

# ALIVE-Nigeria

AKWA MISSION! IKOT NTUEN Mission Report  
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## Going South-South For Jesus... April 15th-29th, 2012

**F**rom the 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of April at Ikot Ntuen of Oruk Anam L.G.A in Akwa Ibom State, a team of 48 young Seventh Day Adventists formed the ALIVE-Nigeria missions group that embarked on evangelism in that area.

The pervading presence of God's Spirit in that place through that period, was evident to the members of the team as well as the community. At the end of the mission trip, over 136 souls were systematically taught the key Bible doctrines and 7 initially were baptized. By the week after the volunteers left, 3 more souls were reported to have come looking for the church, requesting for Baptism and more Bible study. As minds were exposed to the truth, those erstwhile bound in mind were set free. John 8:32.

Each volunteer that attended this program was glad to have made it for the mission. The various duties were shared in such a way that everyone present was made fully responsible for an aspect of the mission. Though physically taxing, the volunteers commented that they would not have passed an opportunity like they had anything else. With the variety of programs like the Medical Missionary training, extensive Bible study and continuous prayers, time spent there was spiritually rewarding as it allowed much room for reflection and renewal. The participants also had the opportunity to share their faith built from a personal relationship with Jesus through a study of the Bible.



## OUR VISION

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

## OUR MISSION

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

## From the President...

Having conducted missions in the West (Ejesi, Osun State) and South (Orerokpe, Delta State) of Nigeria, the East was now one of our considerations.

### ALIVE-Ng and Ikot Ntuen

We made contact with the local evangelist there, (Elder Gabriel John), whom I later met with to explore the possibilities of a mission at Abak. Soon afterwards, we were in discussion with the South East Conference President, Pastor Enebieni Enebieni Eko (PhD), as well as the East Nigeria Union Mission (ENUM) President, Pastor Bassey O Udoh (PhD). He was very pleased with the initiative and assured us of his support. After fulfilling all protocols, we embarked on the actual mission, which held from 8<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.



Unknown to us, God had Ikot Ntuen in mind, instead of our initial plan for Abak. For some reason Abak was not to be for now. The Church at Ikot Ntuen had been depleting in membership over the years for many reasons, prominent amongst which was that, the surrounding community thought we were a cult. This was evident from the turnout during the first few days of our program. But God turned things around for us dramatically after our community service work. A different view was created in the minds of the people, about our church.

Ikot Ntuen was a different mission for so many reasons. We had over fifty (50+) volunteers at one time or the other, from all corners of Nigeria, ranging from students to working professionals, aged 18 – 65yrs. Everyone that was there all contributed to the success of the mission in one way or the other.

One of the highlights of the mission was a L.I.G.H.T (Lay Institute for Global Health Training) program, an initiative of Wildwood lifestyle centre and hospital in Georgia USA. This program was conducted by Elder Solomon Nwaejike, Director of RENASCENT EDUCATION MINISTRIES INT'L, located in Uhum Aba. It ran for two weeks.

Our strategy was not much different from the other previously held missions. We had medical missionaries sent from AMMI (African Medical Missionary Institute), who initially led out, and were assisted for the rest of the program by Elder Solomon's team of medical missionaries. The preaching and two-by-two/door-to-door Bible Study continued for the rest of the two weeks. At the end of all these, 7 precious souls were baptized into the church, and 3 weeks later, 5 more souls were added who hadn't quite made up their minds as at the time the program ended. We also saw several other members who had left the church many years before, but were revived by the program and felt the urge to return to the truth they had left.

We would like to say thank you to the earlier mentioned East Nigeria Union Mission (ENUM) President, the South East conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the South East conference evangelist, Pastor Edith, and Professor Mbon—former DVC of University of Calabar. Not forgetting Dr Amukele and Elder Solomon Nwaejike.

May God bless us all as we continue to work in His vineyard. Amen!

*Paul Ogaga*





## AKWA Mission... Ikot Ntuen!

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012 which was the date slated for ALIVE-Nig AKWA mission, with the theme, "THINK HEAVEN", members and volunteers from various parts of the country travelled down to the little village of Ikot-Ntuen in Oruk Anam local govt of Akwa Ibom state. The village though having the presence of Christianity and an even lower Adventist presence has its predominant faith as Qua-Iboe and its beliefs deeply rooted in spiritism. Its citizens are mainly farmers which accounts for the obvious presence of sand flies. Others work at Uyo the state capital and go daily there from Ikot-Ntuen. The farmers were greatly involved in farm work and harvesting of palm kernel and production of its by-products. As a result, they were hardly seen at home during the home visits as they left very early for the farms and returned after sunset. The villagers by reason of their being very close-knit recognized the presence of their visitors.

## Methodology

ALIVE immediately launched out on the arrival date, with a health lecture, an introductory sermon - which also highlighted the rest of the daily program topics - and its children's department program. We used the community's town hall as the main venue for our evangelism. The presence of visitors on the first night which was also the day of arrival, was made possible by the previous invitations given out by the local church, the village town crier who makes the daily village announcements, and invitations given to patients during the free medical consultancy service to the villagers. This had commenced during the week prior to the evangelistic messages by the medical missionary team from Africa Medical Missionary Institute (AMMI).

Our ladies slept at our local Adventist church and had to be up and be presentable before the guys joined for devotion at 5.30am every day. Most times some of us went to bed at 1am. No mosquito netting on the windows, no electricity in the entire village, sleeping in a building by the busy highway - it was all a bit challenging but we made it.

The guys' quarters doubled as our dining room so they had to put up with some inconveniences as well. There were tiny sand flies that bit almost unnoticed, but left red spots on the skin with the potential to become bumpy rashes that itch and break out uncomfortably. Some were sorely afflicted, but the Lord kept us all and none would think of missing future mission trips on account of the



tiny monsters.

Everyday, volunteers launched out into the village, combing every single home situated between the church which served as part of their home and the venue of the evangelism, informing those who had not been informed about the program and reminding those who were already informed of the evangelism program and the free medical consultancy service that was on from dawn till evening.

ALIVE was received warmly by the residents who were warm, hospitable and receptive on the overall. They did not miss an opportunity to offer fruits and even money whenever they could. The evangelism continued to enjoy a larger turnout of visitors and children as attendees, who enjoyed the previous night's program kept inviting their neighbours and friends.

## Many Thanks To....

- ⇒ **Church Officials**- Pastor Udoh, Pastor Eko, Pastor Eddy and Pastor Gabriel John: your unflinching support and ideas was tremendous. The elders in various churches around the district and conference where ALIVE members went to preach and those who worshipped with us, your labour of love shall never be forgotten.
- ⇒ **Professor Mbon** - May God bless professor Mbon, who accommodated our speakers.

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*

## 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.

You can choose to sign up by:

Filling out the form on the registration page of our brochure, detaching and returning to any ALIVE member or scanning and sending via email to this email address

[alivenigeria2011@gmail.com](mailto:alivenigeria2011@gmail.com)

OR

Choose to register at

[www.alivenigeria.net](http://www.alivenigeria.net)

## WELCOME!

### Daily Evening Schedule :

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

## Ikot-Ntuen Medical Missionary Report-By Hope (AMMI)

### African Medical Missionary Institute (AMMI)



We arrived in Wednesday 11th April, 2012 and we commenced consultation the same day at the Local Church. The villagers came en-masse the next day and we could barely attend to all of them before night fall.



### No of Clients So Far...

We recorded a hundred and thirty-five(135) persons who consulted. Out of this number, about 90 persons received hydrotherapy treatment in our temporary sanitariums.



### Prevalent Diseases

Most of the diseases the people of Ikot Ntuen suffer from is diet related. Topping the list of ailments are diabetes, arthritis and eye problem. Health lectures were given every evening in order to help the people improve their lifestyle.

### Challenges

The language barrier big challenge for us since a majority of the people did not understand English language and could only express themselves in efik. The Lord was however gracious to us and a member of our team could speak Efik, this really was a big help for us. There were other challenges of getting water for our Hydrotherapy treatments. We had to go some distance to get water every morning.



### The People Response

The people of Ikot-Ntuen are very appreciative people who were very thankful for all the healthcare and Health lectures they received from us.



TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY AND PRAISE!

By: AMMI Medical Team



## LIGHT Training

The Lay Institute for Global Health Training (LIGHT) arrived the evangelism venue, and took off with equipping members and volunteers of ALIVE to become effective medical evangelists. This program held after the morning devotion/programs, at the local SDA church. It was indeed an eye opening session and was anchored daily by the pioneer, Elder Nwaejike Solomon C. Some topics that were treated amongst others during the seminar included: New Age– Old lies, Counterfeit vs Genuine Healing e.t.c Many other interesting topics which brought to light the counsels, principles and instructions given through the Spirit of Prophecy books were also highlighted. Several volunteers who were in attendance called the whole medical missionary training initiative, a blessing.





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



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



**Free Medical Examination:** the medical missionary team from AMMI started a week before the program attending to the medical needs of the villagers and did this for two week. After their departure, the LIGHT medical team stepped in and ensured the work continued. This was done at the venue of the program and in certain peculiar cases at the patient's home; especially those who were identified during the home visits who cannot go to the venue.



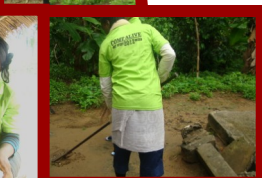
**Improving the Environment:** The first Sunday of the program, ALIVE team beautifully dressed up with their lemon green AKWA mission T-shirts, went around the village cutting the grasses along the ever busy highway that crosses the village, to ensure a safe pedestrian's path; we weeded, swept, mopped and cleaned homes, cleared walkways on both sides of the road and generally made ourselves useful. Literally and figuratively, we were a shock. Our service swelled attendance at the evening sessions and we might have set a new standard for church groups that would have anything to do in that community in the future. The village's council hall which was the venue of the program and One of the village's conventional relaxation spots of the elders of the village were not left out.



**Others:** Several homes of the aged who live alone, having no one to help them had ALIVE team visit their homes to cut grasses, fetch water and do general clean up.

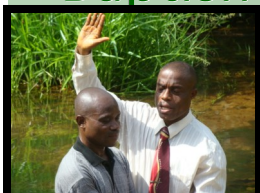


This indeed provoked great joy in the hearts of the villagers and increased the appreciation of the ALIVE team by the villagers.

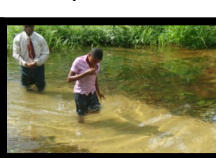
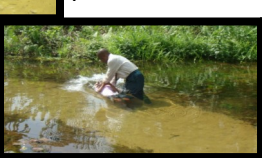
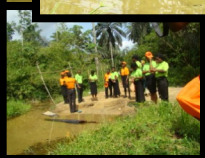
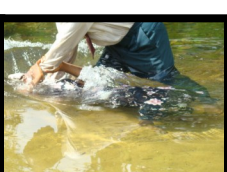
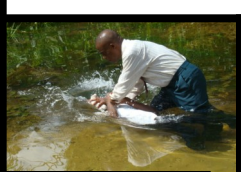


We doubt that any group had done any form of community service in that village before. Our being from different parts of the country also fascinated and challenged the community at the same time. I think we may have impacted both young and old more than we realize as a result.

## Baptism Service



**A**t the end of the program, 7 souls rose up to be baptized. Thankfully, we sang together as we accompanied those precious souls down a steep road to the local stream. A pastor sent by the union to conduct the baptism was in person of Pastor Napoleon Obot— the previous district pastor of Seventh-Day Adventist church Ikot-Ntuen district. Some volunteers who had worked hard on and prayed for prospects that agreed to take a stand with the church, felt sad when they did not show up for baptism that day. However the Lord rewarded their efforts. A few days after the team ended the mission, a few more persons indicated for baptism.



## Daily Evening Services

The Niger Delta region of Nigeria is largely Christian, without the people being necessarily spiritual. It is therefore deemed by so many Christian groups as one of the toughest places to evangelize in the country. We had been told by many people that it would be hard to get the people of Akwa Ibom to commit to a changed life as a result of our efforts, but we were undaunted. Needless to say that God surprised the skeptics and us and did exceedingly, abundantly what we expected or imagined. The attendance increased every night. It was hard watching people visibly struggle with tough messages on the Sabbath, state of the dead and the manner of Jesus' second coming. Some would leave, stay outside staring at the preacher for a while and then return inside the hall to wait till the end. Evening after evening, the message went out with power and hearts were enlightened by the entrance of God's word, calls



were made to take a bold step for Jesus; but many were debarred from taking the step by friends and loved ones while other's were even dragged to seat down when they dared to stand for an altar call. Some others who answered the call for baptism were not seen by the next evening. This led to the inauguration of a follow up team. The follow up team with the use of the daily register and with the help of the church pastor and members visited the homes of those who were regularly attending our programs and those who answered the various altar calls that were made during the evening programs. Giant strides were made as a result of the home visits as questions that they could not ask during the program were answered and all doubts cleared from their hearts, decided to be baptised, as E.G. White said **"There are families who will never be reached by the truth of God's Word unless His servants enter**

**their homes, and by earnest ministry, sanctified by the endorsement of the Holy Spirit, break down the barriers."** Evangelism, 436. Even in the course of the home visits, a young boy who was a cultist confessed, was prayed for and was set free.

Over 20 gave their lives to Jesus on Thursday night. This was in addition to the 7 that had surrendered during the first week. As a result of God's blessings in this regard, the local conference started concluding arrangements to follow up with another full program within the next two weeks. Some of the young people have expressed the desire to grow and would like to be part of future ALIVE mission trips.



## Holy Communion...1st in 5years at Ikot Ntuen

One of the most remarkable events during the mission was the Holy Communion service that took place under the leadership of Pastor Eko. The members of the local Seventh-day Adventist church at Ikot-Ntuen were deeply excited because according to them, they had not had a service like this in 5 year. The Church at Ikot Ntuen had been depleting in membership over the years. The whole service was a spiritually revitalizing event for each member..





## Departments...

Members diligently carried out their allotted roles making for a beautiful general and improved output daily till the end of the program. After the LIGHT daily lecture, Bible studies followed which dealt with the topics scheduled to be discussed during the home visits. Shortly after, everyone trooped out in twos to visit the homes and farms of villagers to teach the truth of God to them. For some of the prospects, language was a barrier, but this was combated with the gracious help of the church members who were willing to join in the home visits to serve as interpreters. Daily homes were visited by members and volunteers after they have been empowered through the morning devotion, prayer sessions, Bible study and the LIGHT seminar, to share the gospel and still invite them for the evening session; the villagers gladly received the message, but some hesitated to attend the evening programs. As a result, the horn speakers we set were increased and strategically positioned so the message could get to hearts even from the comfort of their homes. Reaching people this way was possible as a result of the village's transformer which was stolen two weeks before the program, plunging the entire village into quietness and darkness each evening. The ALIVE AKWA mission had a uniqueness in its attendance as it had a flood of its executives right from the first day despite their very busy schedule. It also had in attendance even on the first night, the conference evangelist Pastor Eddy, Professor Mbon, the district pastor Pastor Gabriel John, an elder who came in from Eket as a volunteer, several other elders, and members and volunteers from all around the country.

## Departmental Reports



### Two By Two Department

The 2 by 2s were a double-edged blessing, to those visited and those of us who did the visitation. I remember visiting the home of a Pentecostal pastor with 2 others during the first week there. He was on his way out when we arrived but called out his family when he found out we were from far flung areas of the country. We had a good session with them, meditating on the



Lord's goodness and provision for our salvation and he sent us off with donations to support our mission. His two teenage girls prayed that they and the youths in their church would be as serious about the things of God as us SDA youths. Sobering thought and challenge for us to remain steadfast.



### Music Department

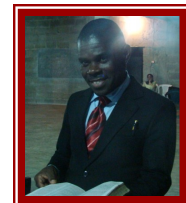
**Daily Activities:** Musical selection for each of program, leading the congregation to worship in songs.

**Challenges faced:** lack of male backup singers

**Testimonies:** Akwa Ibom is home of the best singers in the country, but they found our simple and harmonious rendition of hymns refreshingly different. It was a delight to see young people singing heartily hymns they had committed to memory. We used the hymn book sometimes, but it was wonderful to observe that we had young professionals who could sing 10, 15 hymns by heart without a hymnbook. Regularly used songs were translated to Efik, and other Efik songs were sang. .

**Department Head:** Ogidi Nnamdi Robert

**Team Members:**Veronica Effiong, Ogechi Macaulay, Nelson Nwaezeaku.



# Departmental Report



## Program/Platform Department

**Daily Activities:** Scheduling programs, monitors presentations and time allot to scheduled activities, organizing and alerting the various coordinators of the divers programs.

**Challenges faced:** Time management by the speakers. Some presenters most times exceeded the time allotted to them

**Testimonies:** The various programs were carefully and meticulously arrayed, the people were cooperative, the indigenes and visitors attested to the glory of God how the interactiveness of our programs touched their lives. God was faithful to the team as we worked together peacefully and were fully able to carry out the tasks allotted us.

**Department Head:** Bro Vincent

**Team Members:** Brother Nathaniel Soonest, Sis Nancy, Sis Tomi

“It was hard sometimes for some of us that were not used to the conditions we met out there on the field. And the question on all lips was whether when Christ comes it would all have been in vain. We knew this could easily happen if all our focus is on missions and we neglect our communion with God.”

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Volunteer

## Camera/Video Department

**Daily Activities:** taking pictures of the various programs, and video coverage of certain programmes.

**Challenges faced:** there was no camera on the first day, camera memory low, low battery beeps off camera, only one cameraman.

**Testimonies:** A professional cameraman came in as a volunteer, cameras were brought in.

**Department Head:** Bright Oparah

**Team Members:** Ekerette Friday, Bro. Nd, Bro Frank



## Prayer Department

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

**Challenges faced:** The team had a problem of personnel as the members had other tasks allotted to them. Keeping up with the fixed time for prayers was also challenging because some general programs usually took it up.

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

**Department Head:** Sam Sike Ezeibunwa Kristen

**Team Members:** Sis. Gift Nwachukwu, Bro kingsley Amanzze, Bro Frank, Bro Samson, Sis Esther, Sis Tomi, Bro Emeka, Sis Nancy Imeh





# Children Department



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

**Challenges faced:** Language barrier, explaining the doctrine to the children in simple terms that they can understand and remember, the children cannot read.

**Testimonies:** The children were taught and they memorised the Ten Commandments, and studied its importance, the attendance of children increased daily as they invited their friends daily, we were able to teach the children the Adventist doctrines and their intellect improved daily.

**Department Head:** Ogechi Emelogu.

**Team Members:** Noble Hope, Veronica Effiong, Soonest Nathaniel, Kennedy Omanudhowo.



ALIVE-Nigeria volunteer teachers, who taught the visiting children the principles of the laws of God



# Interpretation Department

**Daily Activities:** Interpreting the messages from English to the native Efik language.

**Challenges faced:** There were very few volunteers who could speak the native language. Translating during the door-to-door Bible Studies were tough for volunteers who had no idea of the language spoken.

**Testimonies:** With time, the local church encouraged their members who could speak fluent English, to join the team on the door to door Bible studies. Also, God always provided the right hands each night, for the interpretation of the sermon and health lectures. The visiting friends and those at home or on the farms understood well, the daily messages delivered.

**Department Head:** Bro. Victor

**Team Members:** Bro. Sam Ekerette, Bro. Vincent



“I’m so grateful to have come. I’m grateful for all the training and the opportunity to preach to people through the two-by-two method. I never believed I could do this before now. Now I find myself making reinforced decisions for Christ. ”  
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Volunteer

# Sleeping Hall Department

**Daily Activities:** Organizing people for the sweeping, organizing and arranging of the sleeping hall.

**Challenges faced:** Volunteers not clearing their sleeping materials on time and littering the room area.

**Testimonies:** Nobody misplaced or lost any personal item

**Department Head:** Bro Bright/Sis Ogechi Macaulay



## Departmental Report Contd...

### Technical Department



**Daily Activities:** setting up the instruments needed for the daily evening programs.

**Challenges faced:** Hall not well lightened, electrical sockets not available.

**Testimonies:** bulbs were bought, more horn speakers to reach the people even while in their homes.

**Department Head:** Gideon Ikpong.

**Team Members:** Bright Oparah, Kingsley Amanze, Kennedy Omanudhowo



#### TESTIMONY

“Although we were in the midst of the rainy season, during our two-week program, God held the rain whenever we needed to go on our two-by-two Bible study outing and during each evangelistic evening meeting.”

### Evangelism Department

**Daily Activities:** strategising for home visits, two by two home visits to study the Bible, pray and invite the villagers.

**Challenges faced:** language barrier, people were hardly at home, gone to farm, more time needed for outreach.

**Testimonies:** turn out of visitors was great, especially our home visited friends, backslided members quickened by home visits and attended program, daily homes and farms visited increased. daily fruitly outreach.

**Department Head:** Nnamdi Ogidi Robert

**Team Members:** All ALIVE team



### Kitchen Department

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

**Challenges faced:** Making sure that food was sufficient for everyone no matter the amount prepared was a huge challenge. Other challenges were planning a food time table to satisfy everyone. Some of the volunteers weren't vegetarians complained about the meals prepared.

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

**Department Head:** Sis. Ogechi Emelogu

**Team Members:** Sis. Hope Noble, Sis Joy Eghagha



ALIVE-Nigeria VP Programming (Sis Tomi Daniel) standing with the Ikot-Ntuen district pastor - Pastor Gabriel.





## Secretariat Department

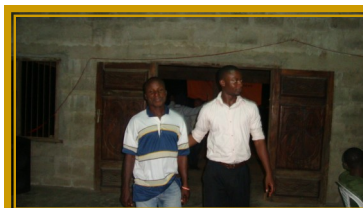
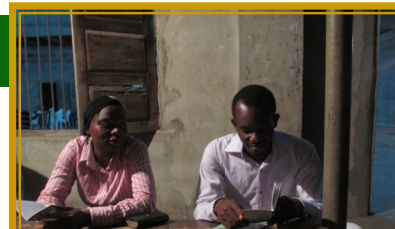
**Daily Activities:** reporting of each program and activities at the evangelism, registration of visitors, monitoring of attendance, and ushering.

**Challenges faced:** language barrier in communicating, lack of personnel.

**Testimonies:** some volunteers joined the team, and church members joined the team and served as interpreters.

**Department Head:** Nwachukwu Onyinyechi Gift.

**Team Members:** Amanze Kingsley, Macauley Ogechi.



ALIVE-Nigeria Secretariat team at work each evening



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“This mission makes me know that the gospel work is not only for Pastors but also for the young”.

Gift Amalaha

## Program Schedule

### Ikot-Ntuen mission 2012 - Evangelism Program

#### Adapted Mission Programs Time Table

	15th Sunday	16th Monday	17th Tuesday	18th Wednesday	19th Thursday	20th Friday	21st Saturday	22nd Sunday	23rd Monday	24th Tuesday	25th Wednesday	26th Thursday	27th Friday	28th Saturday	29th Sunday
5:00-6:00AM	Devotional														
6:30-8:00AM	Arrivals	Washup					Sabbath Service Community service/ personal time	Washup					Sabbath Service	Consecration Message/Byes	
8:00-9:30AM		Training						Training							
9:30-10:30AM		Breakfast						Breakfast							
10:30-11:30AM		Bible Studies						Bible Studies							
11:30-2:30PM		2-by-2 Witnessing						2-by-2 Witnessing							
2:30-4:00PM		Prayers/sermon show/Rest						Prayers/sermon show/Rest							
4:00-5:30PM		Lunch													
5:30-6:00PM	Evangelism Setup														
6:00-9:00PM	Evangelism														
9:00-10:00PM	Debrief of Day's successes and failures														
10:00-10:30PM	Journey back to sleeping hall and preparation for bed														
11:00-5:00PM	Lightsout														



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

**The silent “...loud expressions longing for something better.” Read on!**

**Ekerette Friday Sammy  
(Student)**



**Volunteer**

My major reasons for coming was to fulfill the purpose I was created for; that is for mission. To win souls for the kingdom of heaven and be enlightened. Also to learn and increase in faith plus to have a crown in Heaven.

I planned to assist in Video and pictures coverage, in witnessing, and in helping to make the dream of ALIVE come true. I thank God that I was able to accomplish my dream to serve in this capacity.

I was involved in video coverage, taking pictures and interpretation of health talks and medical outreach messages. This mission has quickened in my heart the assurance that I'm in the right fold and have to live daily as an ambassador. I was glad about the oneness and passion for God's work in the volunteers. I desire to awaken in my local church a witnessing lifestyle and be involved in future ALIVE programs.



**Solomon Nwaejike  
Chika (Student)**

**Volunteer**

I first heard about ALIVE from my Dad. Before now, I've been to a couple other missions. I came with a desire to win souls and be charged spiritually. I desired to work with Health lecture team and the Music departments. I wanted to be remembered by what best people saw of me. I stayed for six days and was involved in health lecture and music team. My best spiritual experience was the hospitable and compassionate spirit of one of the volunteers, while my worst moment was when I was criticized destructively; I observed that the public address system worked very well and the ushers functioned professionally. The mission has opened my eyes to the fact that there are still seven thousand men who have not bowed to baal and I'm glad I now know some of them. I desire to see my local church become a mini ALIVE chapter, encourage two by two outreach. By God's grace I desire to remain a part of ALIVE future missions

**Amalaha Jane Chinonso  
(Medical Missionary)**

**Volunteer**



I first heard about ALIVE from Presentations/Open forums. Before now, I had been to some other missions like Ejesi where we served for 2 weeks. I came with the mindset of winning souls by: Going about helping people, going around preaching the gospel and joining in doing all good things While here as a medical missionary, I was involved in medical consultancy and giving treatment. My best experience was the songs and inspired word of God that built my Spiritual life, Sharing in people's experience that helps me sympathize. While my worst experience was Eating and Sleeping at late hours at night. Morning Bible reading, house to house visits, medical missionary lectures should be preserved in missions. I was brought closer to the Seventh-Day Adventist mission by this mission. I desire to encourage two by two outreach in my church. I intend to be involved in future ALIVE whenever I'm called.

**Nnamdi Ogidi (Student-  
Computer Engineering)**



**Volunteer**

I came for the mission to uplift Christ in word and conduct at all times, to make at least one disciple for Christ in this community and to assist in giving in-house Bible Training to ALIVE members. Singing. Teaching.. Praying Unconditional surrender to God's will and unwavering dependence on Him for guidance and provision.

While in the mission, I served with the Music and evangelism department and assisted with Singing, witnessing, preaching, teaching and distributing fliers. My best programs was the Health lecture (LIGHT). My worst experience was with my voice loss, however God was faithful. The mission granted me the opportunity to preach the 3 angels message. And I hope to start promoting the 2 by 2 evangelism, encouraging the mission spirit in youth, and parents to release wards for future mission. I hope to support ALIVE by my finances and presence at missions.

**Inyang Veronica  
Effiong (Student)**



**Volunteer**

I hoped to achieve the following by joining this mission: bringing souls to Christ.. rendering help to the poor, giving out Bible Study and participating in evangelism. I prepared to Sharing my faith with others through evangelism and rightly dividing the Word. While at the mission, I stayed for 10days and was an Assistant Children teacher. I was involved in the two-by-two evangelism. My best spiritual experience was Bible Studies and My worst experience was the food. In all, I think everything went well. I have been really changed by this mission and I must say also that I was brought close to the Seventh-Day Adventist mission and vision. I intend to incorporate all I've learned in my local church. I desire and intend to remain a part of ALIVE by being involved in its evangelistic missions.

**Franklin Adaghubu  
(Banker)**



**ALIVE-Nigeria Treasurer**

Increase in spiritual life and bringing the message to others was what I hoped to achieve by joining this mission. I hoped to evangelize Ikot Ntuen by being used by the Lord to spread the Word and bring people to the kingdom. While at the mission, I helped in the budgeting and disbursing of funds. I also served in other areas like the prayer team and was involved in Two-By-Two discussions and prayer. Looking for fuel due to scarcity and strike was indeed the worst thing that happened to me during the mission. The two by two outreach was my best spiritual experience at the mission. The Leadership and followership spirit and enough synergy should be maintained. Bringing the gospel to unentered areas and also reviving the fallen and downhearted brought me closer to the mission of the church. I strongly desire to incorporate Good Planning, two by two and Health evangelism in my Local church; I desire and intend to remain a part of ALIVE by funding and participating in its programs.

**Elder Solomon Nwaejike  
(Medical Missionary-  
LIGHT Trainer)**



**Volunteer**

I was invited for the ALIVE Mission to organize a daily Health training (LIGHT training) for the volunteers. While

there, I experiencing a high level spirit of co-operation among participants. My worst experience was in the fact that I wasn't there from the start. The division of labor and assignment of specific duties to every individual was wonderful and commendable. The recommendations I have for ALIVE-Nigeria future missions are: To make meal times more regular at future missions, and to make the dress styles long sleeved. Yes. This mission has brought me closer to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

My understanding of the need to keep seeking God's help for co-operation of leaders has been deepened. I hope to incorporate in my church, the nature study opportunity during Sabbath School. I'll highly recommend that ALIVE-Nigeria send out delegates to different church gatherings like camp meetings for membership drive promo. And yes. I'll like to be involved with more training opportunity in medical ministry work with the full LIGHT curriculum.



# REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

**“We are tired of the rhetorics and the endless meetings with little results. .”**

**Chigaemezu C. Solomon-Nwaejike (Medical Missionary)**



**Volunteer**

I hoped to achieve: The spread of the gospel, helping the sick (at least 12 people) and conducting house to house Bible studies to win at least 3 souls to Christ when I planned to come for this mission. I also planned to help out in music ministry, house to house evangelism and community outreach services like helping the older folks with some housework & stuff. While I was at the mission, I assisted in the Music Committee, was the assistant Secretary, and as the head of the Water Supply team, I made sure that both drinking and bathing water was not lacking during the mission, I also helped out in the songs services. My best spiritual experience was the house to house bible study because it helped me to learn patience, longsuffering, diligence and humility. One of my best programs was the medical missionary training programme. In all, the mission made me understand the essence of the Advent message and the uniqueness of our doctrine. I hope to introduce what I learnt to my local church. Like weekly door-to-door, music reform - by teaching our music leader how to sing in simplicity and dress reform.

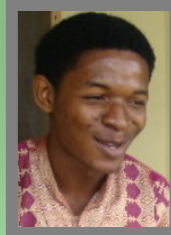
**Bright Oparah Prince (Student)**



**Volunteer**

I hoped/planned to affect at least one person positively at this mission. I was excited that I am getting to learn more about the Bible, Jesus and the Christian (Adventist) living. I hoped also to acquire more skills in the Video & Camera section, technical group or in any other task assigned. I wanted to be remembered for consistency & devotion on whatever area or department I am assigned to. At the mission, I worked with the Technical, camera and sanitation department. I was responsible video coverage and picture shots snapping, projector set up and ensuring a clean environment. My best spiritual experience was the two by two evangelism which made me learn more, challenged me and checked my behavior. My worst experience was sleeping late and waking early. However, for future mission, I suggest that the Health lecture be retained. I'm so happy about the mission because, I got to understand the basis of my belief even more. I intend to remain a part of ALIVE.

**Ndudirim Nwachukwu (Medical Missionary)**



**Volunteer**

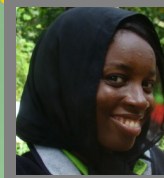
I came for the mission to reach out to souls who are in need, to achieve a personal transformation of heart and to help out in the Lord's work with my talents. I intended to assist in the area of lightning & sounds, personal Bible studies and any other area that the Lord will wish that I work. While at the mission, I felt the blessings that people receive through the ministrations. I was in the music committee and the video coverage committee. I was involved in music team, sound engineering and medical mission outreach. My best spiritual experience was the daily Bible study and lecture. I was so impressed by the communal relationship and the prayerful lifestyle. I plan to encourage healthy lifestyle, group evangelism and promote ALIVE in my local church. I desire to remain a part of the ALIVE.

**Hope Noble (Student)**



**Volunteer**

I came for this mission to see that souls that are perishing will be drawn closer to God, that is they will be moved from darkness to the light of salvation, to save people, putting smiles on their faces and then telling them about the soon-coming King and that at the end of everything here on earth, I'll be one of the heavenly candidates. I intended to assist with the Children Ministries. While here, I helped with the music, time keeping, kitchen and children's dept. My best programs were the children programs, health lecture, morning devotion and bible studies. I was sad that those decided to be baptized were not baptized. Through this mission, I have learnt the truth about the church. When I get home, I'll tell our district pastor about ALIVE, tell other young people about witnessing and bible study, and living a healthy lifestyle. And yes, I will remain a part of ALIVE.

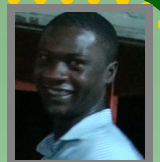


**Ogechi Eucharia Macaulay (Student - Business Admin )**

**Volunteer**

On coming for this mission, I hoped to achieve a spirituality that is Christlike. I hoped to show genuine love to souls. While at the mission, I participated in the music department, Kitchen, and in ushering. My best spiritual experience was the two by two and ushering. My worst experience at the mission happened while was discovering my weaknesses. I also participated in the two-by-two evangelism, LIGHT seminars and food, ushering and secretariat team. I enjoyed the hospitality and sense of belonging. The Adventist church is one big family, God can use our feeble nature to achieve big things. When I get back, I plan to incorporate in my church, the two by two, lively Sabbath school programs, prayers and good planning for an effective outreach.

**Vincent O. Otokhile (Student)**



**Volunteer**

Uppermost on my mind while coming for this mission was to be able to reach out to souls and also grow spiritually in the process, to know more about the will and purpose of God for my life. To achieve the goal of the ministry, to bring people closer to God, and to help members achieve their goals, my impact to the mission. During the mission, was involved in daily home visits, ushering, program co-ordination and time keeping. My best spiritual exercise was the general devotion and the daily Bible reading. My worst experience was falling ill. I greatly appreciate the oneness, focus, purposeful lifestyle I saw here. I was drawn closer to God by my involvement in witnessing about the coming of Christ and I desire to inculcate witnessing spirit into my local church. I desire to remain a part of ALIVE as a full member.

## **During the mission, I observed:**

**“Leadership and followership spirit. Enough synergy”... Franklin**

**“Stating of mission objectives at inception of mission work.**

**Delegation of tasks”.... Godson**

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

**The silent "...loud expressions longing for something better."** Read on!

**Chukwuma E Ukaha**  
(Student-Industrial Physics)



Volunteer

I wanted to help in making the evangelism a huge success by contributing in whatever area I could to bring, convert and revive souls for Christ. One of my major objectives was to be revived personally. I wanted to be changed and prepared for greater works. Then, I wanted to win souls for Christ. I'll like to be remembered as the boy who's in search, or in need of truth and always willing to help out. I served during the mission as the sleep Administrator (for siestas and lightouts). I observed love and unity among the ALIVE members, I'll love for it to continue. This mission helped to expose me in the field of going out in twos to spread the Word of God. It also helped in exposing more Bible truths to me. It brought me closer to the mission of the church as I got involved for the first time in the great commission. I'll really like to: 1. Tell young people more about God and the need to pray, thereby involving them in fasting and prayers. 2. Going out to tell people about the love of God and Bible truths. 3. Having more time for Bible studies and also watching some video messages like S.K. Pipim, Randy Skeet. I will be a part of ALIVE by helping in the spread of the gospel.

**Utin Ukpono-Abasi**  
(Student-Food & Tech Science)



Volunteer

I came for this mission to learn and teach others about Christ, to be more equipped with the word of God and to help spread the good news. I hoped to do this by evangelism, singing and prayer. I wanted to be remembered as an ambassador of Christ, a person always ready to spread the good news. During the mission, my best program was the Sharing of faith / outreach. I also enjoyed the Divine service sermon (it was very touching). My worst experience was eating corn meal without sugar and eating the vegetarian meals. This mission however, brought me closer to the mission of the church as it threw more light on the Adventist truth. I hope to transmit to my local church what I learned from the community service and video sermons. We need to place more emphasis on evangelism.

**Israel Matthew Oleon**  
(Student Volunteer)



To win souls for Christ, we should be alive, and abstain from false doctrines.

I came for this mission to win the world for Christ starting from my town. I intend to become a serious participant in ALIVE Nigeria programs. At the mission, I served as the Phone charger assistant where we were responsible for charging and guarding the volunteers phones, rechargeable battery torches and other items needing charge whenever the generator came on. I also assisted in the two-by-two Bible study as an interpreter. The mission has the Adventist clearer. I plan to take the concept of evangelism, witnessing and co-operation back to my local church.

**Nwachukwu Gift**  
(Lawyer)



Volunteer

I wanted to come for this mission both to build others up & be built spiritually. I hoped to get this done by being committed to daily plans, especially prayers, bible study & outreach. I was also very interested in discussing with others to find out what they have been doing to meet their personal evangelism goals, their methods that have produced results and I hoped to try some of them. I hoped to serve with the Prayer, outreach and secretarial duties teams. I wanted to be remembered that even if I might not be as smiley as everyone else is, I sure do have a cheerful heart that desires to think outside the box and make giant strides for Christ. During the mission, I served with the secretariat and sanitation teams. I joined in the 2/2 evangelism, participated in report writings and was a part of the follow up team. My best programs were the 2/2, LIGHT training, devotion and several exaltations. These helped transform, build and improve me spiritually and in other ways. I learnt more about the special mission our church has to the world. I would try to promote the 2/2, missionary lifestyle and teach health details of alternative healing methods to members of my local church. I would love to be a part of ALIVE-Nigeria future missions as I need to continuously be sharpened by other irons.

**Fara Ibrahim Danlami**  
(Economist)



Volunteer

I came for this mission intending to be an instrument of God to others, to let people know about Christ and to change minds from earthly thinking. I wanted to be known for truth and discipline. I served in the transportation department and I also shared in taking the word of God round. My best spiritual experience was with the worship time - this session is a wonderful time when we rise together and praise God. I'll encourage ALIVE-Nigeria to keep on praying for more faith to move on as one. This mission has brought me closer to the mission of the SDA church because it shows me the true nature of God and how God loves to move in us as SDA members. The three things I'll like to teach my local church are: 1. To be happy to be members of the SDA church, 2. To carry out the work of God without fear, 3. To be faithful in their doings and to the most high God. My prayer for this ministry is that by the way they are working now, they will reach the highest goal in Jesus Name. I will love to be a part of future missions because, it is good for us to come together and worship God. Since it is not man's work, I will remain a member of ALIVE-Nigeria.

**Kingsley Amanze**  
(Student-Civil Engineering)



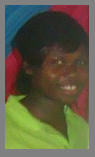
Volunteer

To prepare at least a soul for Christ's 2nd coming, to make friends with prospects and teach them the Word of God were some of the reasons why I wanted to come for this mission. I planned to do this by witnessing and serving as an usher or in humbly serving in any unit I get involved in selflessly. I wanted to be remembered as someone who offered selfless service to humanity, putting aside titles, honors and fame. I served in the Lights, secretariat, ushering teams. I also helped with the two-by-two evangelism and generator regulation. My best spiritual program was the two-by-two evangelism, because I feel God speak while I witness. Evangelism is something I love doing with passion. I loved the Spirit of Oneness and lectures on Healthful living. The mission brought me closer to the mission of the church as I got more information on what is happening at the General Conference level. I hope to encourage my local church in: 1. Evangelism; Already in progress at my campus, 2. Inspire my youths 3. By God's grace, I will improve on what I am doing for the youth I am privileged to meet. ALIVE has almost all the ideas I can offer them; the leaders should keep the light burning I hope I can learn more of the things I need to know; For my future Job if Christ tarries, I would love evangelism, so I go to where those that do what I like gather. I hope to remain a part of ALIVE's future missions.



# REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

**“We have grown weary of the nitpicking and laying aside of our mission as a church.”**



**Joy Eghagha (Student)**

Volunteer

I came for the mission to win souls for Christ, to know more about Christ, and

to learn more so that I can impact others hoped to serve in the cooking dept. I wanted to be remembered by my impact in the ministry. While here, I served in the kitchen, water and phone charging department (I was in charge of charging ALIVE member's/visitors/LIGHT members phones) I loved first of all the health talk—the LIGHT seminar every morning before breakfast—and also Uncle Paul's Preaching every night. I was so excited that I had the ability and strength to go for the Two by Two. May God's name be praised. My worst experience there was the aspect of food without fish and meat. I observed unity amongst all ALIVE members, Everybody were ready to do God's work anytime, Everybody had one goal and one desire, that is helping the people of the community to know more about Christ. I hoped to teach my church members: 1. Witnessing, 2. Being a vegetarian (because if I can survive it then I believe they should also survive it too). 3. How they can live a Christ-like life. This draws me more closer to my creator and I'm happy because I know I have a better chance of being an ALIVE-Nigeria member.

**Ogechi Emelogu (Chemical Engineer)**

Volunteer



God wants to finish the work of redemption. I'm here to be a part of the redemption plan. I anticipate increased spirituality for myself and I'd like to see people, children, youth and adults give and dedicate their lives to God. I want to help explain the Bible to the children in this region. I want to help out in a sort of heartfelt community service to the old and less privileged. I also would like to go for door to door evangelism, consistently. I would really love to be remembered as a perfect Ambassador for Christ. I served in the kitchen and children departments with serving meals and teaching the visiting children Bible doctrines. My best programs were the devotion and inspirational book study. I observed minds that were fixed on winning souls for God and were committed to the course. In this mission, I discovered the mission and vision of the church. And I hope to start with my local church; a review of SOP books, the 2 by 2 evangelism and healthful living.

**Godson Ikechukwu Moses (Industrial Physics)**

Volunteer



Coming for the mission, I wanted to help invest my talents/gifts to the specific goal of soul winning, listen and learn from others through God to better my Christian walk with God. I also intended to aid the technical/programming department. I wanted to be remembered for doing all that be selflessly done to get the gospel to the human heart. I eventually served with the technical, prayer and medical missionary teams. I worked to ensure brisk set up of technical equipment as head of team. Joined the prayer team in praying for God's continual presence. My best programs were the daily Bible study & room devotion, due to the careful time given to feed the mind. I also liked the clear stating of mission objectives at inception of mission work and delegation of tasks. This mission helped me to understand the SDA church has been blessed with the truth and today the responsibility is upon the youth to share with wisdom. Effective programming. Feedback / Communication techniques. Delegation of tasks to members. And yes. As duty demands I'll always love to join in future missions. Yes!

**Chinagozi Enyioma (Student - Civil Engineering)**

Volunteer



I was here for the mission to improve on my ability to witness for God, to evangelize to friends in rural areas and to learn more about the gospel message. While at mission, I served with the technical Committee Community Service, music and transport departments. My best experience was with sharing our faith experience around the village by 2 by 2 evangelism because I got the faith experience I long needed. I observed a prayerful backing to every program conducted and an equitable distribution of responsibilities. It gave me an opportunity to share the gospel with friends very distinct from my immediate environs. Back at my local fellowship, I hope to integrate the need for a healthy environment among youths by God's guidance and an effective prayer team - I believe God would guide me on directions. I am willing to be a part of ALIVE future missions in every respect as God leads.

**Martins Ojiabu (Student-Geology)**

Volunteer



I was at the mission to make sure souls hear the truth, to make people by the grace of God walk in the way of Christ, to make people understand the Bible in the right way and to support in any capacity I could. Deep with in me, I've always wanted to make myself available for any mission wherever and to represent Christ anywhere especially in the field. While at the mission, I was a part of the kitchen committee and was involved in serving food. I got my greatest joy from the home visits. My worst moments was when I was ill. I desire to inculcate witnessing among the youths back at my local church. I also hope to teach them the health reform, I desire to remain a part of ALIVE always.

**Nathaniel Soonest (Maths/Computer Scientist)**

Volunteer



I wanted upliftment of my soul and winning souls for Christ by coming for this mission. I also needed to attain a higher standard of spirituality. During the mission, I served with the platform/ Program coordination, and children department. I really loved the two by two evangelisms and the devotions {general} I observed at the missions, a heightened sense of spirituality, an improvement in organization and an atmosphere of love. Especially through the light seminar, I got to understand the mission of our church proper. When I get back home, I hope to promote: 1. Detailed Bible Studies, 2. two by two for the Youth, 3. a change in feeding habits. I'll love to be a part of ALIVE future missions anytime... Anywhere. I want to continue to do service to God and humanity.

**During the mission, I observed...:**

**“...unity amongst all ALIVE members, Everybody were ready to do God's work anytime, Everybody had one goal and one desire, that is helping the people of the community to know more about Christ”.... Joy**

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**Kennedy Omandhowoho  
(Dentist)**

Volunteer



When coming for this mission, I planned to assist in winning souls for Christ's kingdom by preaching to as many persons as possible, giving a helping hand to members in the community and helping with health-related areas. I wanted to be remembered as someone who inspired some people to continue in this heavenly race.

I served at the Electrical team, joined the two-By-two (Evangelism), Children department and technical team. My best programs were the two-by-two, morning Bible reading (devotion) and the medical missionary lectures. My worst experience was when my prospect did not fulfill her promise of getting baptized then. I observed and liked the devotions, the quality of food and the medical missionary aspect.

This mission brought me closer to the mission of our church as it made me more concerned about the embracing a Vegetarian lifestyle. Three things I would take back to my local church are: 1. The devotion, 2. Vegetarian lifestyle, 3. Children department programs and activities. I encourage ALIVE to continue in this Spirit. For future missions, I'll love to be a part and give all support (Influence, time, money) necessary and participate where possible.

**Amalah Chinwekele  
(Medical Missionary)**

Volunteer



To Win souls for Christ, help people understand the truth, help people know how to be in good health. To help them know more about Jesus the healer and help them prepare for heaven were a few of the reasons why I came for this mission as a medical missionary.

While at the mission, I joined the medical team and was involved in giving people the Health Message and medications to the sick ones. I was most inspired by Songs that were sang during the message hours were inspiring to my spiritual life. I observed unity and harmony in everything. Indeed this mission has helped me know how Adventist messages are going into other states. I will therefore encourage the youth in my church to wake up and do God's work, and to read the Spirit of Prophecy books. I desire to remain a part of ALIVE by attending future missions.

**Isioma C. Ogbuehi  
(Student –Information Technology)**

Volunteer



I planned to come for this mission so I could be equipped for missionary activities, to get involved in evangelical outreach., to help bring others into the field of mission. I hoped to do this through singing, assisting to coordinate and ushering.

At the mission, I served at the Children's Dept, and helped out during the song service. I was blessed by the atmosphere of humility and service I saw there. I observed mission-dedicated minds, and a continuous enlightenment of mission purpose.

This mission brought me closer to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church, because I now feel more responsible & indebted to God for His commission. I hope to start a regular Bible studies program and live a life of evangelism at my local church. And yes, I would love to be a part of ALIVE in future missions to assist in all ways of service.

**Gift Amalaha  
(Medical Missionary)**

Volunteer



I've always wanted more ways to tell people about Christ and His love for them. I wanted to tell them the truth about God's law and get them baptized into the church of God. I also wanted to assist them get healed of their diseases as a medical missionary.

At the mission, I joined the Medical team in giving healing and health lectures. My best spiritual experience was seeing people deciding for Christ while my worst was in eating late meals. I really loved going out two by two, the reading of the Bible in the mornings and also the health lectures This mission brings me closer to the SDA church because it makes me know that the gospel work is not only for Pastors but also for the young. I intend to start a House to house evangelism, and encourage evangelism through lifestyle at my local church. I also desired to grow spiritually by reading the word of God and following His instruction especially from the prophet Ellen G. White. I will really love to be a part of future missions by being a part of any programme and helping out in any way I can to the best of my ability.

**Sam Sike Ezeunwa K.  
(Chemical Engineer)**

Volunteer



Giving Bible study lessons. Helping the technical and prayer team. Any other thing I find myself disposed to do. I only want to be remembered as a channel of blessing from heaven which lives out the truth not only hearing & teaching. While at the mission, I assisted in the Prayer, Technical, Time keeping departments. My favorite program was the door to door evangelism and my worst experience were the sandflies (which probably had a positive purpose. I observed that during the mission, people took up their responsibilities properly and diligently. I'm happy to say that this mission brought me closer to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church as I joined in fulfilling the mission of Evangelism and witnessing to the sheep of Christ. Three things I would like to take home and start at my local church are: 1. Door to door evangelisms, 2. Gathering for Bible study, 3. Prayer sessions. And yes. I would love to be a part of ALIVE as a volunteer in future missions.

**During the mission, I observed...**

**“...people took up their responsibilities properly and diligently”... Ezeunwa**

**“...mission-dedicated minds, and a continuous enlightenment of mission purpose”... Isioma**

**“...love and unity among the ALIVE members, I'll love for it to continue.”... Chukwuma**

**“...the spirit of oneness”... Kingsley  
“...minds that were fixed on winning souls for God and were committed to the course”... Ogechi E.**

**“...a prayerful backing to every program conducted and an equitable distribution of responsibilities”... Chinagozi**

**“...a heightened sense of spirituality, an improvement in organization and an atmosphere of love”... Soonest  
“...a high level spirit of co-operation among participants”... Elder Nwaejike**



Let the Pictures keep talking...



ALIVE-Nigeria Team on first Sabbath with Local church Pastor—Pastor Gabriel



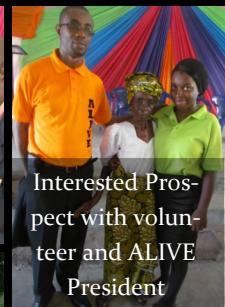
Officials at first Sabbath with local church



Down at the stream, fetching water for sick widow



Officials at last Sabbath with local church



Interested Prospect with volunteer and ALIVE President



Volunteers having their fair share of activated charcoal after intense work



Local Church revived Choir



Elder Nwajike at the stream with volunteers doing community service



Officials at last Sabbath with local church and conference president



Sabbath service with local church



Children Department for the Evangelism



Professor Mbon with ALIVE President



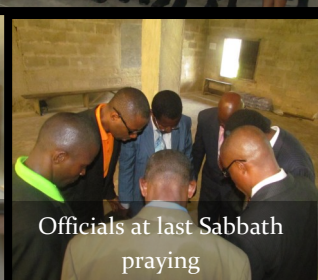
ALIVE-Nigeria team rendering a special song on final Sabbath worship



Volunteers from university-FUTO presenting a song



Conference president—Pastor Eko



Officials at last Sabbath praying



Early morning Exercise



## Final Thoughts ...Tomi Daniel

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Before going to Akwa Ibom, several perplexing events dampened the spirit of many of us. The general preference of most youths in the church for concerts, entertainment and absorption with reality show auditions and a host of other issues were painful to watch. The present seemed dismal and the future looked bleak.

The just-concluded ALIVE Ng mission in Akwa Ibom provided opportunities for a lot of things. The Lord surprised us with the crop of young people He moved to be part of the missions. Smart, godly and goodly to behold, He showed us that there are indeed 7,000 who have not bowed down and who He is grooming to run with the 3 Angels' Messages in these last days. With backgrounds in accounting, medicine, law, different areas of engineering and the sciences, these bright young people have an unbridled passion for witnessing.

As we go on our mission trips, we are confronted with the silent and expressed longing for something better, higher and more enduring than the cheap flakes that are currently offered. And from what happened in Akwa Ibom, we see that many are ready to be trained. We sense that young people are tired of the rhetorics and the endless spiritual meetings with little results. No longer interested in the false assurances and the aimless, unnecessary cautions that hinder and curtail but are presented as necessary for our growth, the Ikot Ntuen experience satisfied with something better and more enriching.

Weary of the nitpicking and laying aside of our mission as a church, something happened there that we need to keep alive, and ALIVE Nigeria is committed to making that happen. It is what has made continuous growth inevitable.



ALIVE Nigeria is marching on and I am thankful to God for the testimonies of His leading and wooing of His children back to Himself. I saw powerful evidences of this happening at Ikot Ntuen and it's exhilarating to know that with Him as our leader, the gates of hell shall not prevail over us.

As a follow up to this mission, watch out for **"Whatever, Whenever, Wherever" from August 12 to 19, 2012** as we all receive much-needed missionary training to serve better in our Lord's army!

**"...there are indeed 7,000 [in Nigeria] that have not bowed down and who God is grooming to run with the 3 Angels' Messages in these last days."**

## More Thanks To...

- ◆ **Ikot-Ntuen Local S.D.A Church** – Indeed ALIVE is grateful to every member and volunteer who came to fulfil the great commission in Ikot Ntuen; our special gratitude also goes to the church members of the church at Ikot Ntuen in whose hands we have left the new babies to nurture, indeed you all were such a great host and great interpreters.
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- ◆ **Several other Donors** – Donation of Finances, time and other spiritual resources. We say thank you for your support and prayers. May the Lord God who's work this is, bless you and reward you for the sacrifice.

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

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







## Goodbyes and Thank You...

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.

## Upcoming Events

Our next event will be a major training retreat and more missions. Look out for our dates and location on our webpage: [www.alivenigeria.net](http://www.alivenigeria.net). We'll keep you posted.



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

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