the violin, three on the cello, five on the organ and three on the flute. We have one instrument for each of the groups. For now, we have no cello. The students practise in turns at two hours' interval. While some are playing, the others look on.

**Q:** What is your wish or aspiration for the Gospel in your country?

**A:** My expectation is very high. My wish is that the Gospel would spread all over Liberia. God told me, after our camp meeting in Liberia in February 2005, that the Gospel is the Light of the nation. I asked God, "How can I go to all the towns and villages of Liberia?" God told me, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." That promise is my hope. And I know that God Who has said it will surely do it. So, I have very high hopes for my country.





# God Did it For Me



I was born and bred as a Moslem under strict Islamic principles. I grew up to be trained to read Quran in Arabic language and to observe five daily prayers. Really, I was sincere in my worship but sincerely wrong because there were sins in my life and the way to be freed eluded me. The more I

struggled to leave sin, the

more I found myself in greater sins. In my primary school days, I was privileged to attend a mission school, where I was exposed to the Bible. The Word of God did not mean much to me then because of my Islamic background. But thanks be to God, when I was in secondary school, I was opportunely to study Christian Religious Knowledge (CRK) as one of my subjects in preparation for the West African School Certificate Examination. I took

much interest in the Bible because it was the only text book for CRK, the only arts subject I would offer in the examination. Since I had the determination to pass it well, I had no choice than to read the Bible frequently. The verse of the Bible in Matthew 3:16 really struck my heart and generated a spiritual revolution within me. I wanted to know the right way to worship God. In each of my five daily prayers in the mosque, I would stay back praying God to convince me of the right way. God showed me that Jesus Christ is the ONLY ONE, Who can take sins out of man's life. There and then, I stopped going to the mosque but I did not know how to become a Christian.

In 1974, while I was about completing my degree programme in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, a friend invited me to listen to the Word of God preached by an evangelist. The Word of God really touched my heart and I left the place for my room on the campus under heavy conviction. I became so restless that I could not sleep until the Spirit of God enjoined me to pray for the forgiveness of my sins. The simple prayer I could pray was that Jesus should forgive my sins and take control of my life, while promising to serve Him with the

balance of my life. That same moment, Jesus saved my soul. The joy and peace of God filled my heart.

Then, I started to fellowship with other Christians on campus. But later, when I observed a lot of inconsistencies and compromise in their worship, I prayed to God to lead me to a place where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth; a place where the whole Word of God is preached and lived. In 1975, when I was in Lagos for the National Youth Service, I came in contact with The Apostolic Faith Church through a friend who is a member of the Church. I was invited for service on the last Sunday of the camp meeting at the Campground in Anthony Village in August, 1975. During the Christmas Retreat in December 1975, at Anthony Village, I was sanctified and later, God baptised me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I thank God for putting the love for the truth of the Word of God in my heart. I love this glorious Gospel.

***The simple prayer I could pray was that Jesus should forgive my sins and take control of my life, while promising to serve Him with the balance of my life.***

After the completion of my National Youth Service, God provided a job for me with the Kwara State Government. I was sent to Federal School of Survey at Oyo to be trained as a surveyor. While in Oyo, I had the opportunity to attend services at Ibadan during my two years period of training. After the completion of my training, I was posted to head Lands Department at New Bussa in Borgu Local Government of the then Kwara State. While I was there, God put an urge in my heart to start praying for the establishment of The Apostolic Faith in New Bussa. God gave us a large expanse of land on which a big church building is erected today. I am grateful to God for the progress of the Gospel work in New Bussa. I also thank God for giving me a Christian wife in this glorious Gospel and for blessing us with three children. God in His mercy called me into a full-time service in the Gospel in 1998. Recently, to be precise, on May 8, 2005, God gave me the opportunity to oversee the Gospel work in the newly created Niger District, comprising Niger, Kebbi, Zamfara and Sokoto States. It is my earnest prayer that God will help me to be faithful to my call to the end in Jesus name. Amen.

*Brother Busoye Brimmo was the Overseer of The Apostolic Faith Churches in the Niger District, where he remained faithful until January 2006, when he was called Home.*



## From the Quarterlies

### DANIEL, THE MAN WHO SERVED GOD CONTINUALLY (DANIEL CHAPTERS 1, 2, 4-6)

*Excerpts from the Sunday School lessons (Book 33)*

Daniel was among the first group of captives taken from Jerusalem to Babylon in about 606 B.C. In Daniel's days, the city of Babylon not only was the premier city of the pre-Christian world, but it ruled the most powerful empire that had, up to that time, existed. Daniel was there from its zenith to its fall, in all, about 72 years. From the first of the Jews captivity until their return, he was God's witness in the palace of this world's empire.

Daniel's record is one of the few in the Bible without a flaw. Daniel and his friends - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - were very young, about 12 years old, when taken captive. By reason of their purpose, they stood out as boy heroes. These young men were selected as potential servants for the king, and were brought and trained for efficient positions in his court. Their instruction and diet were prescribed by the king himself.

The purpose of Daniel was not in his head, but in his heart. We have learned by experience that to take a firm stand upon God's Word at the beginning, and to seek God's help in maintaining that purpose, is the true way to a victorious life in Christ. It was contrary to the law of his God to eat meat offered to idols. Daniel feared God, and therefore determined to stand true to his conviction.

Everything stood against Daniel, but he never faltered. He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat. The God of his fathers, whom he loved and served, honoured his stand, bestowed upon him skill and wisdom until he excelled all the wise men in Chaldea, won the favour of his officers, and was promoted to great honour in the kingdom.

God greatly used him during critical moments to interpret the messages of God to the idolatrous kings. God unfolded through him a prophetic view of the days which we are seeing fulfilled in our time. It pays to stand true to Daniel's God!

What a remarkable young man Daniel was! He was absolutely unswerving in his religious conviction, yet so loyal to his idolatrous king that he was trusted with the affairs of the empire.

During the reign of Belshazzar, Daniel did not attend the idolatrous feast held by the king. This is an example for us not to "follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2). But when noise, confusion and consternation reigned by reason of the handwriting on the wall, Daniel came to the rescue.

It is natural to suppose that when Darius the Mede, took over the kingdom, that Daniel would have been killed with the lords who

were revelling, but God delivered him. Rather, Darius sought the wisdom and help Daniel could give him. He set 120 princes over the kingdom, and three presidents over these, of whom Daniel was first. This aroused jealousy among the princes who sought to find fault with Daniel that they might accuse him to the king. Daniel was not only faithful to his God, but he was faithful to his country and to the king's business. They could find no fault with him, just as the Scribes and Pharisees could find no fault with Jesus. Daniel's accusers decided they would have to find occasion against him concerning the law of his God.

Daniel was a man of prayer. Those princes possibly had seen him many times in his room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, making intercession to his God. A prayer life means a godly life, a life above reproach, a life



that really makes men great, not always great in the eyes of the world, but great in that they are rich towards God.

It is easy with those with a critical eye, who do not see the greatness of the Gospel, to find fault with it. It is too strait; it is too narrow; it takes away your freedom; it makes you an oddity in the world, so they say.

Daniel's accusers schemed a decree that was sure to trap him, that none should ask anything from God or from any person other than the king, for 30 days. By this decree, they were able to catch the king with flattery. The penalty for disobedience to the decree was the lions' den. The king, not realising their motive, signed the decree which made it a law. The law of the Medes and Persians was unchangeable.

Daniel was about 90 years old at this time but still able to attend to the duties of the kingdom. The purpose he had had in his heart as a young man was still the purpose of his heart in his old age. His heart was fixed. No decree of man could swerve him from his personal devotions

to his God.

Some might have compromised the issues by praying in secret. Had Daniel been of that type, the story of his deliverance from the lions' den would never have been recorded to encourage our faith.

These princes slipped round to his home and found Daniel praying with his windows open towards Jerusalem. They reported to the king. When the king understood their plans and realised the trap they had gotten Daniel into, he laboured hard to deliver Daniel, but to no avail. He then said, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee" (Daniel 6:16). The edict was carried out. Daniel was cast into the lions' den. But an angel walked into the lions' den ahead of Daniel and locked the mouth of the lions. Most likely, the lions were very hungry, but they could not open their mouths to take one bite out of Daniel. We believe Daniel must have felt a wonderful peace in his soul, and thanked God for his protection from those savage beasts.

King Darius spent a sleepless night fasting: no food, no music, and no companions to break the long hours. He was torn between fear and hope. "Fear hath torment" (1 John 4:18). As soon as the morning light appeared, the king hastened to the den of lions. When he arrived, he possibly could not see into the den to know if Daniel was still alive, so he cried out: "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" Back came the answer, "O king, live for ever." Imagine that king leaping for joy when he heard Daniel's voice! He commanded that Daniel be taken out of the den; and we believe that the angel who had been with Daniel came out, too, for as soon as his accusers were thrown in, the lions devoured them.

The rulers of the 120 provinces of Persia, combined with those savage beasts of the earth, could bring no hurt to Daniel, because he believed in his God. We are told in Hebrews 11 that faith "stopped the mouths of lions."

King Darius was so much awed and inspired by the marvellous deliverance of Daniel that he published another decree: "That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end" (Daniel 6:26). What a wonderful way of telling all the world about the true God! Perhaps many of those people prayed and sought the living God, the God of Daniel.

**"Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose firm!  
Dare to make it known!"**





# Speak Out!

*What do you cherish most about godly Mothers?*

They seek the growth of their children spiritually.

**Victor Ogunsanya**  
**Anthony Village, Lagos State.**

They are good role models. They pray for the success of their children and help to sharpen the children's prayer life. Their advice lingers on.

**Yinka Akinruntan**  
**Ugbowo, Benin City, Edo State.**

They are godly home-makers and ultimately, godly nation builders. They are the solutions to moral decadence in our age.

**Efe Abolodje**  
**Ekpoma, Edo State.**

They are humble and respectful. They love their family members even to the extent of making restitution to the children.

**Jacob A. Owolabi**  
**Ayedun, Kwara State.**

One can be sure of prayer support even when one is far from home.

**Tunde Agbaje**  
**Omu-Aran, Kwara State.**

My mother advises that if I need anything I should first ask God to do it for me. She is a virtuous woman, she prays for me everyday and I pray that God will help her and prosper her in the name of Jesus.

**Bolanle Olayinka**  
**Odo-Ona Elewe, Ibadan, Oyo State.**

I love how they pray for their children, mentioning their names one by one to God for His Fatherly guidance.

**Deborah Oluwakemi Egbebi**  
**Oke-Ado, Ibadan, Oyo State.**

The ability to reason with her husband and the love exhibited. The humility, fear of God and love of God in her is a treasure that keeps the home together.

**S. A. Fadesire**  
**Ilorin, Kwara State.**

They are industrious. They uphold Gospel standards.

**Rebecca Nnana**  
**Benin City, Edo State.**

Godly mothers help to direct their children in the way of the Lord. They also pray for an excellent future for their children.

**Oluwafunke Lawal**  
**Ganmo, Kwara State.**

They do not compromise with the world and they insist that young people live right. They are good resource managers.

**Omokedi Uyoyou**  
**Asaba, Delta State.**

I cherish the Spirit of God in them, their mode of living at home and everywhere, and the submission they have for their husbands.

**Joy Duntoye**  
**Oro, Kwara State.**

I cherish their prayer lives, and their godly admonitions.

**Uzumma Hannah Igwe**  
**Abeokuta, Ogun State.**

The legacy of fervent prayers and diligent study of the Bible given to their children.

**Ruth Onayemi**  
**Abeokuta, Ogun State.**

Their thoughtfulness, care and love. Their honest lives influence the future of their children.

**Ihuoma Igwe**  
**Enugu, Enugu State.**

The distinctive differences in dressing, speech and behaviour between godly mothers and others cannot escape the notice of even the most casual observer.

**Chidi Ugwu**  
**Enugu, Enugu State.**

Their comportment during provocation is admirable. They speak comforting words.

**Boniface Iqweonwu**  
**Abakpa, Enugu State.**

They always correct us with love.

**Ebunola Okanlawon**  
**Ibadan, Oyo State.**

They are precious because they teach us the ways of God.

**Olufunmilayo T. Ewumi**  
**Anthony Village, Lagos State.**

They cater for the well being of their family members and prepare same for Rapture.

**Godwin Ojeme**  
**Benin City, Edo State.**

They teach and guide their children in the right way in spite of inconveniences.

**Talodabi Olorun Oladele**  
**Mushin, Lagos State.**

They teach us in the way of the Lord, which makes me to have God as my best Friend.

**Busayo Onakomaya**  
**Anthony Village, Lagos State.**

Passionate love.

**Akande Oluwaponmile**  
**Ibadan, Oyo State.**

They lead us on the way to Heaven. They teach us our weekly memory verse, the fear of God and how to face our studies.

**Oluwatobiloba Kuti**  
**Ibadan, Oyo State.**

*Please attend*

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