# ALIVE-Nigeria

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#### Going Up North For Jesus... April 14th-28th, 2013

rom the 14th to 28th of April in the Local Government Areas of Jere and Kateri areas of Kaduna State, a team of 48 young Seventh Day Adventists formed the ALIVE-Nigeria mission group that embarked on evangelism in that area.

The mission started with 13 medical missionaries from the African Medical Missionary Institute (AMMI). Over 750 people received free medical treatment. The average number of volunteers that attended was 45. During the 3 weeks of the mission, a community service was conducted in both venues, a mechanical hand pump was repaired in Katari and a well was dug in Jere. Over 400 people received bible studies. Both venues had one main speaker and some translators. Bro Samson Fatola was the speaker in Jere and Pastor was the translator while Bro Nnamdi Ogidi was the main

speaker in Katari wih Pastor Amos Katia and Pastor Ephraim as translators. A total of 30 people joined the church by the conclusion of the evangelism; 10 were baptized in Jere, 12 in Katari and 8 more professed the Seventh-day Adventist faith in Katari. The baptiSMS were conducted by Pastor Ibrahim Magaidi and Pastor Yohanna Dangana. The profession of faith was conducted by Pastor Amos Katia. At the conclusion of the evangelism, a church with a temporary place of worship was set-up in Katari while the members in Jere continued from their initial temporary site.



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#### **OUR VISION**

As ALIVE, it is our vision to develop and support a Bible-based and youth-led revival movement across the continent of Africa in which every Seventh-day Adventist student and young professional is a missionary.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to prepare Africa for the imminent return of Iesus Christ. Through biblical spiritual training and evangelistic efforts, it is our goal to challenge African Seventh-day Adventist adults to live a lifestyle of authentic biblical excellence, instill a missionary volunteer spirit in every African Seventh-day Adventist young adult, mobilize and support young adult missionary movements across Africa, create a meaningful impact in neglected areas, and finally change the continent of Africa by ushering in the imminent return of Jesus Christ.



### From the Zonal President...



"Before ascending to heaven, Christ gave His disciples their commission. He told them that they were to be the executors of the will in which He bequeathed to the world the treasures of eternal life. You have been witnesses of My life of sacrifice in behalf of the world, He said to them. You have seen My labors for Israel. And although My people would not come to Me that they might have life, although priests and rulers have done unto Me as they listed, although they have rejected Me, they shall have still another opportunity of accepting the Son of God. You have seen that all who come to Me confessing their sins, I freely receive. Him that comet to Me I will in no wise cast out. To you, My disciples, I commit this message of mercy. It is to be given to both Jews and Gentiles--to Israel, first, and then to all nations, tongues, and peoples. All who believe are to be gathered into one church." {AA 27.2}

nd thus it was that we went to a land which was unfamiliar to many, to give to them the good news, the present truth as it is in Jesus. The Great Commission given to us, the presentation of the truth which sets free those who receive it was the main objective of this journey to Kaduna. Taking Jesus at His word was the driving force behind this mission. If it were by our own strength, the work would not have resulted to anything, but the lord assured us "lo I am with you always and even until the end of the ages". Holding on to this promise we all went in the strength of the Lord to give the good news to the people of Katari and Jere.

"It is the privilege of the Christian to come to Jesus in living faith, being in earnest, claiming the promises of God, not depending upon feeling, but taking God at His word. He is a God of love, of tender compassion, of long forbearance, more kind, more beneficent that the kindest earthly parent. . . . {UL 193.3}"

Christ did not tell His disciples that their work would be easy. He showed them the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them. They would have to fight "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12. But they would not be left to fight alone. He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence.

Northern Nigeria is considered a deadly terrain by many Nigerians. Only issues considered to be of utmost importance are accepted as worthy reasons to embark on a journey to Northern Nigeria. To the world business transactions of great remuneration, events that will prove to further anyone on the road to fame and events of a classical nature are the only worthy reasons to be in the North. However, in the courts of heaven, the reason considered to be of utmost importance and most worthy is the presentation of the gospel to save souls that are lost and such that are dead in sin and trespasses.

Anyone going with such motives in mind may not receive the endorsement of family, he may not receive the blessings of his kinsfolk, he may not get a pat on the back from the world but he can be sure that the blessings of the Lord will follow him and that God himself has given His endorsements for trips with such motives.

He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks--the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe and be assured that My presence will be with you even there. Labor in faith and confidence; for the time will never come when I will forsake you. I will be with you always, helping you to perform your duty, guiding, comforting, sanctifying, sustaining you, giving you success in speaking words that shall draw the attention of others to heaven. {AA 29.1}

The following report is a testimony to the goodness of God and His wonderful leading during the mission at Kaduna.

Amen!

Sam-Sike Ezebunwa

#### COME ALIVE AREWA - Kaduna

#### About Jere and Kateri!

In the midst of the fears of the "Boko Haram" uprising terrorist group that terriorized the Northen part of Nigeria, a group of young Seventh-Day Adventists decided to make a positive difference in that region. The  $14^{\rm th}$  of April, 2013 was the date slated for ALIVE-Nig mission to the North. Members and volunteers from various parts of the country travelled down to the villages of Jere and Katari local government areas of Kaduna state. The villages though having a little presence of Christianity in some areas, were predominantly Muslims. Roman Catholism was the main faith of most of the Christians resident there. The citizens are mostly uneducated and mainly farmers .

### Mission Methodology

ALIVE-Nigeria went about winning the hearts of the community using the following strategy.

The medical missionary work is to be regarded as the pioneer work. It is to be the means of breaking down prejudice. As the right arm, it is to open doors for the gospel message. {6MR 310.2}

This advice was well heeded and yielded a far reaching influence first in Katari

and then later in Jere-despite initial disapproval here.

One week before the mission evangelism started, Medical Missionaries came from all around the country to assist in treatment of sick villagers in the assigned villages. The treatment also included classes where the sick were oriented about how

> to make positive lifestyle changes to ensure a healthier life and methods of using plants around the area for healing purposes.

Prior to the arrival of the medical missionaries, series of meetings were held with Chiefs and scribe of Katari explaining the free medical check-up/treatment exercise of

ALIVE in the community. This was welcomed with a deep sense of gratitude from the Chiefs and leaders who also received medical treatments paving way for the community to follow suit.

Town Criers were sent out to pass the information around, and announcements were made in various churches thus engaging their interest.

Visitations were also made to houses to our prospects in the morning/afternoon hours with their farm work time in consideration.

On the second week, the main outdoor evangelistic outreach commenced.

#### JOIN US!

An easy way to get involved with ALIVE and our work is to become a member!

As a member of ALIVE, you will be provided with email updates on missions in Nigeria and Africa, prayer and financial needs, upcoming events in your area, and volunteer opportunities.

Through this membership, you will have an opportunity to become actively involved spiritually and by physically supporting the work of ALIVE.

Like to join the team? You can choose to sign up for a yearly renewable membership by attending any of our missions and filling the registration forms. At the mission sites.

For more information on ALIVE-Nigerian membership, mail us at alivenigeria2011@qmail.com

WELCOME!

#### **Daily Evening Schedule:**

- ⇒ Singspiration
- ⇒ 20 mins health message
- ⇒ 1 hour Bible Message





### **ALIVE-NIGERIA**

#### Kaduna Medical Missionary Report



Women queuing up to have a

up of green juice each evening

he medical missionaries that ministered in Kaduna

#### African Medical Missionary Institute (AMM)

were from the African Medical Missionary Institute (AMMI). They arrived on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. They were thirteen on arrival but by the end of the first week seven more were added making a total of twenty medical missionaries. The purpose of the medical missionaries was to minister to the health needs of the indigenes of the area and prepare their hearts for the reception of spiritual food.

The medical missionaries from AMMI specializes strictly on using natural remedies such as cayenne pepper, garlic, charcoal, moringa, water etc for treatments.

These remedies are effective and have no side effects. Though thought to be slow in getting results, they can be quite quick sometimes. Exercise is also a vital part of the medical treatment.



#### KATARI

In Katari, the medical missionaries were given a very warm and hearty reception by the villagers and mostly by the village heads. This was very beneficial both to them and to the villagers as testimonies abound from the experience in Katari.

Interacting with the villagers was not easy because of the language barrier but God be thanked as this was overcome by other well-meaning villagers who sacrificed their time and strength by coming to help by translating for the medical team.

The people of Katari (mostly the women) were pleased with the natural remedies and it worked well for them. Every morning and every evening after the evening sermons, they received brown tea and cayenne pepper and green juice

as the medical missionaries always prepared it for them. They usually came with their cups to receive it.

About one hundred and fifty people turned up every day to receive medical treatment. The reception was good and the villagers' health responded to the treatment given to them. A lady threw away her walking stick which she had been using for years because she had problems with her legs. After being administered with the natural remedies, she was healed.

The major achievement of the medical missionaries was that they were able to

teach the villagers how to take care of themselves by preparing the natural remedies by themselves.



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#### JERE

On arrival, efforts were made to have a station in Jere, but this was not possible due to pre-existing orders from the Federal government concerning medical works in Jere community. The village head of Jere demanded a permit from the Federal Government because he had received orders some years back to do so. This order came as a result of experiences with other medical people who came to their community with evil intentions and schemes to extort and oppress the villagers. This hampered every effort for medical works in Jere. But this lasted only for the first week. By the second week, some of the medical missionaries stationed in Katari were deployed to Jere and to the glory of God the medical work commenced there.

The challenges faced in Jere were similar to that of Katari and the response of the people was also good. Many of those that partook in drinking the natural remedies were happy and had highly positive results.

#### Challenges

The interaction between them and the indigenes of Jere was hampered by language barrier but to the glory of God, this was easily overcome as translators were in place to help out.

### Many Thanks To....

Church Officials- Pastor Dr. D. Owolabi, Pastor Ibrahim Maigadi, Pastor Yohannah Dangana, Pastor Amos Cartier and the rest of the pastoral team: your unflinching support and ideas was tremendous.

#### Community Service—Making a difference on the environment...!

LIVE AREWA mission had several community services included in order to meet some of the basic needs of the people of ikot Ntuen. The services carried out for the benefit of the community included the following:

**Free Medical Examination:** At kateri, the medical missionary team from AMMI started a week before the open air program attending to the medical needs of the villagers and continued for two weeks. At Jere, due to an unfortunate recent incident in that village with some other previous visiting groups, there was some resistance exhibited at our coming. Several meetings with the town head were held which eventually led to accepting us with clauses. The medical mission work was done at the venue of the program and in certain peculiar cases at the patient's home; especially those who were identified during the home visits who could not go to the venue.

Improving the Environment: One of the things noticed on arrival to Katari was the fact that



pigs were everywhere in the village as though they were domestic animals. This meant that the village and its environs were conducive enough for such animals to live. As days passed we felt more and more impressed in our hearts to conduct a clean-up service in the land of Katari. So it was on the first Sunday for the missionaries, led out by the Sanitation team leader- Macaulay Ogechi, the clean-up in the major parts of the village was successfully carried out. Divided into four groups, we surveyed again to mark out areas that needed attention and also gathered tools/equipment. As we worked, we were encouraged by the spirit of oneness, team work and selfless service exhibited by every volunteer and pastor. Villagers, young and active joined us, some gave more tools to aid our work and many more stood to salute, to wonder and to bless the group.

At Jere, on the first Sunday of the program, ALIVE team dressed up with their orange reflector jackets, went around the village sweeping and cleaning public areas of the village.

**Distribution of Clothes:** On the second week of our stay, we gathered all the clothes that that had been donated towards the mission and distributed to the widows, orphans and less privileged at the two mission sites. This indeed provoked great joy in the hearts of the villagers and increased the appreciation of the ALIVE team by the villagers. Also, we unpacked our supply of relief materials, we shared everything to the newly baptized members and the villagers. All these were distributed and received with joy and gladness.

**Water Supply:** It has always been our aim to leave a community better than we met it; so in addition to the clean-up service at Kateri, we repaired the bore hole beside the place we were lodged thus increasing the supply of water to the villagers. Jere is a community where there was an apparent scarcity of water. The condition of living there was observed to be difficult because of this. The volunteers therefore thought it wise to make things better for the people by digging a well to provide easy access of water for the people. With the good hand of the Lord being upon us, a well was dug for the community which served to help the people and assuage their hardship and discomfort. It was with much joy that this well was made for the people of Jere as a token of our love and care for them.

We doubt that any group had done any form of community service in those village before. Our being from different parts of the country also fascinated and challenged the community at the same time. I think we may have impacted both young and old more than we realize as a result. It is our prayer that as the light of God has found hearts to rest upon in that land, He would in His infinite mercy spur them into useful service to Him as well as to humanity







### **Daily Evangelistic Services**

The daily evangelistic services involved the following

- 1. Door to door evangelism
- 2. Open-air evangelism
- 3. Children section

#### **Door to door evangelism**



he door to door evangelism is a type of evangelism that involves the volunteers going in pairs from house to house seeking for people to have bible studies with. The topics to be studied with the prospects were usually studied generally by the volunteers during a bible study session after which the volunteers set out to the field to study with the people of the community. Apart from the bible studies, the volunteers also offered words of encouragement to those were heartbroken, those in peril, in

sorrow and as many who they observed needed prayers, prayers were made on their behalf. Over

four hundred people received bible studies in both venues. Not all prospects received all the bible studies. The number of topics treated with the people varies. As the volunteers went from house to house the also invited the people they met in the community for the open-air evangeliSMS in the evenings. Both those who received bible studies and those who didn't were invited. The door to door session usually took about four hours usually between the hours of 11 am to 3pm.



#### **Open-air evangelism**

The open air evangelism is a public campaign where one speaker preaches to the public using a public address system from a particular centre. One tent was mounted in both centres with about One hundred and twenty chairs each.



The speaker in Jere was Bro Samson Fatola and the translator was Pastor Musa Nuhu. The speaker in Katari was Bro Nnamdi Ogidi while the translator was Pastor Amos Katia and Pastor Ephraim helping sometimes in the absence of Pastor Katia.

The speakers usually spoke for an average of ninety minutes. The initial time for the program to was 5:30 - 7:30 pm but this had to be altered to 6:30- 9:00 pm in order to accommodate more audience because it was observed that the people preferred to come within the altered time range. The average attendance in Katari and Jere was about one hundred attendees.



The open air evangelism involved a time of song service, prayer session, health talk and the sermon by the speaker. The program usually started with an opening prayer and a song service. The health talk then followed. Finally, a brief question and answer session was always held just before the sermon for the day.

During the sermon, it was the purpose of the preacher to explain godly teachings only through the scriptures to enlighten the people of

the good news of salvation and the present truth of our time. The speakers usually spoke for about ninety minutes.

### Challenge and Testimony...

Jesus said think not that I am come to send peace, I am not come to send peace but a sword and this sword of the truth which Jesus spoke of did come to Jere and Katari. The Spirit of God, being upon the preachers and interpreters proclaimed the truth without suppressing any part of it. This caused a division among the people in Jere in so much that they threatened to bring the program to an end but after much prayers, when Satan took counsel to suppress the truth the Lord was gracious to us. As we all prayed. It happened that the village head who himself was a muslim stirred by God Himself, gave the go ahead for the program to continue. The counsel of the enemy was brought to nothing.

The smooth sermons so often preached make no lasting impression; the trumpet does not give a certain sound. Men are not cut to the heart by the plain, sharp truths of God's word. {PK 140.2}

In Katari, as the same message was being preached with power, the heart of the people was pricked so much that they began to stir up strife even during the program. Nevertheless, the message was fearlessly preached without interruption.

The Lord also was gracious to hold the rain from disturbing the program in both venues.

#### **Baptism Service**

aptism is an ordinance commanded by Jesus Christ to be observed by everyone who professes to believe in Him, as a public show or declaration of commitment to Jesus Christ and His ordained people; His church. After the successful completion of the evangelistic campaign, a total of 30 people joined the church, 22 were baptized by immersion while 8 others who believed the truths as revealed in God's word and as preached to them during the campaign went through a "profession of faith".

Baptism as enjoined by Jesus Christ is to be done by immersion. When people go through the bible studies and are convicted by the holy Spirit, believing the truth as revealed in God's word, they either baptize by immersion if they have not done that before or they re-baptize even if they have done it before or they go through a "profession of faith" if they have been baptized by immersion before. Profession of faith is a verbal declaration of commitment and belief in the lessons taught by the church.

The baptism service was conducted by Pastor Yohanna Dangana and Pastor Ibrahim Maigadi. Twenty (20) people joined the church from Katari; 8 by profession of faith and 12 by baptism while 10 were baptized in Jere. All who were baptized were given bibles and the different churches were also given hymnals. To the glory of God and God alone these people heard, believed and committed themselves to Jesus Christ, His church and the truth they heard as it is written in the Holy Scriptures. Today they have a temporary site of worship with a permanent site in view.





### **ALIVE-NIGERIA**

### Bible Training—Daniel Studies



A in-depth studies on the book of Daniel was conducted in the light of current day realities at the two mission sites for the missionaries to have an understanding of bible prophecy. This was carried out in a classroom fashion using study materials to encourage mutual participation. The Bible study session, handled by ALERT, provided clarity to the missionary volunteers at each of the two mission sites. Interesting Themes studied included:

- ◆ -The world kingdoms and beasts of ◆ Daniel 2, 7 and 8
  - Daniel 11

- The kings of the North and South of

- ◆ -The Messianic Prophecy Daniel 8 & 9 ◆
   (2300 day time prophecy)
- The 1290 and 1335 day prophecies of Daniel 12

### Some Departmental Reports

#### **TESTIMONY**

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### Logistics/Technical Crew Department

**Daily Activities:** Coordinate to ensure all equipment needed were provided at the right times. This team is full in charge of setting up all the equipment to be used throughout the mission. The team has to make diligent efforts to setup the equipment before each program time

**Challenges faced:** Few team members., Involvement in more than two departmental activities; his was basically because we had few volunteers., tight schedule of everyday's activities.. Some wires were not available, some equipments generally were not available (horn speakers mainly).

**Testimonies:** I thank God specially for using members of this team to work as one, knowing what to do at the right time especially when we were faced with challenges. The Lord by His Infinite grace accomplished much with few hands, though unworthy, strength for the labor He supplied; success for the work He granted. To God be all praise and glory amen.

Department Head: Asindi Sunday, Sunday A

Team Members: James Danlami, I.Nkwocha Uzochi, Kasarachi O.

#### **Prayer Department**



Daily Activities: Conducting prayers during the evangelism, Conduction of prayers for the door to door evangelism, conducting prayers for those who requested and conducting a 2 session prayer for the program (Morning - Night), Ensuring that the voice of prayers throughout the mission was never silent. Engaging every volunteer present in prayers at every slight opportunity.

**Testimonies:** All glory be to God because He answered all prayers according to His will and as it pleased Him.

#### COME ALIVE AREWA - Kaduna

### Children Department

The children of Katari and Jere were not exempted from the activities of the evangelism. A separate spot away from the venue for the open air evangelism by a few metres was made for the children to participate. The children had lots of enlightening bible studies and were taught Sabbath songs as well as other godly, spiritual songs, that were well calculated and intended to make them memorize the teachings of the scriptures. They were also taught the books of the bible in sequence and the Ten Commandments as well.

Daily Activities: Co-ordinating the children each evening, teaching the Bible and songs.

Challenges faced: Language barrier, the children cannot read.

Testimonies: The attendance of children increased daily as they invited their friends daily, and their intellect improved daily.

Department Head: Angela Ohuka

Team Members: Richard Ocloo, Ogechi Emelogu, Gift



"I have to a greater extent understood the great commission"

#### Program Schedule

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Adapted Mission Programs Time Table															
	15th Sunday	16th Monday	17th Tuesday	18th Wednesday	19th Thursday	20th Friday	21st Saturday	22nd Sunday	23rd Monday	24th Tuesday	25th Wednesday	26th Thursday	27th Friday	28th Saturday	
5:00-6:00AM	Devotional														
6:30-8:00AM		Washup					Sabbath Service	Community service/ personal time	Washup					, e	
8:00-9:30AM	<u>8</u>	Training							Training					Service	-
9:30-10:30AM	Arrivals	Breakfast							Breakfast						
10:30-11:30AM		Bible Studies							Bible Studies					oat	
11:30-2:30PM		2-by-2 Witnessing							2-by-2 Witnessing					Sabbath	
2:30-4:00PM		Prayers/sermon show/Rest							Prayers/sermon show/Rest						
4:00-5:30PM							Lu	nch							
5:30-6:00PM	Evangelism Setup														
6:00-9:00PM	Evangelism														
9:00-10:00PM		Debrief of Day's successes and failures													
10:00-10:30PM			Jour	ney ba	ack to	sleep	oing h	all and	prep	aratio	n for	bed			
11:00-5:00PM							Ligh	tsout							



Rowland Nkume

### Departmental Report Contd...



"Through this mission,
I felt the sense of our
mission [as a church].
The world is really
perishing in darkness"

**Ephraim Jidauna** 



#### **Ushers Department**

**Daily Activities:** This department was formed to coordinate visitors and members during the evening programs. It was also formed to make sure the itching ears were stopped by the grace of God, sleepy ears were made open and by God's grace those feet were made orderly to prevent distractions from speakers and listeners. I got everyone that was free involved. We put on reflector jackets, thus giving everyone a sense of responsibility.

**Challenges faced:** Sometimes hands were insufficient. Sometimes people were tired and exhausted from the day's activities, language barrier to some extent proved challenging while collecting data from program attendees and salutation after program.

**Testimonies:** God brought men, women, youth, drunks, to hear His message and He also brought His sincere children to learn and hear at His feet. God energized us for the course of the gospel; villagers left our tents with a sense of love, affection, great importance and a sense of belonging as each one was recognized as members of the ushering department in katari. The smiles seen in the faces of the aged woman and the much attention given them made them want to come back every night. We kept praying for serious minds, that His words may fill them and alert them by His grace.

**Department Head:** Macaulay Ogechi, Andy Ebere **Team Members:** Nwokocha Uzochi, Elsie Ibrahim

### Sanitation Department

**Daily Activities:** It was our duty as a team to make sure that our environs in and out were kept clean for health reasons. It didn't exclude all the toilets in every room (female and male). We cleaned the village and its environs on 21/04/13 (around the market, village square and other neighboring houses). The toilets were cleaned every 3-4 days. Since we preached health, we had to show examples in our lifestyle.

**Challenges faced:** Lack of tools generally for in-house and outdoor sanitation was a problem for us. We had to borrow from tools from kind hearted men and women of katari land, who were willing to assist us in achieving our set goals.

**Testimonies**: Every missionary cooperated and to God's glory it reduced the risk of us getting infected. While we conducted the community service, vibrant youth joined us; that was so encouraging.

Department Head: Macaulay Ogechi

Team Members: All ALIVE team

#### Kitchen Department

**Daily Activities:** Planning meals and serving of food twice daily, instructing the cooks on the various vegetarian meals to prepare for the volunteers.

**Challenges faced:** Making sure that food was sufficient for everyone no matter the amount prepared was a huge challenge.

**Testimonies**: The foods prepared always stretched to meet the hunger needs or every volunteer present. God helped the cooks to cook tasty vegetarian meals.

Department Head: Bro Nwokocha Uzochi

Team Members: Angela Ohuka

#### COME ALIVE AREWA - Kaduna

### Let the Pictures keep talking...



### ALIVE-NIGERIA

#### REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

### "You just need to know of my experience at Kaduna Mission..."

Angela Ohuka - I heard about ALIVE NIG from friends/Church members and I joined for the purpose of missions. I heard about this mission from previous missions/ Retreat report. I intend to stay for 2 weeks and carry out the great commission by His grace, build my faith and dependence more upon God. During the program I was in the Evangelism committee and worked in the welfare and children's unit. My best experience was the two by two and I had no terrible experience. The two by two outreach helped me renew my faith and understand my purpose of existence. I intend to incorporate Bible study, sharing the light to neighbors and more time for prayer in my local church. I suggest ALIVE Nigeria should create more awareness.

Nwokwocha Uzochi: I heard about
ALIVE and this mission from SMS alert. I intend to stay for 2weeks during which I desire to be revived. I was in the Sanitation and setup committee and worked with the Sanitation unit. My best experience was reaching out to others. I observed and encourage the Daniel series, Reading from SOP during devotions. I would like to join ALIVE so I can work for God.

Ocloo K. Richard - I heard about ALIVE NIG and this mission from friends/ Church members. I intend to stay for 2 weeks and to play my part in sharing the gospel to others, learn how to be a holy person before God and to love others and God deeply. My best experience was praying for sick people. I was in the technical committee and worked with the Secretariat and Children's unit. At the mission, I observed there was great love for each other.

Pastor Ephraim Jidauna: I heard about ALIVE and this mission from friends, internet, promotions and SMS alert. I intend to stay for 2weeks during which, I intend to grow spiritually and learn witnessing strategies. During the mission, I was in the platform/Interpretation unit and I worked as an Evangelist and interpreter. My best experience was Bible study with non-Adventists and my worst experience was insufficient sleep. During the mission, I felt the sense of our mission, the world is really perishing in darkness, and I observed and encourage the unity, zeal and patience for service and will incorporate in my local church this zeal and passion for mission and in-depth bible study.

Rose G. Akio: I heard about ALIVE NIG and this mission from AMMI. I intend to stay for 2 weeks, during which I will give myself to work humbly, to see that the people live in good health and to do the work of God. During the mission, I was in the medical committee and worked in the treatment unit. My best experience was prayer and bible studies. I observed there was division of labor. I will incorporate regular scriptural study, prayer and Personal communion in my local church.

Ogidi Nnamdi R: I heard about ALIVE NIG and this mission from friends/Church members. I intend to stay for 2weeks and during this period persuade people to accept the love of Jesus, model Christ character in all I do and learn from other missionaries all that I can learn within this period. During the mission, I was in the evangelism committee and preached every night. My best experience was trusting God more as a result of some situations and my worst experience was being commended. During the mission it became clear to me that God is waiting on the church to spread the gospel. I will incorporate in my local church more of SOP, the study of Daniel and winsome witnessing. I observed and will encourage ALIVE to run simultaneous missions. I will like to join ALIVE because I love to preach.

#### Nathaniel Naomi Karima- I heard about

ALIVE and this mission from friends and SMS alert. I intend to stay for 5days, during which I desire to get closer to God, achieve the purpose of this mission and to share the light with others. During the program, I was in the Platform and committee and worked with Interpretation and song leading unit. My best experience was sharing the word of God. I observed and encouraged cooperation, humility and love for one another. I intend to incorporate Bible study and sharing the light to neighbors in my local church. I will like to join ALIVE so I can be a part of missions, seminars and trainings.

#### Nwokocha John - 1

heard about ALIVE and this mission from AMMI, I intend to stay for 2weeks, during which I intend to heal, teach, and preach.

During the program I was in the medical committee and worked with the Treatment unit. My best experience was treating people and seeing the joy on their faces. I observed and encourage Faith and perseverance. **Abah Success:** I heard about ALIVE and this mission from friends/Church members and I intend to stay for 2 weeks, during which I desire To see that the community life is good and healthy, be converted to God body and soul and to give myself to work humbly for the Lord. During the program, I was in the medical committee and I was involved in medical consultation, giving daily health lectures. My best experience was God's miracles through natural remedies. The mission made me know that God has chosen me to proclaim the word through health messages.

### REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

#### "I have finally experienced a long time desire" - Sampson U.

Nwogu Henry: I heard about ALIVE NIG and this mission from SMS alert, and I intend to stay for 2 weeks. During which, I intend to lead a life to Christ, be equipped for a selfless service to this society and To know God the more through the miraculous work and thereby grow spiritually. During the program I worked in the music committee and I was involved in song leading. My best experience was special morning prayers for prospects. I observed and encourage the total cooperation among missionaries and total trust in God. I intend to incorporate in my local church day to day spreading of the gospel and devotion to missions. I will like to join ALIVE so I could continue going for missions and to support financially and with material when I can.

Nkume Rowland: I worked in the technical committee and was also involved in song leading and set up unit. My best experience was studying Daniel series and the normal bible study. I observed and encourage the love for souls and constant bible study. From this mission, I have to a greater extent understood the great commission. I intend to incorporate deep, constant bible study and faith-filled prayers in my local church. I will love to attend more of ALIVE NIG programs so I can learn more.

Achor Emmmanuel: I worked in the prayer/platform committee and was involved in giving health talk and prayers. My best experience was the Daniel series. I observed and encourage spirit of prophecy and Bible study. I will like to join ALIVE NIG because I love the activities and would love to be a part of it.

#### Amadi Tina-Joy Chioma heard about

ALIVE NIG and this mission from friends/
Church members and I intend to stay for 2
weeks. During the program I worked in the
ushering unit. My best experience was the
prayer sessions and bible studies. I observed and encourage the zeal.
This mission made me realise there's so
much work for the church with the truth to
do. I intend to incorporate in my local
church, outreach to our neighbors and consistent bible study.

Elder Yakubu Yunana: I heard about ALIVE NIG and this mission from friends/ Church members and I intend to stay for 2 weeks. During the program I was involved in two by two. My best spiritual experience was two by two, devotion sessions and bible studies. I observed and encourage spirituality, witnessing and prayer life. Indeed I feel revived spiritually

Woka Joy: I served in the medical committee and was involved in treatment. I enjoyed studying and giving out and "Winsome Witnessing" by Gary Gibbs the most. From this mission, I have seen that the whole duty of man is to work with God in the plan of salvation through devotion and communion. I observed and encourage Bible study and the Dress code.

Amalaha Chinwekele I heard about ALIVE NIG from friends/Church members and heard about this mission through SMS alert and I intend to stay for 2 weeks during which, I intend To commune with God, to increase my spiritual level and to have the Holy Spirit. . During the program I worked in the Medical committee and was involved in treatment unit. My best experience was teaching others the word of God. I observed and encourage the prayer groups. The program has made me to know God and His plans better. I intend to incorporate prayer, spirit of mission, bible study in my local church. I will like to join ALIVE because I love their programs.

Sunday Asindi: I was in the technical/ logistics committee and was involved in set up. I enjoyed studying Daniel series and the normal bible studies the most. I observed the team work was wonderful. I will incorporate witnessing and constant bible study in my local church. I will like to join ALIVE NIG because I see it as working for God.

Sampson Uche Nwafor: I enjoyed the prayer sessions, 2 by 2 and daily interaction most. I have finally experienced a long time desire so I can serve the Lord sharing the faith. Henceforth I will make out time to pray for people.

#### During the mission, I observed:

"Unity, zeal and patience for service"... Pastor Ephraim

"Cooperation, humility and love for one another".... Naomi

"Total cooperation among missionaries and total trust in God".... Henry

"Coordination and goodness".... Nachility

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### Words of Encouragement ...

God's workers need faith in God. He is not unmindful of their labors. He values their work. Divine agencies are appointed to co-operate with those who are laborers together with God. When we think that God will not do as He has said, and that He has no time to notice His workers, we dishonor our Maker.--Southern Watchman, Aug. 2, 1904. {ChS 233.5}

The worker for God needs strong faith. <u>Appearances may seem forbidding; but in the darkest hour there is light beyond. The strength of those who, in faith, love and serve God will be renewed day by day.</u>--Gospel Workers, p. 262.

What the church needs in these days of peril, is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed; men who will not shun trial and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is formed "the hope of glory," and who, with lips touched with holy fire, will "preach the word." For want of such workers the cause of God languishes, and fatal errors, like a deadly poison, taint the morals and blight the hopes of a large part of the human race.--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 507.

#### Our Thanks To...

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  of Nigeria, anchored the medical training, and ensured medical services till the end of the program.
- Our Donors Donation of finances, time and other spiritual resources. We say thank you for your support and prayers. May the Lord God who's work this is, bless you and reward you for the sacrifice.

God used them mightily to make things work here. Thank you for your help.

If you cannot be the watchman ...pointing out the path to heaven...you can be like faithful Aaron holding up the prophet's hand.—SDAH



## Goodbyes and Thank Yous...

At the end of the evangelistic campaign, volunteers departed happily and spiritually charged from the mission ground. It was a fulfilling, happy, spiritually reviving experience for all. We all look forward to seeing each other in other mission fields if Christ tarries...

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"Young men and young women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work. . . . "
Signs of the Times, May 29, 1893

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