

2013 MEC

Post-Event Report



FOR THE MISSION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

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EXECUTIVE summary

Nigeria is the most populous black nation and its citizens account for one out of every four black people in the world. Official statistics put the country as the 7th most populous largest, with an estimated population of over 174 million people (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ni.html>, July 2013 est.). Of these, only 40% are Christians, with less than 500,000, or one out of every 385 Nigerian being Adventist.

The Adventist church is ninety-nine years old in Nigeria. Its main goal remains to preach the gospel of Christ. This it does through many avenues, including delivery of services in its many health and educational institutions to the general public across the country. In spite of this, many Nigerians have still not heard about the Adventist message. Many have also not come in contact with any Adventist, though already in their mid-40s and have lived in locations with Adventist presence almost all their lives. For this reason, recently, the world church added Nigeria to the 10/40 window which means that a significant portion of the country is still unentered.

It is however clear that the work of preaching the three angels' messages to Nigerians cannot be left to just the pastors. It does not also sound practicable to remain focused on merely the previously-used methods of evangelism. To do the work of soul winning in these last days requires that previously-untried methods and avenues must be united with those that have been tried, tested, and found to be effective. Also, more people need to unite in this effort.

ALIVE Nigeria is a supporting ministry of the SDA church. It exists solely for the purpose of winning souls into God's kingdom. This is achieved by complete dependence on the Holy Spirit to direct the efforts of Adventist young graduates

and professionals less than forty-five years old at different mission fields.



At ALIVE Nigeria, we believe that God has called us, and that He has equipped us with skills to fulfill that call. We therefore constantly seek for ways to improve our skills, refine our methods, and develop appropriate strategies that will help us achieve this purpose. The Mission Empowerment Conference (MEC), the first of its kind in the two-year history of the organization, was one such way for us in our capacity training and development; for we find it to be true that:



"It is not everyone who can labor judiciously for the salvation of souls. There is much close thinking to be done. We must not enter into the Lord's work haphazard and expect success. The Lord needs men of mind, men of thought. Jesus calls for co-workers, not blunderers. God wants right-thinking and intelligent men to do the great work necessary

to the salvation of souls. – (Pr 43.4)

... Should the followers of Christ be less intelligent, and while professedly engaged in His service be ignorant of the ways and means to be employed? The enterprise of gaining everlasting life is above every earthly consideration. In order to lead souls to Jesus there must be a knowledge of human nature and a study of the human mind. Much careful thought and fervent prayer are required to know how to approach men and women upon the great subject of truth.—(Testimonies for the Church 4:67.) – (Pr 44.1)"

This report contains accounts of the historic MEC event. It was the first of its kind, but more importantly, it was an event that touched and transformed many lives for good, as testified by some of the participants.

Who We Are

ALIVE is an acronym for Africans Living In View of Eternity. It is a global movement headquartered in the USA but with national chapters in several countries currently. ALIVE Nigeria is one of such chapters. The organization started in Nigeria on March 19, 2011 with 15 members. Today, it has grown to 108 members.

ALIVE, in every country where it exists, shares the common objectives of challenging young graduates and professionals to primitive godliness and hastening the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the aggressive spreading of the three angels' messages, especially in places where no one wants to go. Although this is often in very rural settings, the location of ALIVE's activities is very specifically determined by the assessed need in every country.

Our Mission

ALIVE-Nigeria exists to mobilize, train and equip young professionals and graduates for making "ready a people prepared to meet the Lord".

Our Vision

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

Our Goals

ALIVE Nigeria seeks to:

- Revive, inspire, train, nurture and mobilize African Seventh-day Adventist young adults, challenging them to biblical excellence and effective involvement in evangelism in every sphere.
- Encourage Nigerian students and young professionals to be involved in ministry at their local church level and be in support of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's evangelistic efforts in Nigeria.
- Serve as a networking resource for young, Nigerian Adventists and their African counterparts.



Our Activities

ALIVE engages in activities that

include:

- Giving out Bible studies
- Planning and holding visitations to hospitals, prisons and children's homes (Community engagement)
- Missions and evangelistic activities (in places where no one wants to go)
- Training sessions for young people in various lines of ministry (ALIVE weekends, Youth Conference, Training Retreats, etc)
- Church planting

MISSION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Why MEC?

The Mission Empowerment Conference was borne out of the need to properly equip young people who are willing to offer themselves as vessels for the propagation of the everlasting gospel. It's an important ALIVE-Nigeria event to promote its existence and activities, as well as attract and train its target group of young graduates and professionals for her many mission programs.

MEC is centred on God's word and it was a blessing to witness the spiritual revival of the conference participants.



Overall Goal

MEC's overall goal was to provide training and guidance in missions, as well as inspiration, for its attendees.

Objectives

- The objectives of the conference were to
- 'Highlight the need for missions in Nigeria and Africa;
 - 'Analyze zones in Nigeria and Africa

reached with the 3-Angel's messages by ALIVE Nigeria and sister organizations (Revelation 14:6-12), and 'Forecast future soul winning trends based on current mission efforts.

Highlights

Date: Wednesday, 7th to Sunday, 11th August, 2013

Venue: City Global Hotels, Ltd., Owerri - Port Harcourt Road, Imo State.

Theme: "Armed for Mission" (Eph 6:12-18)

Sub-Theme: "Do the Work" (1 Tim 4:5)

Do you need a more fulfilling life of joy and peace with your God?

Why not try MISSIONS!
Take the opportunity and join hundreds of others in Africa working faithfully to bring Hope to the masses. God Loves you! Let someone know this too. Touch lives, one at a time.



MEC SPEECHES

Welcome Address

Nearly 100 years have passed since the Seventh-Day Adventist church came to Nigeria in 1914. Today in 2013, with an average population of Nigerians at more than 160 million people, we have an Adventist population of about 300,000 members. It's alarming to know that after 100 years of Adventism in Nigeria, the ratio of Adventists to non-Adventists is about 1:570.

How shall we reach the millions of perishing Nigerians who haven't heard the Three Angels' Messages?

***"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14.
"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Matthew 9:37.***

ALIVE-Nigeria comprising of mission-minded young professionals and graduates have decided to respond to the call and have enlisted as labourers for his eternal and most important appeal. We have dedicated our time, talents, and treasures, and most importantly, ourselves to ensure that Nigeria is conquered for Christ.

For, "with such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming saviour might be carried to the whole world! {SCA 66.5}

But ALIVE-Nigeria cannot finish the work alone. We need more missionaries, we need to be rightly trained for battle, we need to finish the work! My appeal to you, please consider the sacrifice of Christ and get enlisted in the battle, march behind the bloodstained banner of King Jesus and fulfill the gospel commission as we hasten His glorious return.

Let us get "armed for mission!".

God bless you.

Imoh EFRE

ALIVE-Nigeria President

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Keynote Message



The keynote message was delivered by **Bro. Seth Amankwah**, the President of ALIVE Ghana as well as the Regional Coordinator of ALIVE operations in West Africa.

Titled "World War III," the message zoomed in on the conference theme: "Armed for Mission" and highlighted the importance of realizing the warfare terrain of these end times of earth's history.

None is excluded from the great controversy between the forces of good and evil, and those who seek empowerment to fulfill the gospel commission should expect to be special target of enemy forces.

Amankwah offered hope to counter fear of the devil's attack on the part of the participants by tracing history to provide records of earlier wars.

'World War I happened in heaven, when Satan and his angels were defeated and banished to this earth (Revelation 12).

'World War II happened on earth, on the cross of Calvary where God was vindicated before the unfallen worlds when Jesus concluded the sacrifice of salvation to rescue man from his dismal condition of sinful hopelessness.

'World War III is going on in the heart of every man for as long as they are alive, when the forces of good and evil contend for supremacy and we choose one or the other.

He concluded with the Biblical assurance that Christ has overcome the world and He has promised us victory over the ongoing war that embroils us through the Holy Spirit.



Opening Remarks

Pastor Daniel Oriaku is the Ministerial Director of Eastern Nigeria Union Mission (ENUM). He represented the Union President, Pastor Bassey Udo, at the opening session to declare the conference open.

Oriaku expressed profound joy at the number of conference participants present at the

opening night and the fact that they were from the six geopolitical zones of the country. He added that he

was struck by the enthusiastic singing of the participants, the theological soundness of the messages he had heard, and openly rejoiced at the hope that the more than three hundred participants he addressed represent for the SDA church in Nigeria.

He further commended the organization for the choice of location, the excellence of service he had observed, vision of the ALIVE Nigeria leadership in organizing such an important conference.

MEC PROGRAMS



There were several programs and activities that combined to make MEC 2013 a spiritually- uplifting event. The participants were clear on what to expect and we are grateful to God that He exceeded their expectations through our imperfect plans and implementation.

1. DEVOTIONS

There were morning and evening devotions in the main hall to start off and end each day. These sessions were merged with the prayer sessions that afforded participants the opportunity to pray together without hindrance and listen to inspiring messages of hope and counsel from different speakers. It afforded the opportunity to study from God's word, sing, pray, repent, and recommit to God and the church.



2. SEMINARS

As is to be expected when young people from different backgrounds, bound by their love for God and passion for mission, get together, theological questions are certain to arise. These questions are necessary to help with self-assessment, fortification of beliefs, strengthening of faith, deepening of spiritual hunger, and refocus on the core essentials of deeper spiritual experience and increased usefulness for His cause. All these formed the basis of seminars where topics most relevant to the conference participants would be addressed by competent speakers.

Choice of Topics: ALIVE Nigeria members were given the benefit of listing topics that they needed training on. From this exercise a long list of topics. These were further pruned to those that received the highest number of responses and the following 6 topics emerged as the most needed by the conference participants:

Seminar 1: **The Remnant**

Seminar 2: **How to Study the Bible**

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“I'm ... happy at the quality of organization and planning and execution of programs by the Planning Committee; their work is second to none, God will bless all the members of the Executive Committee of Alive Nigeria...”

---Eze.

“I sincerely thank God for the organizers of ALIVE-NIGERIA MEC 2013. I was not only blessed but was indeed EMPOWERED for MISSION. I'm praying for you all that God would continue to grant you all more SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS to do more for Him.”

---Joel

MEC was really spirit-filled. I cried during prayers and some presentations because I realized how lazy I was at doing God's work. And the little I was doing, I did with selfishness and pride....and so many other things ... changed my life... I learnt and prayed.”

---Ruth

Seminar 3: **Christian Lifestyle**

Seminar 4: **Managing God's Money**

Seminar 5: **Doing Missions in God's way**

Seminar 6: **Dating and Marriage class**

Timing of Seminars: MEC was for just three full days, including the Sabbath. With 6 fully-loaded topics to be addressed, the seminars had to run concurrently in different rooms. Thus, participants had the option of selecting the most important to them. Each seminar session lasted for 70 minutes and there were four such sessions on each of the two days allocated for seminars, making a total of eight seminar sessions.

Profiles of Seminar Speakers: God blessed us with experienced local and international speakers from different backgrounds who took time to study and share from the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy writings, relevant SDA church policies and documents, as well as other Biblically-sound resources.



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List of Topics: The following details about the topics were provided in the program booklet to enable participants choose appropriately.

Seminar 1: "The Remnant & Its Mission/The Great Controversy" by Engr. Seth Amankwah

- i. The Great Controversy part 1 (The Origin of Sin)
- ii. The Great Controversy part 2 (An enemy has Done This!)
- iii. The Great Controversy part 3 (The Blueprint, God's Solution to the Sin Problem)
- iv. The Great Controversy part 4 (The Blueprint, God's Solution to the Sin Problem)
- v. Our High Calling part 1 (The Call of Israel)
- vi. Our High Calling part 2 (The Little Book)
- vii. Our High Calling part 3 (The Mighty Cleaver of Truth)
- viii. Our High Calling part 4 (The Third World War)



Seth is Head of I.T. Infrastructure and Training at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR) in Sunyani, Ghana. He holds a BSc. Electrical and Electronic Engineering and an MSc. in Renewable Energy Technologies from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. Mr. Amankwah is an evangelist and revivalist. He preaches extensively in Ghana and other African countries. He is currently serving as the President of ALIVE-Ghana and also coordinator for ALIVE-West Africa. Engr. Amankwah is passionate for youth ministry and desires to see Jesus come in his time. He is happily married to Thando.

Seminar 2: "Practical ways to Study and teach God's Word" by Pastor Taj Pacleb

- i. The basics of how to study the Bible with examples.
- ii. How to prepare our heart to hear God's voice.
- iii. How to have a deeper devotional experience.
- iv. Jesus method of giving Bible studies and approaching people on truth.
- v. How to give a Bible study.
- vi. The yearly cycle of evangelism
- vii. How to Make Appeals and call for decisions
- viii. How to Preach and what to preach.



Taj was born and raised in the beautiful islands of Hawaii. Growing up with no Christian background, Taj got involved in a life with no purpose & direction. While in high school, Taj's nickname was "the Chronic", a reference to his love for marijuana and partying. But at age 16, he was invited to a prophecy seminar where the Word of God was able to penetrate his clouded mind. Through those meetings, he saw that what Christ had to offer was so much more satisfying and fulfilling than what this world had to offer with its vain pleasures. Through one prayer God set him completely free from that destructive lifestyle and gave him a new high that no drug could ever compare with knowing Jesus and making Him known to others. Currently he is living out his dream and calling by serving God as a public evangelist and revivalist for Central California Conference. He has had the opportunity of presenting life-changing messages from God's word in Germany, France, England, India, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Australia, and in many locations of the United States. Taj enjoys dirt bike riding, body boarding, snowboarding, back packing, scuba diving, photography, music, and traveling the world. He and his wife Wati, live in Fresno, California. Wati is a registered nurse and uses the health message to reach people for Christ.

Seminar 3A: Christian Lifestyle Part 1 - A Christian Deep Down by Bro. Michael Likuluta

- i. Understanding Human Behavior
- ii. What Shapes Human Behavior?
- iii. Manifestation of Sin
- iv. Overcoming Habits
- v. Sexual Behavior
- vi. Victory over Sin
- vii. The Power of Christ in Us



Michael is a co-founder of IMPACT, a Youth Missionary Movement based in Zambia with Sister Structures in Zimbabwe and Namibia. He has served as President for the movement for three years (2009-2011), and currently serves as its Training Director. IMPACT which is an acronym for Inspired Missionaries Proclaiming the Advent of Christ Today has since 2008 collaborated with the church to establish churches in un-entered areas. Michael also works with Africans Living in View of eternity (ALIVE) as the Southern Africa Coordinator. In Michael's own words: "I like doing whatever hastens the Lord's return. I am a full time missionary and part time practice as an accountant".

Seminar 3B: Christian Lifestyle Part 2 by Dr. Jael Yohannah

- i. In modesty
- ii. At the Home Front
- iii. Cultivating the presence of God

Jael is a researcher and Lecturer at the University of Jos. She has worked with women since 2001 and also enjoys working with young people. She has had the privilege of speaking and presenting talks at women's conventions/programmes, youth, men's organisation, young women, single's Ministries, couple's retreats and at camp meetings. This has taken her to many places. She has spoken on different issues and topics, all aiming at encouraging and challenging us to love and serve the Lord while we may; "for the night cometh when man's work is done." She loves reading, singing and gardening, and is blessed with a caring and supportive husband and four children who love her.

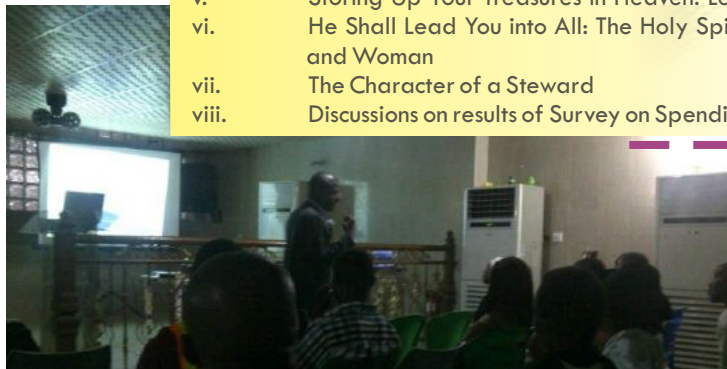


Seminar 4: Managing God's Money by Engr. Sihle Khanyile

- i. Stewards in a Philanthropic World: How Secular Values have Affected Christian Giving (Part 1)
- ii. Stewards in a Philanthropic World: How Secular Values have Affected Christian Giving (Part 2)
- iii. Giving That Will Finish the Work (Part 1)
- iv. Giving That Will Finish the Work (Part 2)
- v. Storing Up Your Treasures in Heaven: Lessons from the Poor Widow
- vi. He Shall Lead You into All: The Holy Spirit and Christian Businessman and Woman
- vii. The Character of a Steward
- viii. Discussions on results of Survey on Spending, Decisions and Consecration Prayer



Sihle is a young man whose eye is singled to the prophetic mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. While a chemical engineering student at the University of Pretoria he was one of the founding members of African Exodus (www.africanexodus.co.za). He works for Statistics South Africa on short-term economic indicators while completing a Mathematical Statistics Degree with UNISA. His current focus is a collaborative ministry (Mission Cohort) of planting churches in the un-entered areas of Free State, SA.



Seminar 5A: Doing Missions in God's Way: Mission to Cities Part One - The GC Initiative by Bro. Paul Ogaga

- i. Cycle of Evangelism: In the Context of Urban Cities, Local Churches And Youth Mission Groups (ALIVE-Ng).
- ii. "Christ's Method Alone" Ministry Of Healing MH Pg. 143 - Exploring The Secret Of Effective Ministry. The Science of Ministry.
- iii. Care Groups (Home Fellowships) And Modern Ways Of Reaching People
- iv. Empowering the Youth for Mission



A.L.

Paul believes in the Bible - Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone). In a rapidly changing world where compromise is fast becoming the modus operandi, he believes that obedience to God is the only viable means of survival and ought to be a way of life, even if it costs us our comfort, friends, family or our lives.

At the GYC conference in 2008 he met with Dr. Samuel Pipim in California, USA and a passion for mission, especially among the youth, was reawakened within him. It was this contact with Dr. Pipim that inspired the co-founding of

E.R.T, and which eventually supported the inauguration of ALIVE-Nigeria. He has been privileged to speak at youth conferences and seminars within Nigeria. He is happily married to Esther.

Seminar 5B: Doing Missions in God's Way: Mission to Cities Part Two by Pastor Ikechi Ekpendu

- i. Methods of doing mission to cities
- ii. Formal and informal ways of planning missions in cities
- iii. How to nurture prospects after evangelism
- iv. How to plan for, start and sustain a self-supporting missionary ministry,-Sustaining your zeal for mission

Ikechi is the Director of Stewardship Ministries, Trust Services and Adventist Family Ministries, Eastern Nigeria Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nigeria. Pastor Ekpendu is a seasoned conference/seminar speaker and his ministry has been a blessing to many across Africa. He is happily married to Chioma and they are blessed with three beautiful children.



Philemon is a Professor of Comparative Religion and Church Ministry. For about three decades now, he has served at various levels of the Seventh-day Adventist Movement ranging from local grass-root pastor to Church Ministries Director among others. He is currently ministering as pastor, teacher as well as the Director of the Ellen G. White-SDA Research Centre, Babcock University, Nigeria. A lover of books, some of his own writings include: 'Welcome Courtship-How to Please God as you Prepare for Marriage'; 'Holy Spirit Faithful Guide'; 'Victorious Christians Live and Grow in Christ'; 'Preaching the Everlasting Gospel in Today's World'; 'African Traditional Medicine'; '101 Questions Youths Ask on Dating Courtship and Marriage'; 'Give Me Children' (which

he co-authored with his wife). He is married to Ruth Chinkata Ogechikanma and they are blessed with a son, Joseph Chizaramepere.

Seminar 6A: Dating and Marriage by Pastor Philemon Amanze

- i. That The Sizzle May Not Fizzle From Your Relationship
- ii. Intimacy in Seven Dimensions
- iii. Divinity Gave Marriage to Humanity
—Let God Explain!
- iv. Biblical Foundation for Marriage

Seminar 6B: Dating Relationships in God's Way by Pastor Sunday Audu

- i. What is Christian about our Courtship?
- ii. Burning but not Burnt: Setting the Boundaries in Relationships
- iii. Look Before You Leap
- iv. How to be Unequally Yoked



Sunday is a Pastor at Babcock University where he also teaches. As a pastor on campus, he has acquired invaluable experience working with young people in the various worship centers that were under his care. He came to the conference with practical insights that were a big help to the participants. He holds a Ph.D in Peace and Conflict Studies. Pastor Audu has been married for thirteen years with his wife Florence. They are blessed with three children Martin, Matilda, and Menduas.



Tony Ogouma - President, Jafa Afrique

Tony is a young elder of the Seventh day Adventist Church. He doubles up as the President of Jafa – AFRIQUE, a self -supporting ministry of the Seventh day Adventist Church in francophone countries in Africa led by young people, and Director of CAMPUS Gabon, an outreach department in the country with focus on tertiary public institutions. Tony is known for his passion for evangelism, leadership, and excellence. Though young, his ministry has been a blessing to many people across the globe, especially in Africa. Author of the book “Take up the Challenge,” he believes that the challenge today is that young people “ought to be reaching higher and still higher in Christian experience--higher not by self-assertion, self- assumption, and self-confidence, but by growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”.

Pastor and Mrs. Martin Kim - Prayer Room Coordinators

Martin currently serves as a Speaker with Amazing Facts, an international Christian ministry spreading the gospel to all the world. His ministry includes working as a pastor, teacher and revivalist. He is also actively involved in a ministry called ARME which stands for Adventist Revival Movement for the End times where he serves as the Prayer Director. Prayer revival is the distinguishing feature of his life and ministry as summed up in the following quote of his: “When man works, man works. But when man prays, God works.”



Elder Emmanuel Dike

Dike Emmanuel is an accomplished architect and an elder of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He is an ardent supporter and proponent of the ‘three angels messages’ – his personal ministry has impacted the church in no small measure. He truly is one of the pillars that God has planted to ensure that the work receives all the support that it needs.

Elder Dike Emmanuel is a man of many worlds, He is a seasoned Architect, a teacher of the Word, a Preacher, a Leader, a Philanthropist, an administrator, a scholar and above all he is a child of God who has served dedicatedly by chairing and sponsoring different committees and ministries within the SDA church. He is happily married to his friend Ugochi and they are blessed with three lovely children.

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Comments

“As 100s of young ALIVE professionals are commenting about their experiences. I'll add mine, that I heard what I expected not to hear, saw what I expected not to see, met what I expected not to meet and experienced what I never experienced since I became an Adventist. Wow, what a blessing it was to my spiritual life! The question I ask myself now how can I become one that God can completely trust in?” - dechike

“MEC was great, inspiring and spirit-filled. I came to appreciate Adventism more and I am ready to preach the gospel. The idea should be sustained” -Anonymous

My experience at ALIVE Nigeria/MEC was truly invigorating. -Anonymous

MEC was a great and spirit-filled program. It was an eye opener and also a very inspiring session, I'm so, so happy being part of this wonderful experience and I pray we all will retain the burning passion to impact and practice all that we've learnt. I'm mission-empowered for Christ. -Anonymous

Thank God for ALIVE-Ng, for making me a better Christian. Now I am a part of God's army, I'm no longer ashamed to propagate the gospel. Now I see myself an Adventist. And by God's grace I will no longer live a life of one leg in one leg out. I was touched, especially by, Taj Pacleb -Andrew D

* Before the MEC 10 days period of fasting, I was dispirited but I remembered God's words in Matthew 11:28-30 & I was relieved. Praise God! - Grace A

MEC PROGRAMS

3. PLENARY SESSIONS

Interspersed between seminars were plenary sessions that helped to heighten the spiritual atmosphere of the conference. Six of these sessions were carefully built into the conference program and each lasted two hours. The plenaries provided time for pre-registered instrumental and vocal music, interviews with representatives of ministries focused on missions, testimonies from the prayer room,

Music: Music was a major highlight of the entire conference. Aside from the unparalleled heartfelt singing of the more than 350 voices of the participants, special features included violin, guitar, saxophone presentations, solos, duets, and quartet singing. This was a high point at the venue as the melodious strains of hymns attracted many other guests and staff of the hotel to the hall. For many participants, worshipping together where prayer, sound teaching, and miraculous testimonies were combined with such heavenly music as was made at the conference provided the experience of a lifetime for them.



Ministry Spotlights: The plenaries were also used to spotlight the activities of mission-oriented ministries like sister ALIVE chapters within Africa, as well as local ministries within Nigeria. Through interviews and direct presentations, these segments helped facilitate earnest soul-searching for many participants who reported evaluating themselves to assess what they've done with the talents and opportunities that God has given them in the past.

The impact of listening to the deep confidence and conviction with which those directly engaged in the hard work of many of these ministries cannot be disputed. Young, vibrant, godly



and gutsy professionals whose lives have been sold to mission and ready to go anywhere the Lord will send them. Perhaps, getting to meet these other professionals and learn of their involvement in ministry helped more than any other part of the program to get participants to commit to increased usefulness in the Lord's work.

Highlights of these ministries are under the section "Program Partners."

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4. DOOR TO DOOR OUTREACH

After listening to many inspiring messages during devotions, seminars, and plenary sessions, and professing renewed commitment to reaching the unreached, Sabbath afternoon provided the opportunity to go out and test the waters.



Sabbath lunch was packed, and buses were already waiting by the time the divine service was over. MEC participants were in their bright T-shirts and dark-colored bottoms itching to go out and

witness, while coordinators were ready with copies of "The Great Hope" and other pamphlets with health messages. It was a time of great expectations!



Participants made their way to three districts of the town in fourteen buses and a few other private vehicles, singing all the way as they went.



Logistics, security, and compartment details were taken care of by bus coordinators and off they were dispatched to homes in twos. What a blessing to take the message of hope to the heart of many!

The exercise lasted two and a half hours, but the impact, according to some participants, transformed them for life. It broke the jinx of fear for some of those for which it was a first experience. Some others were reminded of the spiritual hunger in the world waiting to be filled with the right nourishment. Even

the experienced hands were not left out of the joy of sharing the message of a loving God with new people.

About 1,000 homes were visited during the exercise, and cartons of "The Great Hope", "Signs of the times" tracts and other evangelistic materials on health and doctrinal topics were distributed. Some received Bibles, prayers were offered in all the homes, and many more received tracts in their cars or while passing by. The requests for further Bible studies, return visits, and/or expression of interest to become members have all been forwarded to the local conference for appropriate follow-up.



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5. EXHIBITIONS

There were exhibitions of evangelism resources and supplies by different ministries during the conference. These ranged from books and audio-visuals to health foods and natural remedies. This also afforded ministries the opportunity to showcase products and activities to new audiences, while participants were able to purchase products not readily available in their regions at good prices. It was truly a time of awareness for both groups of people.

More Comments via SMS

I am so glad I was a part of this 1ST MEC 2013; it was indeed a life-transforming conference. Long live ALIVE Nigeria! Long live the organizers!
—Annette

I am seriously empowered for missions! – Bamidele D

MEC was really spirit-filled. I cried during prayers and some presentations because I realized how lazy I was in doing God's work. And the little I was doing, I did with selfishness and pride. I learnt to confess my sins calling it by its name and so many other things that changed my life I learnt and pray God will continue to revive all Adventist youths in Jesus' name .
- Ruth

Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve & reconcile with God, your reward awaits you in heaven. It was a blissful experience for reminding me that I can tell someone about God. See you all on the mission field.
- Matthew E

I almost became Peter suggesting "that we build tabernacles" & dwell at MEC. It was an experience of a lifetime. The messages were spirit-led. I'm in for ALIVE. Shalom. -Emma

To God be the glory for the success of the 1st Mission Empowerment Conference in Nigeria, I am blessed. All my life I have not been at a meeting like this where I saw togetherness. I saw mission-minded people. I saw orderliness, more especially the united prayer in the prayer room. I saw the spirit of God working, with a lot of testimonies. My prayer is that Almighty God will bless the President and her crew and all the ALIVE Nigeria members. Thanks. -
Anonymous

I am empowered and I'm on fire 4 Christ. My Christian lifestyle has changed. I was an active seminar participant in hall 5, and I'm now armed 4 missions. I am willing to do the work! - Uche

MEC PROGRAMS

6. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS



Saturday evening was a time to recount the Lord's blessings since the start of the conference. Aside from the individual testimonies that were shared from the stage, participants were dressed in their traditional attires and presented songs of praises in local dialects representing the different regions of Nigeria. Even the

international Speakers were not left out of this segment as they were all dressed in traditional Nigerian outfits. It was a time of joyful praise for all.



7. APPRECIATION

While in the mood of praise and thankfulness, plaques of appreciation were presented to some of those who helped to make MEC 2013 a reality. These were patrons, speakers, the ALIVE Nigeria President, and some others. It was a time of gratitude to God and man for blessings enjoyed.



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8. PRAYERS

Another highlight of MEC was prayer! Sincere, heartfelt prayers that started long before the gathering together at Owerri and continued throughout the program.

There was a room set up for prayer with conspicuous signs that led there from different parts of the hotel. A prayer team gathered inside this room from 9am to 9pm on Thursday and Friday of the program. Participants could go there during the breaks or, if specially burdened, at anytime during when it was open.

The prayers were simple and uncluttered. They were heartfelt and warm, and that included every participant. Many arrived the conference venue heavily-burdened in their hearts. There was ample opportunity for them to pray alone, with a few people, or in the main halls and release their burdens to God. Some even reported learning how to pray sincerely for the first time at the Conference.

On Saturday night, there was an extended prayer session from midnight to five in the morning to repent, recount the Lord's blessings, and recommit to His work.

Throughout the conference, testimonies of answered prayers were shared during plenary sessions, and great indeed were the miracles that the Lord performed for His people at the gathering. For many participants, the prayer sessions and prayer room were the best part of the conference.

"Immediately I felt the warmth of the prayer room, I knew I was meant to be in the place of prayer. I was before the throne of God, I was running to him in my spirit & I realized how unworthy I was. It was a healing & revival ground for me. Jesus touched me, Halleluyah!"

- Anonymous.



More Comments

From the prayer room, I had a prayer request that my admission should come out to write my professional examinations and several others. As I touched Abuja, I had a call that the admission was out and that I was one of the few who got it. I just can't say exactly how I feel . - Innocent

I am glad that I eventually attended the ALIVE MEC 2013. First I sincerely want to thank the person or group that considered me worthy of the sponsorship on which I attended the conference. God indeed wanted me to be there, or else I would not have appreciated ALIVE and her work in Nigeria. I have been revived, without a shadow of doubt I know I have. And the days and years will be spent in service to God and Humanity by His grace alone. Thank God for ALIVE in such a time as this. God bless us all! Thanks again! - Mykel.

I sincerely thank God for the organizers of ALIVE-NIGERIA MEC 2013. I was not only blessed but was indeed EMPOWERED for MISSION. I'm praying for you all that God would continue to grant U all more SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS to do more for Him. -Joel

My experience during the programs, especially the Sabbath afternoon sermon by Bro. Seth is that there is urgent need to ensure that all Seventh -Day Adventists in Nigeria should be encouraged to listen to the sermon. The ministry of all the facilitators is a great testimony of what God can do to any person or group of persons who are committed to mission work. I'm really challenged and motivated in this regard. I'm trusting God that by His grace, I will be part of the mission work in Kogi or Akwa Ibom in September.... The evangelism was spiritually-rewarding. I'm also happy at the quality of organization and planning cum execution of programs by the Planning Committee; their work is second to none, God will bless all the members of the Executive Committee of Alive Nigeria. - Eze.

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9. CLOSING CHARGE

The closing charge was given on Sunday morning by Bro. Seth Amankwah before the close of the conference. It was much more than a morning devotion. In his charge, he recounted the leading of the Lord for His people down through the ages, His leading of His remnant church, and His special call to young people to use their all to advance His work on earth.

Bro Amankwah charged the participants to remember all that had shared at seminars, devotions, testimonies, ministry spotlight and other programs since the start of the conference. He warned that the road ahead would not be easy, for the devil would try everything possible to prevent God's children from obeying Him and representing Him aright in the world. But he was quick to add that heaven has made all provisions needed for those who are willing to count the cost and move ahead. He charged all to "go forth into the world" with the messages of hope and caution that were shared to "arm for mission" during the conference.

The closing charge was followed by a vote of thanks by the ALIVE Nigeria President, Sister Imoh Efre and participants departed into their rooms for their bags and into the buses stationed to convey people back to the different regions of the country from where they gathered.



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10. TESTIMONIES

It was impossible to keep people quiet from testifying at MEC! Some shared freely at the program, many shared with co-participants, executives, at small groups, or in the testimony basket.

One of the patrons of ALIVE Nigeria, Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim was around briefly for MEC. He was there to support the executives and to express appreciations for prayers for him and his family since his resignation from denominational employment and the resultant fallout. Coincidentally, it was at a bigger ALIVE Nigeria program in 2011 that he broke the news of his resignation and benefited from the prayers of church leaders in attendance then. MEC afforded a similar opportunity to listen to testimonies of God's leading since then and benefit again from prayers by church leaders. He also expressed joy at the turnout of the conference, the level of planning, quality of the program, and thanked God for His continual leading of ALIVE Nigeria.

Plenary 6 on Saturday night afforded the opportunity for more people to share their testimonies openly with other participants. Here are more testimonies via Letters, Email...

More Comments

ALIVE-Nigeria MEC convention opened my spiritual mind & eyes to true Adventist gathering. It exposed me to better prayer life, Bible study & witnessing. To God be the glory!
-Onatunde

I consider it both an opportunity and a great privilege to have been a participant at MEC 2013. It was spiritually reawakening for me and the experience will remain indelible in my mind for a long time. I had the opportunity to hear testimonies from those who availed themselves for God to use and this has challenged me in many ways. I also want to use this occasion to thank ALIVE Nigeria for giving me the opportunity to attend this program; my life has been forever transformed.

- Emmanuel O

Thanks for changing us to become mission minded. Palistluka

What else would I have collected as birthday gift from my parent, if not MEC '13? I thank God that I chose MEC 2013 as my birthday gift. I'm empowered!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
- Tobi

ALIVE-NG has given me the chance to appreciate the need for Mission (especially to the RURAL areas). The just-concluded MEC 2013 has empowered me with some needed skills and the enthusiasm to take part and contribute towards future missions of ALIVE-NG. I am ARMED FOR MISSION. Let's join to "do the work!" - Akpo

ALIVE convention had a huge shift of mindset in my life. While the seminars were inspiring I had a greater inspiration from the selfless commitment of the ALIVE Nigeria team.
-Anonymous

The conference was: Inspiring, Refreshing, Spirit-filling, Encouraging, Challenging, Timely, Mission-prompting, Exciting, Thought-provoking, Gratifying, Inciting, Inflaming, Stimulating, Informing, Amplifying, Illuminating, Rousing, Invigorating, Exceptional, Outstanding, Assuring, Overwhelming, Uplifting, Indispensable, Captivating, Magnifying, Indicting, Awesome, Liberating, Demanding, Holy, Soul-lifting, Enriching, Nurturing, Outstanding, Refreshing, Well-organized, Soul-searching, Reassuring, Reviving, Resuscitating, Prescriptive, Sustaining, Unparalleled, Unique, Gracious, Wonderful and God-glorifying!
- Augustine

MEC COMMITTEES, DEPT & CREW

Several committees were created to work towards making MEC a reality. Below are summary details about some of the various committees that worked tirelessly before and during the conference, and the feedback from them after the program.

1. PROGRAMS UNIT

Members:

1. Gift Nwachukwu (Head of Dept)
2. Iheanyi Elechi
3. Sati Dapel

Tasks Assigned:

1. Prepare program schedule, seminars time-table, registration payment steps/guidelines and instructions
2. Prepare registration Pack
3. Securing platform from unplanned presenters/activities
4. Outlay and draft contents of program booklet
5. Compile program booklet and send to printing dept, arrange to photocopy handouts for seminar speakers.
6. Choose Spirit filled presentations, presenters and instrumentalist, Musicians to be contacted
7. Outline volunteer criteria, co-ordinate training volunteers
8. Co-ordinate fast and welcoming onsite registration plan
9. Co-ordinate welcoming and clear direction for attendees
10. Responsible for attendees's look/presentation.
11. Responsible for orderliness during programs
12. Responsible for conduct during conference
13. Co-ordinate rehearsals for every presentation

To accomplish these tasks, this unit created and were in control of the following subunits under them

- Registration Department
- Platform Department
- Ushering Department

Registration Department

Members:

1. Tina Joy Amadi (Head of Dept.)
2. Ebere Nwachukwu
3. Emeka

Task Accomplished:

1. Registration of more than 300 conference participants within a short time of arrival.
2. Registration of new arrivals that were not registered till almost the last day of the conference.



Platform Department

Members:

1. Soonest Nathaniel (Head of Dept.)
2. Sati Dapel
3. Cyril Efre
4. Tomi Daniel

Tasks Accomplished:

1. Went over details of programs with presenters before their assigned slots.
2. Screen dressing and comportment of all presenters.
3. Directed movements on and off stage for presenters.
4. Anchored programs with the highest level of excellence and professionalism.
5. Ensured time management by all the presenters.

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Ushers / Greeters

Members:

1. Ogechi Macaulay (Head of Dept.)
2. Njoku Chinagozim,
3. Victoria Nwokohuru,
4. Yunana Yakubu,
5. Princewill Nwokohuru,
6. Aduga C Dabo,
7. Noble Hope,
8. Osioma Ogbuchi,
9. Daniel Obineke,
10. Chidinma Nwabuko,
11. Ugochukwu B. Amaefulu,
12. Sandra

Tasks Accomplished

1. Ensured delegates were of good standard and maintained decorum
2. Ensured speakers kept to time
3. Encouraged speakers and delegates Interactions



2. FOOD COMMITTEE

Members:

1. Benjamin Ebere (Head of Dept.)
2. Ozioma Onwukanjo
3. Ogechi Emelogu

Tasks Accomplished:

1. Drew up food budget for the conference.
2. Drew up appropriate meal schedule for different times of the day.
3. Designed suitable meal tickets for attendees.
4. Contract appropriate caterers and negotiate with them.
5. Planned for proper co-ordination of food service at meal times for participants.
6. Arranged for drinking water.



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3. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Members:

1. Gideon Ikpong (Head, P.A System)
2. Sunny Ajiroghene (Head, Recording)
3. Ngozi Ogu (Member)
4. Kenneth Ubani
5. Emma Enendem

Tasks Accomplished:

1. Facilitated a hitch-free setup of the audio system.
2. Ensured a good/clear audio and video recording of all proceedings.
3. Projected all relevant information during programs, e.g. songs, bible texts, etc.
4. Produced audio-visual recordings of the conference for participants to go home with.

Behind the Scene...

The volunteers for the program, arrived the venue three days ahead from all over Nigeria. The forty (40) man group were equipped within this period for their task during the program which included ushering, registration, feeding, accommodation allocation e.t.c

They were readily available to warmly welcome delegates on the day of their arrival in their orange jacket uniforms and made their stay pleasant throughout the program.



4. PRAYER DEPARTMENT

- Members**
1. Sunday Ajiroghene (Head of Dept)
 2. Emmanuel Enendem

Tasks Assigned:

1. Coordinating the weekly MEC Prayers
2. Recruit 10 persons to assist facilitate all round prayers
3. Contact Prayer Ministry - ARME - with the volunteers

The following are the prayer room team

Members:

1. Pst. Martin Kim and sherds. Liana Kim
2. Sis. Damilola
3. Sis. Mercy Ajiroghene
4. Bro. Okechukwu Elechi
5. Bro. Friday Promise
6. Bro. Joel
7. Bro. Jeffery
8. Bro. Timothy
9. Bro. Obinna
10. Sis. Aniefiok Udoakang. (Head of Dept)

Tasks Accomplished

1. A prayer room was set up for participants to enter into and freely pray. This was kept open for a period of about 12hrs (9am-9pm) throughout the period of the programme except on wed. (7th Aug.) and Sabbath.
2. The prayer team used a method of prayer known as the UNITED PRAYER where individuals who visited and others there in need of prayer joined to pray on one another's requests in a Prayer Chain.
3. An all-night prayer session was organized from 12am to 5am on Sunday, 11th Aug which was well attended by conference participants who left a few hours later rejoicing

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5. SPEAKERS' TRANSPORTATION UNIT

Members:

1. Frank Adaghubu (Head of Dept)
2. Kenneth Ubani

Tasks Accomplished:

1. Smooth pickup and transfer of all guests, including arrivals later than scheduled.
2. Safe travel of all speakers to evangelism sites on Sabbath afternoon.
3. Safe and smooth movement from Lagos to Owerri and back.
4. Great bonding time with participants at the conference.
5. Took speakers on local tour of the Union Headquarters (Maryland), Ikeja (Capital of Lagos),
2. Victoria Island, Idumota, and Balogun market.



6. ACCOMMODATION/VENUE UNIT

Members:

1. Emmanuel Aike (Head of Dept)
2. Emeka Okoro,
3. Femi Adewunmi
4. Gideon Ikpong,
5. Emmanuel Okondu,
6. Logistics Crew

Tasks Accomplished

1. Securing proper Venue and Decoration – Seminar rooms, Main Hall, and Accommodation.
2. Put sign posts around the venue selected, Placed banners in front of the venue, Labeled road map to lecture rooms
3. Arranged lecture rooms, platform, venue security and prayer room



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7. PROMOTION/EVANGELISM

Member:

1. KWARBAI Jerry (Head of Dept)
2. Emmanuel Enyiegbor Enendem
3. Emmanuel Usende

Task Accomplished

1. MEC Promotion over Nigeria

To the glory of God, MEC promotion was a success with kudos to ALIVE-Nigeria Members. The success of the promotion could be reckoned by the attendance. ALIVE-Nig members were encouraged to move around churches for this promotion and this has contributed greatly to the publicity of MEC. Medium used for the promotion were

- Promotional video:
- ALIVE-Nigeria report from 2011 to date
- Use of fliers
- Use of handbills
- Campus radio etc,

2. Evangelism:

The Sabbath evangelism was another grand finale. The evangelism was done around Owerri city with over fourteen 18-seater buses which was massively attended by almost all MEC participants. Over 400 people were in participation. Featuring were the sharing of tracts, over 3000 literatures, prayed with over 800 people. This evangelism was a groundbreaking strategy for the Anambra- Imo Conference.

8. WEBSITE, ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT UNIT

Members:

1. Kenneth Ubani (Head of Dept)

Tasks Accomplished

1. Placed forms on the internet for volunteers to fill
2. Created the MEC Website
3. Added a form online for registration
4. Place useful instructions online for delegates

9. SPEAKERS, CORRESPONDENCE AND SERVICE REQUEST UNIT

Members:

1. Emeka Okoro (Head of Dept)

Task Accomplished:

1. Ratified list of speakers
2. Contacted speakers and request personal profile
3. Resent letters to confirm availability
4. Got speakers pictures/names/tag/short description
5. Contacted speakers with themes / topics
6. Clarified service request procedure
7. Processed necessary service requests for all guest speakers
8. Reminded the Babcock and Nigerian speakers
9. Organized Buses to be stationed in 5 major cities in Nigeria for free transportation (to and fro)
10. Sent Speakers their flight itinerary

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10. SOCIAL NETWORK, ADVERTIZING, EMAIL, BOOTHS UNIT

Members:

1. William Owunkanjo (Head of Dept)
2. Martin Mato

Tasks Accomplished

1. Facebook account, Fan page and Group opened for the MEC; a twitter account was also opened for the MEC. ALIVE-Nigeria MEC promo video was produced and uploaded on the internet – Facebook, YouTube, Twitter etc. Just before the MEC, we had several friends on our MEC Facebook account and on our group.
2. Twelve sister ministries were invited to the MEC out of which 9 came for the MEC and 6 were interviewed during the MEC plenary sessions.
3. Arranged for space for the booths / negotiate
4. Contacted at least 20 different self-supporting ministries interested in exhibition at ALIVE Conf. with rates

11. PRINTING UNIT

Member:

1. Jegede Akinlolu (Head of Dept)

Task Assigned:

- Enquiry, Planning, Purchase and Printing of:
1. Handbills, Posters, T-shirts, Jotters, Pens, Program booklet, Polythene bags, Banners, Folders, ID tags

Task Achieved:

1. All except purchase and branding of folders.



Joining hands together
Making MEC work...



MEC COMMITTEES

ALIVE NIGERIA MEC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The MEC planning committee consisted of 21 young Adventists from different professions around Nigeria who worked tirelessly in different dimensions over a period of 8 months to ensure the MEC was an overall success.

Due to the geographical separation of the committee members, physical meetings couldn't be held as expected, rather all correspondence were done by phone calls and emails. The first meeting of the MEC committee members was on the MEC site. Despite all it took to communicate with one another, the team pressed hard against all odds to ensure the program met its objectives and was a success.

ALIVE-Nigeria is grateful for every effort put into this cause for the Lord.

Here are the names of the MEC committee members.

1. Emmanuel Ajike (South-West - Babcock)
2. Elsie Tamida (North-West - Kaduna)
3. Cyprian Nwasuka (South-East - Enugu)
4. Gideon Ikpong (South-South - Port-Harcourt)
5. Ngozi Ogu (South-East - Enugu/ Owerri)
6. Sunday Ajiroghene (South-East - Asaba/Ebonyi)
7. Enendem Emmanuel (South-South -Calabar)
8. Usende Emmanuel (South-South -Calabar)
9. Benjamin Ebere (South-West - Lagos)
10. Ozioma Onwukanoj (South-South - Port-Harcourt)
11. Frank Adaghubu (South-West - Lagos)
12. Giff Nwachukwu (South-West - Owerri/ Lagos)
13. Sati Dapel (North-East - Jos)
14. Emeka Okoro (South-West - Lagos)

15. Akinlolu Jegede (South-East - Aba)
16. Kenneth Ubani (South-West - Lagos)
17. William Onwukanjo (South-West - Lagos)
18. Martin Mato (North-East - Jos)
19. Jerry Kwarbai (South-West - Babcock)
20. Iheanyichukwu Elechi (South-West - Lagos)
21. Nancy Imeh (South-West - Lagos)



First ALIVE-Nigeria International Conference (MEC) Planning Highlights

- Held 3 months bi-weekly fasts/Prayer
- Held 3 months weekly (Wednesday-Friday) fast
- Made time framed tasks
- Consisted of a 20-man planning committee
 - divided into 11 units.
 - strangers to each other
 - located in diverse geographical regions of Nigeria
 - held no physical meetings
 - kept up communication by emails/ phone calls
 - planned with little or no funds
 - personal sacrifice

ALIVE-NIGERIA OFFICERS

Job Function

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 VP Evangelism
 VP Communications
 VP Programming
 VP Logistics
 VP Emeka
 VP NWNUM
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MEC PROGRAM PARTNERS

Many organizations also supported ALIVE Nigeria morally and with prayers to make MEC 2013 a successful reality. Some of them have been partners on the mission field, and at other ALIVE programs. They are a variety of supporting, evangelical/missionary groups and ministries within the SDA church who are passionate about spreading the three angels' messages through medical missions, preaching, singing, humanitarian services and a variety of other means.

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MEC provided the opportunity for them to shed more light on their different mission fields, learn from their modes of operation, testimonies, and share in their joy of serving the Lord. Through interviews, panel discussions, and direct reports, participants gained insight into missionary groups they can join, various mission fields to explore, starting their own mission work and getting involved in the work of established ones.

Some of these groups include AYC, Back to the Bible, Behold, He Cometh, IMPACT, ALERT, ALIVE, JAFa-Afrique, and a few others. From Zambia, South Africa, USA, Ghana, Gabon to Anambra, Lagos, Enugu, and many other places, they showed their support by being at the program. Here are a few of them.

ALIVE-GHANA

ALIVE-Ghana started in response to the yearning by some young Adventists who felt the need to soak deeper into God's Word and share its message in 'difficult' regions of Ghana. The organization started in December 2009 and by 2010 started running mission outreaches in the northern region of the country. They divided this vast region into sub-regions and spread out in different centers of the upper eastern part of the northern region. At the end of the mission, 165 people were baptized into the SDA church. In 2011, they repeated the same program in the upper western part of the region and baptized 68 people. They have gone back to the northern region every year since then to fortify the existing churches and enter into more areas where the message has not been preached. The organization remains a vibrant testimony of the wonder of salvation through the influence of the Holy Spirit in the most difficult terrains.

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AFRICAN EXODUS

This ministry started in 2006 in South Africa. It was started to provide humanitarian aid and services to people as well as spread the good news about Christ's salvation to man. It has organized programs for university students to help build their spiritual life and groom them on Christian interaction as God's ambassadors in the world. Since inception, it has carried out missionary work in Malawi and other African countries.

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MEC PARTNERS

ARME

ARME is an acronym for Adventist Revival Movement for the Endtimes. ARME is dedicated to “Arming” God’s soldiers and seeking to bring about revival and reformation in four ways: By bringing people back to deep personal time in the Word, by bringing people back to their knees in prayer – individually and corporately, by a re-emphasis on God’s call to health of mind, body, and spirit, and lastly by equipping people through the power of the Holy Spirit to move forward in active evangelism in all areas of personal and public life. Through our 4 day Bible camps we are seeing people of all ages having the most powerful revival experience of their lives. Here are a few testimonies from attendees:

"Eye-opening, mind-blowing, and hopefully life-changing! Life-long Seventh-day Adventist who has learned so much while being here!"

"I was raised in the SDA church, but being here provided more clarity on our doctrines than my entire SDA education and my parents teaching - combined."

"ARME has blessed me by giving me the tools as well as the messages to study, witness and pray. Wow! I am forever changed.

"ARME has changed my life. Any doubt of Adventism is long gone. The sanctuary message has given me an understanding of the Bible that I never thought possible! Also learning the importance of prayer and how to pray..."

Contact details: www.armeministries.com

BEHOLD HE COMETH EVANGELISTIC TEAM (BHCET)

Behold He Cometh Evangelistic Team (BHCET) is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nigeria, made up of young people committed to entering the unentered areas and reaching the unreached in mostly remote places of Nigeria with the Advent message in this generation.

BHCET started in 2001 as an effort by some Adventist Students of Nigerian higher institutions, who were answering the call of a new Adventist brother (a student) to preach this everlasting Gospel in his home town, Nkporo in Ohafia L.G.A, Abia State. The mission, though had many “threatening challenges”, was fruitful as eight precious souls were added to the Lord through baptism. Progressively, it became a missionary movement of mostly young people and student-volunteers who eagerly went out yearly (last two weeks of December) to “preach Christ where He is not known.”

Today, BHCET has reached more than ten rural communities in more than five states of Nigeria (Anambra, Abia, Imo, Enugu, Cross River, etc) with the present truth. As a result, many have been baptized into God’s fold and more than eight new churches planted and sustained so far.

Our mission is to proclaim the everlasting Gospel in the context of the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-12 and carry out the Gospel commission in Mathew 28:19 in the remote and unentered areas of Nigeria; mobilizing young Seventh-day Adventists for evangelistic missions, training them and challenging them to have deep and real spiritual experience with the Lord Jesus Christ; and preparing many for salvation, thereby ushering in the return of our Saviour and King Jesus Christ.

Contact details: www.beholdhecomethnigeria.org/

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IMPACT ZAMBIA

'IMPACT (Inspired Missionaries Proclaiming the Advent of Christ Today!) is an evangelism organization based in Zambia. It was started by students and young professionals from Lusaka Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in response to the Holy Spirit's promptings to become actively engaged in evangelism. The Movement works from, operates under, and is supervised by the Lusaka Central Seventh-day Adventist Church to whom they are answerable.

IMPACT's primary purpose for existence is to take the good news of salvation, found in Jesus Christ, to areas with little or no Seventh-day Adventist presence in the shortest possible time. Its evangelistic outreach is focused on Rural Missions, Urban Missions, Community Service and Medical Missions. Membership is catered for through the Chaplaincy and Training Departments. IMPACT intends to raise a generation of young people who are godly, brilliant, visionary, diligent, faithful and daring by providing Bible-based training, engaging ministry opportunities and meaningful fellowship. IMPACT calls for lifelong, total and radical commitment to lay down energy, resources, time, and life, if necessary, for the dying souls that Christ shed His precious blood for. The love of Christ which constraineth us leads us to prayer, to Bible study, and to evangelism.

To date, IMPACT has carried out 36 missions (rural, urban and international) with over 250 young people receiving training for evangelism, more than 100,000 people ministered to, 4 congregations planted, 4 pioneers (Bible Workers) sponsored, and over 2,000 souls baptized. These activities have inculcated a missionary volunteer spirit in our young people and helped them to grow spiritually.

IMPACT plans to; develop a full-scale Evangelism Training Institute which will offer sound short-term and long-term evangelism training to young adults (students and professionals), become financially independent by engaging in projects that will sustain most of its work (currently funded by sacrificial contributions), increase the number of pioneers (Bible Workers) it supports in needy areas, and engage in a continuous Church-planting Project.

IMPACT has partnered with other ministries such as Riverside Training Institute, Mwami Adventist Hospital, the Lusaka SDA Eye Hospital, various Fields and Conferences and the Union of our Church in Zambia. Other organizations are NAPS-Zambia, STUMM (Zambia), African Exodus (South Africa), Mission Cohort (South Africa), Soul Reapers (South Africa), IMPACT-Zimbabwe, IMPACT-Namibia, ALIVE (USA), ECYC (Canada), ALIVE-Kenya, ALIVE-Botswana, STRIDE (USA) and CAMPUS (USA)

We are hopeful and assured that the work will soon come to a speedy completion for it is God at the helm of the ship and His workings are meticulous, timely and gracious. As such, we consider it an honor to have front-row access as we behold the Master Minister as He labors for His Children.'

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REVELATION OF HOPE

Revelation of Hope is a non-profit ministry committed to prepare others to meet Jesus through the preaching, teaching, healing, and singing of His end time message of Hope. We believe that Jesus is coming soon and that His word must be prayerfully studied and practically applied as never before. Through revivals, sacred music concerts, mission trips, medical missionary work, and public evangelistic meetings we seek to reach this goal. This ministry is led by young adults who have found their supreme passion in a compassionate God who is desperate to save the human race. Our goal and mission statement is "To increase the population of heaven one soul at a time." Please pray for us and join us in giving to our world the final Revelation of Hope for these last days.

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MEC PARTNERS

A LIFE-GIVING ETERNAL RESOURCE OF TRUTH (A.L.E.R.T!)

Description:

- Fully-registered health and lifestyle foundation.
- Supporting ministry of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

Start Year: 2010

Reason for existence: Founded for the sole purpose of spreading the good news of the Gospel and offering hope for the sick and infirm.

Mission: To spread the PRESENT TRUTH round Nigeria in partnership with the World Seventh-Day Adventist Church and guided by Spirit of Prophecy writings.

Activities:

- Championing health reforms through re-orientation programs that encourage a departure from harmful indulgences that are proven causes of lifestyle diseases and a return to healthier choices.
- Organizing seminars and workshops (facilitated in partnership with seasoned healthcare professionals - orthodox and alternative practitioners);
- Distribution of literature - health and lifestyle magazines, booklets and tracts with principles drawn from the Holy Scriptures and confirmed by modern research findings.
- Providing counseling and guidance to those suffering from lifestyle diseases and linking them with proven alternative treatment based on natural remedies.
- Providing support to the church in building disciples by teaching the present truth delivered to the Adventist Church through audio visual bible studies, literature,
- Supporting pastors and churches with Adventists resources (messages in CD's, DVD's; literature, booklets, magazines etc.).

Area of jurisdiction: Nigeria.

Area of reach: 10 States including Lagos, Niger, Rivers, Akwa-Ibom, Edo and Delta.

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ARMY OF YOUTH FOR CHRIST (AYC)

Army of Youth for Christ (AYC) is a ministry that is geared towards mobilizing, training, galvanizing, and creating a platform for young people to enable the propagation of the three angels message NOW.

It tends to encourage those in Secondary and tertiary institutions on the spirit of mission and living a sanctified life while we await the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We currently run a Summer Bible School (SBS) where young people are trained to be Bible workers in unentered areas.

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JAF AFIQUE

JAF A- Afrique (Jeunes Ambassadeurs Francophones Adventistes) is a movement of Seventh-day Adventist students and young professionals in French speaking countries in Africa, living in view of eternity. JAF A – Afrique aims to inspire, train, and mobilize Seventh-day Adventist young adults in French speaking countries in Africa, for effective involvement in evangelism. Its purpose is to develop and support a Bible-based and youth-led revival movement across the francophone countries in Africa in which every Seventh-day Adventist student and young professional is a missionary for Christ. For, 4 years now, JAF A – Afrique has been impacting so many lives and brought to Christ many souls in the Seventh day Adventist Church through rural, urban and campus missions. As a Seventh day Adventist youth led movement, JAF A –Afrique is self supporting ministry of the Seventh day Adventist Church, working not only to hasten Christ's second coming but also to prepare a people to meet the master.

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NATURE LIFESTYLE AWARENESS CENTRE

This ministry has the motto, "Healthy by Choice" It exists to enable the most unlikely human beings experience the warmth of the love of Christ using the medical missionary approach through the use of natural remedies.

Its vision is that this caring approach will help break down prejudices against Adventism and prepare the way to eventually accept the principles of Adventist faith.

It fulfills its mission through activities that include seminars, caring for the sick and infirm, counseling, and preaching. These activities are founded on the NEWSTART principles. Other services offered include thorough body massages, colon cleansing in the form of enemas, liberal use of fruit and vegetable juices, healing herbs, all customized to meet individual needs.

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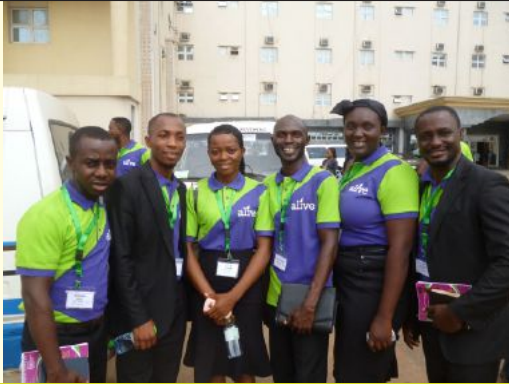
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APPENDIX I: Program Outline

Wednesday, August 7

12:00 PM	-6:00 PM	Arrival/Registration Open
6:00 PM	-7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	-9:00 PM	Evening Plenary and Keynote
9:00 PM	-9:30 PM	Reflections/committee meeting
LIGHTS OUT		

Thursday, August 8

5:30 AM	-6:00 AM	Personal Devotion / Wash-up
6:00 AM	-7:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	-9:00 AM	United Prayer / Morning Devotion
9:00 AM	-10:10 AM	Seminar 1
10:20 AM	-11:30 AM	Seminar 2
11:30 AM	-1:00 PM	PLENARY 2
1:00 PM	-2:30 PM	Lunch
2:30 PM	-3:30 PM	Exhibition Hall / Personal time
3:30 PM	-4:40 PM	Seminar 3
4:50 PM	-6:00 PM	Seminar 4
6:00 PM	-7:00 PM	Light Food
7:00 PM	-9:00 PM	PLENARY 3
9:00 PM	-9:45 PM	Evening Devotion
LIGHTS OUT		

Friday, August 9

5:30 AM	-6:00 AM	Personal Devotion / Wash-up
6:00 AM	-7:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	-9:00 AM	United Prayer / Morning Devotion
9:00 AM	-10:10 AM	Seminar 5
10:20 AM	-11:30 AM	Seminar 6
11:30 AM	-1:00 PM	PLENARY 4
1:00 PM	-2:30 PM	Lunch
2:30 PM	-3:30 PM	Exhibition Hall / Personal time
3:30 PM	-4:40 PM	Seminar 7
4:50 PM	-6:00 PM	Seminar 8
6:00 PM	-7:00 PM	Light Food

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7:00 PM	-9:00 PM	PLENARY 5
9:00 PM	-9:45 PM	Evening Devotion
LIGHTS OUT		

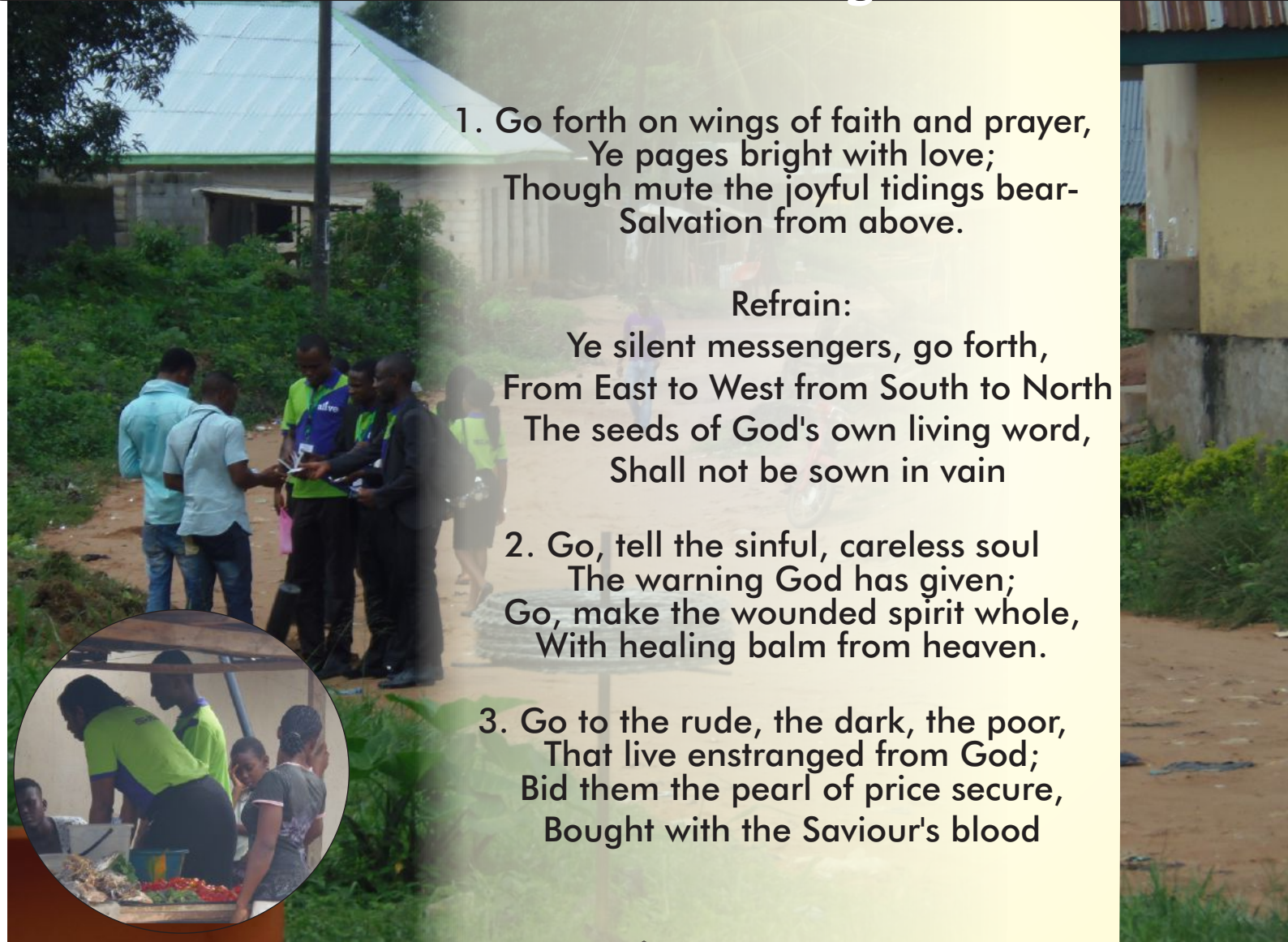
Saturday, August 10

5:30 AM	-6:30 AM	Personal Devotion / Wash-up
6:30 AM	-8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	-9:30 AM	United Prayer / Morning Devotion
9:30 AM	-10:45 AM	Sabbath School
10:45 AM	-12:00 PM	Sabbath Highlights
12:00 PM	-2:00 PM	Divine Service
2:00 PM	-2:30 PM	Prayer session / Announcement for Outreach
2:30 PM	-6:00 PM	Sabbath Evangelism
6:00 PM	-7:00 PM	Light Food
7:00 PM	-10:00 PM	PLENARY 6 (Cultural Evening)
10:00 PM	-10:45 PM	Evening Devotion
LIGHTS OUT		

Sunday, August 11

5:00 AM	-5:30 AM	Personal Devotion / Wash-up
5:30 AM	-7:00 AM	United Prayer / Final Charge
7:00 AM	-8:00 AM	Breakfast
DEPARTURE		

APPENDIX II: Theme Song



1. Go forth on wings of faith and prayer,
Ye pages bright with love;
Though mute the joyful tidings bear-
Salvation from above.

Refrain:

Ye silent messengers, go forth,
From East to West from South to North
The seeds of God's own living word,
Shall not be sown in vain

2. Go, tell the sinful, careless soul
The warning God has given;
Go, make the wounded spirit whole,
With healing balm from heaven.

3. Go to the rude, the dark, the poor,
That live estranged from God;
Bid them the pearl of price secure,
Bought with the Saviour's blood

Thank You.....

To all our Delegates

To all our Supporters

To all our Sponsors

To our host conference - AIC Conference

To all our volunteers

To all ALIVE-Nigeria Members

To all ALIVE-Nigeria BOD/Executives

To all our admirable Guest Speakers


To the indefatigable MEC Planning committee

To NorthWest Nigerian Union Mission

To East Nigerian Union Mission - *Your support was indeed the "wing" under our wings. Thank you for catching the vision and partnering in the Lord's business of saving souls....*

To God Almighty - The author and finisher of all this....

We Say **"THANK YOU"**.
OUR GRATITUDE IS IMMEASURABLE

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