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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 Jesus Christ.

Through biblical spiritual training and evangelistic efforts, it is our goal to challenge African Seventh-day Adventist young adults to live a lifestyle of authentic biblical excellence, instill a missionary volunteer spirit in every African Seventh-day Adventist, 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.



GOING UP NORTH FOR JESUS... APRIL 17TH—30TH, 2016

On the 17th day of April groups of missionaries from different parts of Nigeria (Kaduna, Abuja, Babcock) embarked on a two week evangelical outreach in Wuya community, Pankshin local government of Plateau state. **10 medical** missionaries from light ministry attended to the health needs of both the community members and volunteers using available natural remedies. About 90 volunteers were in attendance. During the mission, community service which included community clean up, repair of a mechanical hand pump and distribution of treated mosquito nets and relief materials were carried out in the community. Daily routine included devotions, prayers with prospects, wash up, bible study/seminar, meals, two by two bible study in prospect's home and open air evangelism. A total of 269 adult attended the open air at various times, average of 92 children attended bro Nnamdi Ogidi was the speaker and Eld. Yunana Yohanna was the interpreter. 4 souls accepted the faith amidst the intense opposition and were baptized.

From the Zonal President...

"Before ascending to heaven, Christ gave His disciples a commission of preaching the word to all nations, tongue, tribe and people. The same message of mercy and redemption is committed to us today. 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 Wuya. 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 Wuya. 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.

Christ's method alone would achieve success in this work, He had compassion on the people he taught, He met their needs and then bade them to follow Him.

Northern Nigeria is considered a deadly terrain by many Nigerians because of the recent crisis but the areas are closing up on us and we cannot afford to be silent at such a time as this. So let us with braveness and courage proclaim the loud cry message to the precious people of Wuya. *For One mightier than angels would be in our ranks--the General of the armies of heaven is with us so we have nothing to fear.*

Jesus made full provision for the prosecution of his disciples 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 Wuya in Pleateau State. Amen!

AMOS BENJIA



Wuya Volunteers Orientation Report

After the welcoming session, an orientation was held with all the volunteers where the rules and regulations of the camp were clearly spelt out and explained. Afterwards, a one-on-one session was held with every volunteer before the commitment form was signed in order to maintain order in the camp.



Wuya School Visit

A 3-day visit was made to the community school in the village where permission was given to speak with the students and the teachers simultaneously. The first day, the volunteers took the students on the topic— CHOOSING A CAREER, where the students were exposed to starting their career plan with their knowledge of God. The various things they needed to start a career was also revealed to them while the volunteers held a seminar with the teachers on— MAKING A NEW START.

The second day, the topic for exposition with the students was NEW START. The importance of taking the New start principle very seriously was emphasized to the students for them to live a healthy life. The importance of personal hygiene was also emphasized, what to eat and what not to eat and the Sabbath rest. Series of questions were

asked by the students and answers were provided from the scripture, from then on, many of them attended the program until the very end.



COME ALIVE WUYA 2016...

About Wuya

In the midst of the fears of the insurgency terrorizing the North Eastern part of Nigeria, a group of young Seventh-Day Adventists decided to make a positive difference in that region. Wuya is a community in Pankshin local government of plateau state, about 30mins drive from Pushit junction, it is an considered an unentered area by the SDA church. 80% of the people are members of COCIN faith, others are Catholic and few muslims, they are predominantly 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 in Wuya. 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. The importance of physical

exercise was also emphasized.

Prior to the arrival of the medical missionaries, series of meetings were held with Chiefs and Hakimi of the land explaining who welcomed the group wholeheartedly.



The medical missionaries treated a lot of various eye defects and high blood pressure ailments which became widespread in the region. This

brought about a larger crowd that conveyed for the health expos, lectures and eventually treatment (where needed).

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.

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WELCOME!

Daily Evening Schedule :

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



Wuya Medical Missionary Report

The medical missionaries that ministered in Plateau were from Light ministries. An average of 50 persons every day went to consult the medical missionaries. Lectures on how to manage health challenges were given to members of the community who came around. Volunteers whose prospects had health challenges and could not come to the medical personnel's were given home



treatment. The medical personnel went to the homes of these prospects to treat them and to the glory of God, they do better after these treatments. Several eye defects and blood pressure issues were treated. The primary natural remedies used for treatment were activated charcoal, cayenne pepper, morning and green tea. People came en masse to receive treatment and counsel on well being.

Through the natural remedies, the medical team were able to help persons with hepatitis, hypertension, diabetes, etc.

Challenges faced:

- Most of the instruments for running tests (test strips) were not giving correct results. New ones had to be purchased.
- There was need to meet both the health challenges of volunteers and that of the community as most volunteers had health challenges.



Many Thanks To:

- ⇒ **North East Nigeria Conference**— for their support materially, spiritually and for their physical presence. Church Leaders who z stood by us through this mission period.
- ⇒ **Jos chapter**— for the preparation made to receive the volunteers and the running around to make the program run smoothly.
- ⇒ **Donors**— to all those that donated in cash or through the supply of relief material.
- ⇒ **Pioneer Church, Babcock University**— for their donation of relief materials bibles and tracts.
- ⇒ **Beautiful Gate SDA Church Ilishan**— for their financial support and donation of relief material.

They worried about us from the beginning till the end. 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

Wuya Early Morning Cry



The ALIVE-Nigeria volunteers set out every morning to either pray with their prospects or do a morning cry round the community to create an awareness of the program that will take place for the day and urging the people to attend and be blessed.

Photo Caption

Wuya Community Service Report

Clean-up Exercise Team

This team were in charge of mapping out areas that required proper sanitation in the community. They lead out in the clean up as volunteers are shared into groups to do the work. The community service involved cleaning the market square of the village, road site drainages or areas where major activities are carried out. The



community service was done on the 24th of April, 2016. The leaders of the team were able to map out the areas for community service. From the lodge where the volunteers stayed to the market square, volunteers cleaned and burnt all refuse littered everywhere. To the glory of God, it was a successful exercise.



Bore Hole Repair

The pipe-borne water for the community that has not been functioning for years was also fixed by the engineers on invitation from the water corporation by this group who footed the bills, Mosquito nets were also distributed to every household of the community who turned out for the distribution.

Community Challenges

The challenges encountered in the community was that of rejection especially when some hard truths were told from the word of God. The religious leaders felt so offended by the truth that they warned their members from even listening to us let alone welcoming us into their homes for study. The rulers of the land had to call the leadership requesting that two by two be stopped

There was also a misrepresentation by the set of volunteers that went for the Survey of the land which increased the level of opposition as some saw us as liars and deceivers because the volunteers gave an impression that we were an NGO (an inter-denominational) group and do not belong to any church.

They made a promise to the community leaders that their un working Pipe-borne water will be fixed by the group without the leadership knowledge which caused us to spend a sum of unbudgeted #64,000 to fulfil that promise .

The villagers were already over-expecting before the volunteers arrival which made all our little efforts looked very insignificant.

Wuya Evangelism Report

The daily evangelistic services involved the following

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

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me.”—The Ministry of Healing, 148



Different Evangelism methods used during the Mission

Door-to-door Evangelism

The 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 who 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 they 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 3 pm.

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. The speaker in Wuya was Bro Nnamdi Ogidi while the translator was ELD. Yakubu. At the beginning of the open-air, an average of 150 adults and 178 children were recorded on a daily basis. Unfortunately, after the sermons began to touch the very sensitive areas, threats were sent out to their members, warning them against coming for the open air or accepting any persons into their house for door to door. This began to affect the turnout of prospects to the programme and it dropped to as low as 26 persons.



Wuya Evangelism Report... Cont'd

The evangelism team was in charge of mapping out areas of outreach for the study groups. At the end of each day's two-by-two, they collated the reports from each of these Bible study groups. Below is the sum up of daily report of the study groups (groups A-F), and their outreach.

Monday, 18 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 151, No. of tracts shared – None No. of persons studied with – 65, No. of prospects each night –
Tuesday, 19 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 186, No. of tracts shared – 156 No. of persons studied with – 173, No. of prospects each night – 18
Wednesday, 20 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 258, No. of tracts shared – 343 No. of persons studied with – 193, No. of prospects each night – 25
Thursday, 21 st April	No. of persons prayed with – 291, No. of tracts shared— 176 No. of persons studied with – 222, No. of prospects each night – 39
Friday, 22 nd April	No. of persons prayed with – 195, No. of tracts shared— 176 No. of persons studied with – 122, No. of prospects each night – 40
Monday, 25 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 216, No. of tracts shared— 211 No. of persons studied with – 178, No. of prospects each night – 4
Tuesday, 26 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 184, No. of tracts shared— 237 No. of persons studied with – 79, No. of prospects each night— 8
Wednesday, 27 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 178, No. of tracts shared— 103 No. of persons studied with – 108, No. of prospects each night – 38
Thursday, 28 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 166, No. of tracts shared— 123 No. of persons studied with – 117, No. of prospects each night – 47
Friday, 29 th April	No. of persons prayed with – 137, No. of tracts shared— 143 No. of persons studied with – 105, No. of prospects each night – 29

Challenges

This committee had the following as challenges;

- ◇ Lack of tracts printed in the local dialect of the people. It is recommended that provision should be made for more tracts to be printed in the local dialect of the people.
- ◇ Lack of tracts related to the daily topic of the study. It is recommended that provision should be made for tracts related to the daily topic of the two weeks of evangelism.
- ◇ The distance of houses from each other affected the timing of the two by two. Most volunteer trek distances before they are able to get to the houses of their prospects.
- ◇ Missionaries kept the tracts they were not able to share carelessly, instead of returning them to persons in charge. It was recommended that emphasis should be laid on the issue concerning proper care for the tracts.

Baptism Service



Baptism 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 4 people joined the church, 2 others declared for profession of faith while many more promised to worship and know more about the church.

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 Yohana Dangana and Pastor Ibrahim Maigadi. All who were baptized were given bibles and study materials. 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

Wuya Children Evangelism Report

In this department, four persons were put in charge of the children. Two Hausa speakers and two preachers. The children were not left out in these two weeks as these children displayed a high level of cooperation and intelligence and by God's leading, have bright futures. They are children who are eager to learn and retain what has been learnt. The teachers on the other hand were cooperative and patient with the children. They were able to make the children feel at home and relaxed when they come around for the evening program.



Challenges

- * The teachers were unable to control the crowd due to the space provided for the children was unable to accommodate all the children that came.
- * The first three days of the beginning of the program, there were no visuals for the children department to work with. So the children learnt only songs without sermons.



- * Some parents came to pick their children with the idea that these children are been initiated.
- * Some volunteers leave the evangelism ground and move to the children department to watch the video, adding to the congestion of the room where they used.
- * The number of attendance in time dropped because of the misunderstandings that came up from the leaders of the other churches. Parents restrained their children from attending.



On a daily basis, the children were able to learn two new songs, slide shows on Bible stories were shown to them and the teachers taught them these stories, a movie (Bible stories) were also shown. Below is a run-down on the activities of the children.

Wednesday, 20 th April	Slide show about death, Video show about the death and resurrection of Jesus, New songs. A total attendance of 186 children
Thursday, 21 st April	Slide show on the death of Jesus, The video on "The unforgiving debtor", New songs A total attendance of 232 children
Friday, 22 nd April	Slide show on the topic "A day to remember", Video on "The two builders", New and old songs A total attendance of 144 children
Saturday, 23 rd April	Slide show on the topic "The storm that obey", Video on "Jesus resurrection and ascension Divine sermon topic "The story of a boy and his father's birth day gift of a Map". New and old songs, A total attendance of 64 for both morning and evening program
Sunday, 24 th April	Slide show on the topic "The run-away boy", Video on the title "Building on the solid rock" Teaching the children how to pray, new and old songs, Learning of memory verses A total attendance of 114 children
Monday, 25 th April	Slide show on the topic "When iron floated", Video on the title "Elisha", Singing : old song and learning new songs, A total attendance of 95 children
Tuesday, 26 th April	Slide show on the topic "Beyond imagination", Video on the title "Bread from heaven" Learning of new songs and memory verses., A total attendance of 85 children
Wednesday, 27 th April	Learning of new songs, Learning Bible verses, A total number of 156 children
Thursday, 28 th April	Learning of songs, Bible recitation, Video on Elijah and Elisha, A total number of 119 children
Friday, 29 th April	Bible recitations, Learning of songs, A slide show on the topic "Sold into slavery", A video on the title "Abraham and Isaac", A total attendance of 94 children
Saturday, 30 th April	Slide show on the topic "The forbidden fruit", A video on the title "Built on the rock", Presentation of old songs, Presentation of Memory verses

Departmental Reports

Bible Studies

The Bible study team is responsible for handling the daily Bible study classes, as well as moderating the general Bible study class that Missionaries share during the two by two and quiz session.

Challenges

The challenges faced by this committee includes;

- ◆ Timing. Most of the Bible study groups did not keep to the time frame given for the bible study classes.
- ◆ Some individuals dominated the discussion, which made some groups not end at the exact time.
- ◆ Some persons did not participate during the discussion in the Bible study classes due to their involvement in some other departments.
- ◆ Time allotted for the Bible study was not enough to cover the whole study.
- ◆ Members of some groups do not come on time for the Bible study.
- ◆ Some chapters and verses in the study pack were not correct. Some of the lessons also were mixed up; that is, two different lessons in one topic.

Recommendations

The team was able to recommend that:

- ◆ The teachers at Bible study classes should make the lesson more participatory, rather than allowing some persons dominate the class. If possible, share the questions to each member of the group to read and answer the question. This makes the class livelier and everyone gets involved.
- ◆ Teachers should be disciplined when it comes to timing.
- ◆ Lessons should be straight to the point.
- ◆ The time for Bible study should be more than an hour.



Time Keepers

This persons made sure that all programmes were done within the time allotted for it. The person in charge was an effective individual who carried out his duty efficiently.

Even in the efficiency of the time keepers, some volunteers did not keep to time and this affected the timing of some of the programmes. This was also as a result of having the training and residential area in the same place, most volunteers believe they could stay from the rooms to listen and then they intentionally waste a lot of time.

Ushers

The committee is in charge of welcoming prospects to the evening open air as well as leading them to the secretariat and to their seats.

The challenges of the team;

- At the beginning of the program, there were not enough seats to go round. Volunteers had to stand through the program to give the prospects a seat.
- The ushers were not able to manage the crowd in a neat manner.
- Most of the ushers were new in the committee and had little or no idea of what their role and manner of approach should be.





This department was in charge of the relief materials brought by volunteers. They take charge of separating the good from the unrepresentable clothing, as well as separate the clothes by gender and age grade for easy distribution.

In the course of carrying out their duties, it was observed that most of these clothing, especially the traditional wears didn't have the complete attire. Some of the trousers didn't have the shirts and some came with shirt and no trousers. Same applied to that of the female traditional attires. Some volunteers even put clothes that they can't even wear to stay indoors.

Recommendations

The committee is suggesting that chapter coordinators should remind their people on issues concerning the wears that would be given out. These prospects are people like us and deserve the good things we think we deserve and they should be treated as such from the kinds of gift we intend to give.

- Most of the prospects refused to sit down during the open air.

These challenges were taken care of in the following days of the program.



Water Team (Drinking/Bathing/Kitchen)

The water committee which included both persons in charge of the drinking and bathing water. The committee was made up of six persons, they made sure that water was made available for drinking for the Missionaries as well as availability of water for the kitchen. It was observed that some volunteers use the drinking water to brush, wash their face in the morning and some other volunteers go to the store where the water is kept to take the water without permission. The situation was handled immediately. The committee came up with a strategy on how the drinking water will be used and managed. The caterers were advised not to allow anyone go to pick sachets of water except persons put in charge. The persons in charge of fetching the water for the kitchen in most cases, had to trek distances to fetch water for the kitchen, carrying jerry cans on their shoulders and trekking to make sure there was adequate supply of water for the kitchen.



Accommodation

This persons were in charge of making sure rooms were made available for all missionaries. Though it took some time before accommodation was made available, this department, with the leaders were able to secure a place where volunteers could lay their head to rest. They made sure that mattresses was able to accommodate everyone.

The committee was faced with cleaning and arranging the house. This was due to the fact that the house was used as a sleeping place, as well as the Missionary training hall. This made the committee go through arranging the place for sleeping every evening and arranging it in the morning for training. This affected their ability to go out for the morning cry or prayer with prospects in the morning.

The committee was able to come up with a temporary solution. The duty was shared and every day, different persons stay to do the arrangement as to allow everyone participate at least 3 times a week for the morning cry/prayer.

Departmental Reports

Sanitation Team

The sanitation team are responsible for making sure the residential, training and evangelism arenas are kept tidy at all times.

This team was not as effective as persons put in charge where not so familiar with their roles and are new at handling such responsibilities at mission, hence the ineffectiveness. Also Missionaries did not do their part- disposing their waste appropriately, making sure rooms are kept tidy.

Technical Team

This team was in charge of setting up the speakers and lightening of the evangelism ground, as well as the setting up of training room. Making sure that every equipment is set up on time.

The following are challenges faced:

- On the first day of the open air, the speakers preached without mics due to faulty equipments.
 - There were not enough mics to go round the music team. They ended up sharing which affected the out put of the song service.
 - There was inadequate lightening at the initial stage of the 2 weeks during the open air. The speakers face could hardly be seen as well as the face of the audience.
 - The children for the first three days had no means of audio and visuals. So they sang more of songs.
 - Some materials were not in place; fuel, bulbs, mic batteries were not available but all of these were taken care of in no time.
- In all of the above challenges, the Mission came to an end with no challenges.



Reporting Team

This team were in charge of taking visual typed report of activities that were carried out during the Mission. It was a very efficient and active team.

The major challenges faced was more on the shots taken during activities. Some of the shots were not clear so most of them had to be retaken.

Kitchen Team

The kitchen committee was in charge of making sure the food was on time and sharing of the food was done appropriately. The meals were always enough to go round. Despite the efficiency of this team, few challenges were experienced.

- Volunteers were always reluctant in coming out to get their meals, thereby making the persons sharing the food wait for along time.
- Lack of sufficient food item— Only Babcock and Kaduna brought their food quota. Abuja came without anything which made it very difficult for the Kitchen people to follow the meal plan.
- Some volunteers don't even eat the meals prepared because they don't like the meals and this comes with murmuring. Meals like Gwote were not so appreciated by the volunteers.
- More provisions for cutleries cups and plates should be made to avoid some persons waiting for others to be done before they could have their meals..



Music Team

This committee was put in charge of leading out during training, worship, open air evangelism in songs.

Though some challenges were faced but in time, the challenges were taken care of. These challenges include;

- Not having songs in Hausa language to carry the prospects who come for the open air along. More of English songs were sung.
- No proper coordination amongst the team members and proper preparation on songs to raise was not done before coming to stage.
- In some cases, the song leaders were not keeping to time.
- The mics at the beginning of the program were not functional. Song leaders had to share to mics for the four persons and this brought about some voice overshadowing the others or they were not heard at all.

All of these challenges were sorted out in few days and the team was able to give in their best.

Secretariat Team

The responsibility of this department was to take the attendance of the visitors daily and their regular attendance. In the two weeks of evangelism, below is a statistical report of attendance

Total attendance for the two weeks of evangelism	269
Prospects who attended for the 2 weeks regularly	4
No. of baptisms	4

Below is the daily statistics of attendance

Monday, 18 th April	62
Tuesday, 19 th April	121
Wednesday, 20 th April	159
Thursday, 21 st April	134
Friday, 22 nd April	112
Saturday, 23 rd April	24
Sunday, 24 th April	103
Monday, 25 th April	56
Tuesday, 26 th April	37
Wednesday, 27 th April	42
Thursday, 28 th April	54
Friday, 29 th April	49
Saturday, 30 th April	26

Challenges faced by this department include;

Not enough hands to do the work.

Improper collation of data from prospects at the beginning.

Mosquito nets were also given out to prospects as a way of encouraging them for coming as well as meeting the present need of the country's state of mosquito causing diseases.

Special Programmes

PRAYERS

Due to the challenges faced by volunteers in the mission field, a special outdoor prayer involving all Missionaries, was done on Sunday, 24th April. The outdoor prayer was in three sessions; the 1st session was a sing song session, after that the prayer session which was the 2nd session, done on behalf of the community, for the church leadership, also prayers concerning individual (Missionaries) challenges.



MALE-FEMALE EXCLUSIVITY

The 3rd session was an interactive session in which both male and female dispersed into separate groups in order to discuss issues concerning relationship and what the Bible says about it. Volunteers were encouraged to keep the right kind of relationship and if possible keep away from relationships that are likely going to get in the way of ones relationship with God. The female session was anchored by Benita Amos and two major issues were handled. The first was centred on **“MAINTAINING HIGH MORAL STANDARDS EVEN IN A PERVERSE WORLD”** and the second was **“STAYING WITHIN THE ARK NO MATTER THE COST”**. The emphasis of the session was on maintaining purity and keeping the bed undefiled before marriage. The level of perversion in our world today and how debased men and women in our world today are becoming was emphasized but even in the midst of this perversion, purity can still be maintained and sustained. In the second aspect an emphasis was placed on not marrying outside of the fold no matter how long one has waited and even within the fold, One must ensure that the partner one chooses to spend the rest of ones life with is someone that shares the same eternal values with the person for **“it is from the marriage hour that many men and women date their success or failure in this life and their hopes of the future life.” AH 43.1.** Interactions was held with the group several questions were asked and contributions made and afterwards, a commitment and a prayer of agreement was held to stay faithful by the grace of God to this two basic issues of life.



The male session was anchored by Elder Josh and the topic of discussion was **“Quit Dating”**. The man were advised to get real and stop this dating games as it has caused more harm than good and promoted several illicit act amongst the youth of today.



Sabbath Worship

WEEK 1

Sabbath worship of 23rd April was not left out as preparations were made to welcome the Sabbath on Friday. Worship started with song service at exactly 08:15am which was handled by the Music team. The Sabbath school crew (Sis. Afodia Amos, Bro. Naphthali Nuhu, Bro. Donald Ayuba, Sis. Kudirat Owolabi and Bro.



Anayo Martins) started at exactly 08:36am with invocation song (into my heart). The opening prayer was said by Bro Naphthali Nuhu and Bible reading by Sis. Kudirat Owolabi. The welcome address was said by Sis. Afodia Amos and after which, it was Church at Study. The lesson study was handled by the Bible study group teachers and we studied in our Bible study group classes. The lesson study lasted for 40mins and we were welcomed back by Bro. Anayo Martins. The children had special presentations of both Memory verses, recitation of the 10 commandment and special songs. After the presentation, the closing hymn was sung and the closing prayer was said by Sis. Kudirat

Owolabi. The worship continued with hymns as we waited on the Divine service crew

- ⇒ Bro. Nnamdi Ogidi - Speaker
- ⇒ Eld. Yunana Yohanna- Interpreter
- ⇒ Bro. Daniel Edoziem- Call to worship, Opening hymn
- ⇒ Bro. Caleb Sati- Closing hymn and Welcome address
- ⇒ Sis. Winifred Oribhabor- Tithe and Offering, call for special song.



Special song was done by ALIVE Missionaries from SDAH 373. The topic for the day was "Facing the judgment with confidence". Sixteen persons gave their names for baptism but due to the unavailability of the Pastor, they were not baptized on Sabbath. Lunch was served to member of the community who joined us for worship, totaling 10 persons.

By the following day the list came down to four due to the threat some received at home from their family members and church leader and the four that decided to go on with the baptism were charged and baptized.

WEEK 2

Sabbath worship of 30th April started at exactly 08:05am with song service led by the Music team. This lasted until 08:15am when the Sabbath school crew (Sis. Margaret Okwuikpo, Bro. Naphthali Nuhu, Sis. Onyeka Nwaogu, Bro. Koffi Metonou and Bro. Zachariah Abednego) came in. The opening prayer was said by Bro Naphthali Nuhu and Bible reading by Bro. Koffi Metonou The welcome address was said by Sis. Margaret Okwuikpo. The call for opening hymn was done by Sis. Onyeka Nwaogu. The Superintendent introduce the lesson for the day and after which, it was Church at Study. The lesson study was handled by the Bible study group teachers and we studied in our Bible study group classes. The lesson study lasted for 40mins and we were welcomed back by Sis. Onyeka Nwaogu. The children had special presentations of a special songs. After the presentation, the Superintendent gave the closing remark and the closing hymn was sung and closing prayer was said by Bro. Zachariah Abednego.

The worship continued with hymns as we waited on the Divine service crew

- Bro. Nnamdi Ogidi—Speaker
- Eld. Yunana Yohanna- Interpreter
- Bro. Daniel Edoziem- Call to worship, Opening hymn
- Pst. Dauda Jonathan T.- Closing hymn and Welcome address
- Pst. Abalas Nuhu—Tithe and Offering, call for special song.



Special song was done by ALIVE Mission choir in the Hausa dialect. The topic for the day was "THE BEST IS YET TO COME". No baptism was recorded after the four but presentation of Bible, Baptismal certificate and Bible study packs were given to the newly baptized members of the new church. Words of encouragement were given to the newly baptized member and a word of prayer was said. Photographs were taken and lunch was served for the members of the community who joined us in worship, totaling 14 persons.

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Program Schedule

Wake up call	4:50	5:00	0:10
Personal Devotion	5:00	5:15	0:15
General Devotion	5:15	5:55	0:40
Announcement	5:55	6:00	0:05
Morning prayers with prospects /morning cry	6:00	6:30	0:30
Wash up	6:30	8:00	1:30
Missionary Training	8:00	9:00	1:00
Breakfast	9:00	10:00	1:00
General Prayer for Bible Study	10:00	10:05	0:05
General Bible Study	10:05	11:05	1:00
General Summary and Quiz	11:05	11:20	0:15
Group Prep and Prayer for Door to Door	11:20	11:30	0:10
Door to Door	11:30	14:00	2:30
Compulsory Siesta and Personal Time	14:00	15:30	1:30
Lunch	15:30	16:30	1:00
Group Reflection on Door to Door	16:30	16:50	0:20
Group Prayer	16:50	17:00	0:10
Invitation of Prospects and Friends	17:00	17:30	0:30
Evangelism Setup	17:30	17:45	0:15
Song Service	17:45	18:05	0:20
Health Talk	18:05	18:20	0:15
Bible Reading	18:20	18:22	0:02
Prayer	18:22	18:25	0:03
Theme Song	18:25	18:30	0:05
Sermon	18:30	19:40	1:10
Theme Song	19:40	19:43	0:03
Announcement	19:43	19:45	0:02
Prayer	19:45	19:47	0:02
Speakers Brief Discussion and Prayer with Friends	19:47	19:57	0:10
Greetings and Farewell to Friends	19:57	20:00	0:03
Assembling Evangelism Equipment	20:00	20:15	0:15
Back to Lodge	20:15	20:25	0:10
Song Service	20:25	20:30	0:05
Debrief	20:30	20:45	0:15
Roll Call	20:45	20:55	0:10
Announcement	20:55	21:00	0:05
Devotion	21:00	21:15	0:15
Green Juice Before Bed	21:15	21:25	0:10
Bedtime and Lights Out	21:25	-	-

MISSION REFLECTIONS

I am a Theology student from Babcock University. I heard about Alive Nigeria from Friends and Church members. I came for this two weeks mission because I believe that God seeks every soul as a tool in the course of the gospel. During the program, I worked in the prayer team my best experience was the devotions session. It offered me the opportunity of getting a real definition of what God brought me to this world for. I intend to be more intentional about my study and witnessing life using the two by two experience. I recommend a better cooperation and team Spirit among Alive leadership and volunteers.—

OLARENWAJU, OLUSOLA NOAH

I am a Nurse by Profession.. I heard Alive from a previous mission report presented. I attended the two weeks of mission and was quite amaze that I could cope with the rules especially on dressing.I worked with the Uhering team and the best part of the program for me was the prayer and Bile study because my weaknesses were clearly unfolded. Three things I intend to imbibe is a better dressing culture, to be more cultured in speech and to study the word of God more. My humble suggestion is to prepare meals everyone can relate with on the mission field.—**ONWUKWE ILESOLACHI CHRITIANA**

I am a theology student of Babcock University. I heard about this group from friends and came to meet with God personally. I was a member of the prayer team and the best part of the mission for me was the two by two because I learnt several new strategies that can be adopted in reaching out to people. Three things I intend to put into my work is dexterity, tact and perseverance.—**METONOU KOFFI**

I am a student from Niger state . This is my first mission and I heard about Alive Nigeria from the Internet. I worked as a time keeper for the two weeks of mission. The best part of the mission experience was the door– to door. I have never had the courage to boldly proclaim the word of God as I did. My prayer and witnessing life is challenged and I hope to continue with this when I get back home. My suggestion to Alive is for them to discourage ladies from wearing attachment. However, in all I am blessed to belong to this family of God.**ALANZA SATI LUKA**

I am a youth corper from Edo state . I heard about this group from a church member and came to be transformed and win souls for Christ. I was a member of the welfare team and the best part of the mission for me was the bible study and missionary training because It improved my communion with God. Three things I intend to imbibe as a way of life is to pray and study more. **IBHAFIDON OMON JENNIFER**

I am a Business man and came with Kaduna chapter.. I heard about Alive from an Alive member. I attended the two weeks of mission. I worked with the Music team and the best part of the program for me was the prayer and Bile study because I learnt a lot. The major lessons I am going home with is to develop a life of prayer , Bible study. Simplicity, humility and make honesty my watchword. **TAMAR IBRAHIM**

I came from Kaduna and was one of the convert from the Ribah mission. I heard about Alive Nigeria from my experience with them in Ribah. I came for this two weeks mission because I desire more understanding from the Lord on how to reach out to lost souls. During the program, I worked with the Secretariat. My best experience was the missionary training. It offered me the opportunity of sharing my experience and I realized that I do not need all the knowledge to witness for no knowledge is wated. I intend to be a full member of aAlive evagelising the world.—**ISHAYA SULEIMAN**

“I am a Nurse from Ile– lfe. I heard about Alive Nigeria from the Internet. I worked with the prayer team for the two weeks of mission. The best parts of the mission experience was the Female exclusive session, mission training and united prayers. Our high calling in Christ was reaffirmed. I hope to continue with the following when I get back home, make disciples for Christ, leave a transformed life and Continue Mission after here”.-**OWOLABI KUDIRAT**.

Words of Encouragement ...

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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. 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.--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.

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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.--



Goodbyes and Thank Yous...

By God's grace, mission is over and the team members have all gone. But something happened during that two week-period that has changed the face of the church in Nigeria for good. The church might not know it yet, but a change has begun. Some of the team members might not realize the full extent yet but we doubt that any returned home the way they left. A change took place not only in the host community, but in the lives of every team member and for this we are especially grateful to God and to all those who surrendered themselves to His control.



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