

ALIVE-Nigeria Preliminary Mission Report

**November 2015
MISSION OUTREACH REPORT
(Okporo Mission Site)
IMO STATE**



7 Core Principles of ALIVE-Nigeria

1. Mission to un-entered areas
2. Total obedience and study of God's Word
3. Acceptance of ALL Spirit of Prophecy writings
4. Selfless, godly missionary lifestyle
5. Excellence in all spheres of life
6. Praying without ceasing
7. Community service



OUR MOTIVATION

SDA Church (Nigeria) Statistics from 2012

NWNUM

- ❑ Organized in 1972 & Re-organized in 2004
- ❑ 393 organized churches
- ❑ Adventist membership of 124,017 persons
- ❑ Population of Nigerians in NWNUM is 111,962,850

ENUM

- ❑ Organized in 2004
- ❑ 506 organized churches
- ❑ Adventist membership of 164,305 persons
- ❑ Population of Nigerians in ENUM is 50,302,150

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in ENUM => 1 : 306

Ratio of Adventist to Non-Adventist in NWNUM => 1 : 903

Adventism came into Nigeria since 1914



November 2015 Mission Sites

Kebbi State
(Ribah)



Imo State
(Okporo)



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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ In November 2015, Missionaries from across Nigeria embarked on a two (2) weeks Outreach to Kebbi & Imo states.
- ❑ The main mission started with the arrival of 76 volunteers on the 1st day which eventually increased to 106 volunteers.
- ❑ Volunteers travelled from Aba, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Port Harcourt to Okporo.
- ❑ Volunteers consisted of Secondary school leavers, Undergraduates students, Graduate Professionals: Electricians, Farmers, Lecturers, Lawyers, Teachers, and even Elders and Pastors of the SDA Church.

MISSION VOLUNTEERS



OKPORO IN BRIEF

- ❑ Okporo is a community in Orlu LGA in Imo State which is about 45mins drive from Owerri
- ❑ The people of Okporo were quite receptive
- ❑ They are predominantly Catholics and white garment Sabbath keepers, with few other religious sect. Thus, they have little exposure to the true teachings of the Holy Scriptures
- ❑ Many of the people craved for more Bible studies while few others showed little interest to it.

ALIVE NIGERIA MISSION APPROACH

- ❑ GROUND BREAKING (Long-Term Missionaries & Medical Missionaries)
- ❑ MORNING CRY
- ❑ WITNESSING (TWO-BY-TWO)
- ❑ OPEN AIR EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN (EVENINGS)
- ❑ COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ❑ WELFARE SERVICE



GROUND BREAKING

- ❑ On the 4th of October, 4 weeks to the main Evangelistic campaign, three(3) Long Term Missionaries (LTM) arrived Okporo to live with the indigenes, make friends with them and prepare their hearts through daily Bible study and exposition of our fundamental beliefs.
- ❑ On the 25th of October, a week to the commencement of the main Evangelistic campaign, 4 Medical Missionaries arrived Okporo to provide free medical treatment to the sick using natural remedies and herbs found within the community. This also served to introduce the community to what we understand as the right arm of the Gospel – Our Health Message.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SERVICES

- ❑ The primary natural remedies used for treatment were activated charcoal, cayenne pepper, moringa and green tea.
- ❑ People came in tens daily, to receive treatment and counsel on health and general wellbeing.
- ❑ It was quite challenging to get the people of this town to come out for treatment. But by the grace of God over 200 persons were treated within the 3 weeks of the program.
- ❑ Through the natural remedies, the medical team were able to help persons with edema, hypertension, infections etc.
- ❑ All missionaries had a daily dose of natural tea during the mission. This really kept us healthy all through our stay in the harsh weather.



DAILY ROUTINE

Daily routine for the mission is outlined below:

Personal Devotion	5:00 – 5:10am
General Devotion	5:15 – 5:55am -
Morning Cry	6:00 – 6:30 am
Clean Up	6:30 – 8:00am
Training /video Sermon	8:00 – 9:00 am
Breakfast	9:00 – 10:00 am
Bible Study	10:00 - 11:30 am
Door to door (Two by Two)	11:30 - 2:30 pm
Siesta	2:30 - 3:30 pm
Lunch	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Group Reflection on door to door-	4:30 - 5:00pm
Preparation for Open Air Evangelism	5:00 - 5:50 pm
Outdoor crusade	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Debrief session	8:30 - 9:00 pm
Devotion	9:00 – 9:45 pm
Lights Out	10:00pm



MORNING CRY

Our days began with short Bible exhortation and prayer, after which the missionaries proceeded into the community to pray with the people of Okporo very early in the mornings.

We adopted two methods:

- ❑ The Morning cry
- ❑ House-to-House prayer with families

The later method helped the missionaries identify specific prayer requests from different households in the community.



TRAINING SESSIONS

Daily Bible study and training was conducted using excerpts from the Spirit of Prophecy and videos from Pastor Stephen Hartley of Light ministry to equip our missionaries in preparation for outreach in the world.

Topics treated :

- ❑ Reaching out to the Worldly, Wealthy, and the Well- educated.
- ❑ Diet and optimal health lifestyle



PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

- ❑ Missionaries were encouraged to pray with at least 5 people everyday. Avenues for prayer included Bible Study group, Prayer Partner, praying with outreach partners, united prayer sessions etc.
- ❑ Volunteers found physical, spiritual and mental strength through prayers, fasting and trust in God. Solutions to many problems came solely through the power of our prayers.



TWO BY TWO WITNESSING

- ❑ Every day, we set out in pairs to homes, farms and shops to share the gospel of Christ with people. Missionaries were sent in pairs to the entire community of Okporo
- ❑ An average of 58 Bible studies were given on a daily basis to the community.
- ❑ An average of 121 people were prayed for each day during the two by two evangelism.



OPEN-AIR EVANGELISM

- ❑ Every night, from 1st- 13th November, an average of 60 adults came out to listen to the Word of God.
- ❑ God spoke Words of Salvation to the people of Okporo through His servant Bro. Nnamdi Ogidi.



CHILDREN OUTREACH

- ❑ We had an average of 70 children.
- ❑ Through the entire series, children were taught to commit to memory the Ten Commandments in Igbo language, creation story and many other Bible texts. In addition to that, slides “truth for today was used for their instruction just to mention a few. They showcased what they had learnt during their presentation on the last Sabbath..



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❑ The community service was held on Sunday, 8th November, 2015 .
- ❑ The missionaries had time to render some selfless services to the community of OKPORO by:
 - cleaning up the community market place
 - clearing of the road and digging the gutter for proper drainage



WELFARE SERVICE

- ❑ Not only were the spiritual needs of the people met but their physical needs also,
- ❑ On Monday, 9th Nov.2015, relief materials such as Cloths, Shoes, Bags and other items were distributed to the widows, aged, children, orphans and other needy people of Okporo
- ❑ By this, the hearts of the people were gladdened.
- ❑ This act attracted more persons to give ear to the message of truth brought to them



MEAL TIMES

❑ Meal times were happy times. Vegetarian meals were served twice everyday.

❑ Food items were donated by missionaries. They sourced what food items they could from their various locations.

❑ Some missionaries volunteered to serve as official Caterers for ALIVE-Nigeria. They prepared our very tasty and healthy vegetarian meals.

❑ The caterers also taught other missionaries how to prepare some vegetarian meals.



SABBATH WORSHIP

- During the Sabbath School worship, we had several study units and a separate class for all our visitors and baptismal candidates.



BAPTISM

- ❑ To the glory of God, Okporo Mission was blessed with sixty(60) baptisms. These souls gladly received the Three Angels Messages and were baptized into the Seventh -day Adventist Church.



NEWLY BAPTIZED CONT'D

- ❑ Ten(10) Missionaries sponsored by ALIVE-Nigeria, volunteered to stay back after the mission to nurture and encourage the newly baptised for a few months.



SPECIAL TESTIMONIES

God's presence was ever abiding with us, evidenced by some wonderful testimonies:

- 60 souls were baptized and added to the church
- Patients who came for medical treatments responded favourably to the treatments
- The OKPORO COMMUNITY responded positively to the message of hope
- No case of casualty was recorded during the mission.
- One of our baptized friends, received the message of hope just when he was fed up with life and was about to commit suicide.
- 6 persons who are deaf and dumb received the message of hope and joined the church also through baptism.
- Volunteers expressed their gratitude to God for the opportunity to: learn the doctrines of the SDA Church, learn to pray, learn how to study the word of God systematically, & for the privilege to witness boldly.

MISSION SUMMARY

The blessings of God (baptisms, Bible studies etc.) and general attendance during the two (2) weeks campaign are captured below:

Items	Amount
No. of Bible studies given	580
No. of prayers offered at different times to the community members	1210
Total attendance of adults for open- air evangelism	780
Total attendance of children in their section	910
Total number of baptism	60
No. of tracts and literature distributed	2640

**Praise God! One (1) new SDA Church
has been planted in Okporo, Imo State.**





**For your prayers, donations, time
and sacrifice towards reaching lost
souls!**

