

MISSION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE (MEC)



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Executive Summary

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

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

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

ALIVE Nigeria is a supporting ministry of the SDA church. It exists solely for the purpose of winning souls into God's kingdom. This is achieved by complete dependence on the Holy Spirit to direct the efforts of Adventist young graduates and professionals less than forty-five years old at different mission fields.

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

“It is not everyone who can labor judiciously for the salvation of souls. There is much close thinking to be done. We must not enter into the Lord's work haphazard and expect success. The Lord needs men of mind, men of thought. Jesus calls for co-workers, not blunderers. God wants right-thinking and intelligent men to do the great work necessary to the salvation of souls. – {Pr 43.4}

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

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

About Us

Who We Are

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

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

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

Our Goals

ALIVE Nigeria seeks to:

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

Our Activities

ALIVE engages in activities that include:

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

MISSION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Why MEC?

The Mission Empowerment Conference was borne out of the need to properly equip young people who are willing to offer themselves as vessels for the propagation of the everlasting gospel. It's an important ALIVE-Nigeria event to promote its existence and activities, as well as attract and train its target group of young graduates and professionals for her many mission programs. MEC is centred on God's word and it was a blessing to witness the spiritual revival of the conference participants.

Overall Goal

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

Objectives

The objectives of the conference were to

- highlight the need for missions in Nigeria and Africa;
- analyze zones in Nigeria and Africa reached with the 3-Angel's messages by ALIVE Nigeria and sister organizations (Revelation 14:6-12), and
- forecast future soul winning trends based on current mission efforts.

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Sub-Theme: "Do the Work"



WELCOME ADDRESS

It was exactly two years ago I walked into the same conference which you find yourself here today. In my case, I walked in with loads of expectation may be just like you. But this is where I think we might differ slightly. I left home with my mind made up, I was sure of it, that I wouldn't stay till the end of the conference if it didn't meet my list of expectations. Guess what? My expectations were not met, but I was not disappointed. Rather, MEC 2013, with the simple theme: "Armed for Mission" gave me a whole new set of expectations and burdens. Prior to the conference I had no business knocking at doors for Bible studies. In fact the word prospect, commonly used among missionaries, had limited applications for me – with it I understood the future of business and my career. But today, I have a third application to it- the chances of bringing lost souls back to Jesus. Thanks to God for such a positive response. We have gathered here again with another theme: "Finishing the Work."

Dear delegates, while you pursue and keep your life goals intact, remember, there is a work for you to finish. Here is how Jesus puts it to His disciples "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to FINISH HIS WORK...for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:31-35).

"The accomplishment of the mission which He had left heaven to perform strengthened the Saviour for His labor, and lifted Him above the necessities of humanity. To minister to a soul hungering and thirsting for the truth was more grateful to Him than eating or drinking." (Desire of Ages, p.190.5)

Friends, I am delighted to welcome you to MEC 2015! As you spend the next few days here, the burden of my heart is that your expectations and burdens would change like mine changed 2 years ago, and that you would be transformed and empowered by the Holy Spirit for mission. I earnestly yearn for everyone of us to be burdened by the same things that burden our Saviour, the burden of reaching lost souls dying without the TRUTH. I appeal to you, please do not leave this conference without a commitment to "Finishing the Work", a commitment that entails unimaginable sacrifice of our time, talents, treasure and temple to FINISH HIS WORK, but a commitment that also brings unimaginable joy and satisfaction.

We are at the brink of eternity and we can't wait to go home. Oh! There would be joy when the work is done!

Stanley Njigwum
President, ALIVE Nigeria.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

A.L.I.V.E is a supporting movement of Seventh-day Adventist Church composed of young professionals. We seek to revive, nurture and challenge a generation of Africans determined to hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ in this generation by actively engaging in Missionary work with an excellent spirit. It is within this context that we are gathered here around the theme, **FINISHING THE WORK**. But why is it so important for me to finish the work? Permit me to propose an answer to this question, "Because I have heaven on my mind"

"Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (John 4:34)

Doing His will has to do with who you worship. It entails worshipping him because he is our Creator, our provider, our sustainer, our Lord and Saviour. Who you Worship will determine how you will use your time, your resources, your talents and gifts.

Finishing His work has to do with giving the living water to those who are thirsty. It entails bringing light where there is darkness; life where there is death; salvation where there is condemnation. Jesus is the sole and only saviour. Peter said "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

"John 4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Did Jesus finish His work? John 19:30 "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." finish: to achieve; to complete; to fulfil; to execute; to succeed; to conclude; "To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, "It is finished," had a deep significance. It was for them as well as for us that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. They with us share the fruits of Christ's victory." – {DA 758.2}

How can we do it? We need to be SMART
S = Spiritual
M = Meditating God's Word
A = Alert
R = Revived and Reformed
T = Transformed



Tony Ogouma

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Emmanuel EneDem the VP ENUM introduced the speakers by welcoming them and inviting them to the podium to introduce their various seminars: the eight speakers were heartily introduced and invited delegate their seminar hall.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

There were several programs and activities that combined to make MEC 2015 a spiritually-uplifting event. The participants were clear on what to expect and we are grateful to God that He exceeded their expectations through our imperfect plans and implementation.

I. DEVOTIONS

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

Devotional Topics:

Morning Devotions

- Identity and Missions: Remembering Who We Are (Acts 3:1-8, Colossians 1:16-18) - Pastor Robert Osei-Bonsu - Day 1
- Connecting to the Power (Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 4:33) - Pastor Louis Torres - Day 2
- Connecting to the Power (Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 4:33) - Pastor Louis Torres - Day 3

Evening Devotions

- None of These Things Move Me (Acts 20:17-25) - Sebastian Braxton - Day 1
- The 4 C's of Christianity (Acts...) - Pastor Christian Berdahl - Day 2
- Let's Play to Win (Philippians 1:3-6) - Samuel Koranteng-Pipim - Day 3



2. SEMINARS

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



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

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Timing of Seminars: MEC was for just three full days, including the Sabbath. With 8 fully-loaded topics to be addressed, the seminars had to run concurrently in different rooms. Thus, participants had the option of selecting the most important to them. Each seminar session lasted for 120 minutes and there were four such sessions on each of the two days allocated for seminars, making a total of eight seminar sessions.

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

Seminar 1: "What Are You Listening To? Dangers in Music" by Pastor Christian Berdahl



- i. Overture: Christian's Personal Testimony
- ii. Opus: Identifying the Mind's Mark
- iii. Mechanics and Body Language
- iv. Music History (Part 1)
- v. Music History (Part 2)
- vi. Crescendo: Contemporary Christian Music
- vii. Serenade: Music in Worship

Seminar 2: "The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview" by Sebastian Braxton

- i. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 1)
- ii. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 2)
- iii. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 3)
- iv. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 4)
- v. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 5)
- vi. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 6)
- vii. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 7)
- viii. The 3 Angels Messages: It's Relevance to My Culture - My Worldview (Part 8)

Seminar 3: "Mission on the Fields" by Tony Oguoma

- i. The Big Picture
- ii. Understanding the Calling in the context of Matthew 28:19, 20.
- iii. Grace or Grass: Growing in Christ while on Mission
- iv. Reaching out in a Post-modern World: Prior to Mission
- v. Reaching out in a Post-modern World: While on Mission
- vi. Reaching out in a Post-modern World: Post Mission
- vii. Let's be Real: How Can We Do It?
- viii. Revolution in World Missions

Seminar 4: "Dating (Before Marriage)" by Sunday Audu

- i. What is Christian About Dating and Courtship
- ii. From Dating to the Altar
- iii. Dating Relationships with Unbelievers
- iv. Matched or Mis-matched? The Importance of Compatibility
- v. Burning but not Burnt - Setting the Boundaries
- vi. Resolving Conflicts in your Relationships
- vii. Ministry Involvement while Dating
- viii. Is Singleness an Option?

Seminar 5: "After Marriage" by Philemon Amanze

- i. Biblical Foundation of Marriage and Family
- ii. Role of Courtship in Marriage Preparation
- iii. Developing Greater Intimacy in Marriage
- iv. Marriage Inventory - Who is your Spouse
- v. Shaping the Next Generation for Marriage
- vi. What to do with your lips in a Relationship
- vii. God Hates Divorce: But...
- viii. On Making your Home a Little Heaven on Earth



Seminar 6: "Difficult Themes in Daniel and Revelation" by Louis Torres

- i. Silence in Heaven - Revelation 4
- ii. Silence in Heaven - Revelation 5
- iii. Silence in Heaven - Revelation 6
- iv. Silence in Heaven - Revelation 7
- v. Revelation Reveals the Secret of Death (Part 1)
- vi. Revelation Reveals the Secret of Death (Part 2)
- vii. Revelations Rebirth and Renewal (Part 1)
- viii. Revelations Rebirth and Renewal (Part 2)



Seminar 7: "Reaching the Highest Ranks of Society: The Wealthy, Worldly and Well-Educated" by Samuel Koranteng-Pipim & Godswill T.K. Mensah

- i. Through the Eye of the Needle
- ii. Go Ye into the World of the 3Ws
- iii. The Sheep or the Shepherd
- iv. Properly-Baited Hooks (How to Catch Big and Bigger Fishes)
- v. Gifted Heads, Hearts & Hands (Developing Qualities and Skills to reach the 3Ws)
- vi. The 3Ws and the 3Ls (The Lonely, Lost & Least)
- iii. Reaching the Ranks of Society
- iv. Testimonies, Questions and Answers

Seminar 8: "The Importance of SOP - Understanding the SOP Writings" by Robert Bonsu

- i. The Memoir of Ellen White and her Call to Prophetic Ministry
- ii. Revelation 19:10 and the Prophetic Work of Ellen White
- iii. Relationship between the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy
- iv. Debunking Misconceptions on Ellen White's Writings
- v. Understanding the Writings of Ellen White
- vi. Relevance of SOP Writings for all Ages
- vii. Using Ellen White's Writings to Labour for Souls - Part 1
- viii. Using Ellen White's Writings to Labour for Souls - Part 2



PROFILES OF SEMINAR SPEAKERS

MEC 2015 with experienced local and international speakers from different backgrounds who took time to study and share from the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy writings, relevant SDA church policies and documents, as well as other Biblically-sound resources.

The following are the profiles of the Speakers:

International singer and speaker **Christian Berdahl** is renowned for his rich, powerful voice and stirring, Biblical messages. For more than a decade, Christian has been blessing audiences the world over with beautiful, God-honoring music that lifts hearts and minds, bringing them to the foot of the cross. Rescued from a life of abuse and hardship, Christian was miraculously lifted "out of the pit" by a merciful Savior and led into a ministry of praise. Christian is the founder of Shepherd's Call, a ministry dedicated to sharing the gospel through heavenly music, Bible-based messages and Christian media production. His moving testimony through word and song will strengthen your walk with God and inspire you to a deeper faith. Christian resides in Edgewood, New Mexico, USA, with his wife Coby and their two sons, Tyler and Micah.

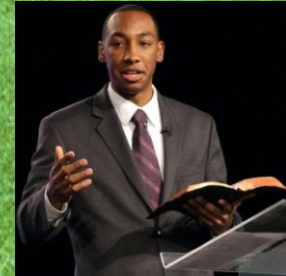


Tony Ogouma is a young evangelist who is passionate about reaching out to people. He is currently taking his MA in Biblical and Theological Studies at the Adventist University of Africa (AUA). He is the leader of a French speaking movement of young people across West and Central Africa which aims at preparing Africa for the second coming of Jesus. With his practical experience as an international evangelism, he travels across the World to share the Gospel and also to train people on evangelism. He wrote a book entitled "Take up the Challenge" which has, by the Grace of God, challenged and inspired a lot of young people. Tony believes that "the only solution of our World is the second coming of Jesus, hence let us do our best to hasten it through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit."

Philemon Omerenma Amanze is a professor of Comparative Religion and Church Ministry. For some three decades, he had served as at various levels within the Seventh Day Adventist Movement as a local grass root pastor and Church Ministries Director among others. He is currently ministering as pastor, teacher as well as the Director of the Ellen White- SDA Research Centre. Babcock University, Nigeria. Some of his books include: Welcome Courtship- How to please God as you Prepare for Marriage; Holy Spirit Faithful Guide; Victorious Christians Live and Grow in Christ; Preaching the Everlasting Gospel in Today's World; African Traditional Medicine; 101 Questions Youths Ask on Dating, Courtship and Marriage; Give me Children (which he co-authored with his wife). He is married to Ruth Chinkata Ogechikanma and they are blessed with a son, Joseph Chizaramekpere.



Sebastien Braxton is the CEO for 3AMD Group, a mobile, web, and streaming development company. He engages many in the world through his website, www.sebastienbraxton.com, by a blog focused upon manhood and podcast on relationships called *Advising Love*. He is also one of the founders of R3 Inc, a think tank that seeks to create opportunities for youth to serve in meaningful ways around the world. He has served as the general vice-president for GYC. He is the former program director for **CAMPUS** and the founder of **STRIDE**, public campus ministry training programs in Michigan and Boston respectively. Sebastien is a radical young preacher that seeks to open God's heart through the scriptures and the Adventist end-time message. He is happily married to Candis with their three children, Naphti, Zenon, and Merari.



Pastor Louis Torres [DMin] - Pastor, Evangelist, International Lecturer, Musician, Author, and Administrator. For the last 4 plus decades he has been using his God-given talents to share Christ throughout the world. As a trainer, he has trained hundreds to become effective soul winners, pastors, Bible workers, and Evangelists. His authored books are: *Gaining Decisions for Christ*, *Great Stories For Gaining Decisions*, *Bothersome and Disturbing Bible Passages*, *Left Behind or Sincerely Taken*, *Demons or Angels*, *Elsa*, *Christ the Angel*, *Christ in the Heart of the Earth*, *The Holy Spirit*, and *Women Pastors, Why Not?* His wife Carol and he are Co-founders of Mission College of Evangelism from which have sprouted other schools such as AFCOE (Amazing Facts School of Evangelism), *ARISE*, *LIFE*, Switzerland Mission College, Germany's *JOSIA* School of Evangelism, and other European and African branches. He is presently the president of Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-day Adventist.

Prior to becoming a Christian, he spent 8 years in show business performing with such groups as the Vampires, and the world famous, *Bill Haley and the Comets*.

Robert Osei-Bonsu is a PhD educated and extensively experienced University Education Leader, with a pre-eminent reputation for successfully supporting the achievement of strategic aims and driving sustainability. Skill set includes: leadership and management expertise; extensive academic achievements; a diverse publication record; and considerable teaching experience. An inspiring and engaging individual who is verifiably able to coach and instill confidence in colleagues, stakeholders, and students. Area of professional specialism is religion and theological studies. A committed Christian who has actively engaged with the religious community throughout career, integrating faith and learning in various roles, and is regularly invited to present at seminars and conferences. An ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Rector of Valley View University, Techiman Campus. He is married to Margaret, and they are blessed with three children.



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



Samuel Koranteng Pipim (born December 10, 1957) is a US-based Ghanaian author, speaker, and theologian. Trained in engineering and systematic theology, he based his office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where, up until 2011, he ministered to students, faculty, staff at the University of Michigan. He has authored and co-authored more than a dozen books. He has spoken around the world at events for youth, students, and young professionals. He helped begin and has sat on the Board of Directors for the Generation of Youth for Christ organization (GYC), a revival movement of Seventh-day Adventist youth in North America. He resigned his ministerial credentials in May 2011 and requested to be disciplined according to church protocol.

3. PLENARY SESSIONS

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

Music: Music was a major highlight of the plenary session with different group and individuals edifying the audience with inspiring music. The DLEA chorale is a special musical group from Ghana that ministered in songs to the audience. The MEC choir also featured severally during the programme as well as other talented individuals in music and instrument. This was a high point at the venue as the melodious strains of hymns attracted many other guests and staff of the hotel to the hall. For many participants, worshipping together where prayer, sound teaching, and miraculous testimonies were combined with such heavenly music as was made at the conference provided the experience of a lifetime for them.



Ministry Spotlights: The plenaries were also used to spotlight the activities of mission-oriented ministries like sister ALIVE chapters within Africa, as well as local ministries within Nigeria. Through interviews and direct presentations, these segments helped facilitate earnest soul-searching for many participants who reported evaluating themselves to assess what they've done with the talents and opportunities that God has given them in the past. The impact of listening to the deep confidence and conviction with which those directly engaged in the hard work of many of these ministries cannot be disputed. Young, vibrant, godly and gutsy professionals whose lives have been sold to mission and ready to go anywhere the Lord will send them. Perhaps, getting to meet these other professionals and learn of their involvement in ministry helped more than any other part of the program to get participants to commit to increased usefulness in the Lord's work.

Bro Samson Fatola anchored this aspect and two brothers from our previous mission site share the experience of their conversion and conviction from Sheria (Kogi state) and Oniticha-Olona (Delta State)



4. DOOR TO DOOR OUTREACH

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

Sabbath lunch was packed, and buses were already waiting by the time the divine service was over. Series of tracts and booklets such as "The mark of the beast", "God's promises", "Pope in Prophecy", "Signs of the times" and several other revealing tracts were shared in over 1000 homes in the city of Lagos. Prayers were offered for those homes and the word of God was shown.



Logistics, security, and comportsment details were taken care of by Bus Coordinators and off they were dispatched in twos. What a blessing to take the message of hope to the hearts of many!

The exercise lasted two and a half hours, but the impact, according to some participants, transformed them for life. It broke the jinx of fear for some of those for which it was a first experience. Some others were reminded of the

spiritual hunger in the world waiting to be filled with the right nourishment. Even the experienced hands were not left out of the joy of sharing the message of a loving God with new people.

5. EXHIBITIONS

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



6. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

Saturday evening was a time to recount the Lord's blessings since the start of the conference. Aside from the individual testimonies that were shared from the stage, participants were dressed in their traditional attires and presented songs of praises in local dialects representing the different regions of Nigeria. Even the international Speakers were not left out of this segment as they were all dressed in traditional Nigerian outfits. It was a time of joyful praise for all.



7. APPRECIATION

While in the mood of praise and thankfulness, plaques of appreciation were presented to some of those who helped to make MEC 2015 a reality. The Patron - Dr. Pipim - appreciated all the speakers, the ALIVE Nigeria President, and some others. It was a time of gratitude to God and man for blessings enjoyed.



8. PRAYERS

Another highlight of the program was the prayer session. A time was set aside on a daily basis for united prayers. There was also a prayer room opened from 8am to 8pm where participants that had a burden could go and pour out their heart to God along with other prayer team standing the gap as intercessors.

On that night the crawling night of the prayer, a special prayer session was held for different groups of people, the single, the married, and the waiting mother's, etc.



9. CLOSING CHARGE

The closing charge was given by Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim. He challenged all delegates using 12 nuggets that would make effective missionaries in today's complex and dynamic world. He assured the delegates that there would be many in the road to bring discouragement and distraction in the mission to which all have been called, adding that despair must never set in; because a wounded eagle still remain an eagle. He concluded by admonishing the delegates to brace up with courage and finish the work.

10. TESTIMONIES

First-time attenders and Non-Adventists were called upon to give testimonies, and they heartily shared the blessings they had derived from coming for the programme. One Non-Adventist testified of how God corrected the impression she had always had about the Adventists being a cult group, and another also declared for the Lord through baptism.



ALIVE-NG has been a huge blessing to me. For the just concluded MEC, I have been thinking of how the issue of finance can be better managed back in my conference. God made it clerer to me through the MEC program what I am to do. All I need to do now is to implement it. Glory be to God in the highest. **JEFFERY EBHOS**

During MEC my mum sent me this request" For three days my knee can't allow me move around. Please tell God to take it away. I visited the prayer room and replied her thus afterwards: Psalm 106:1 – Rejoice in praise, you have been prayed for. Claim your healing in Faith!!!!. Then at exactly 8:30 pm. She replied saying "Yes God has answered your prayers. Hallelujah. Now I need Gods love to reign amongst your brothers. Our God is indeed a prayer answering God. He heard me speedily from the prayer room. **GOODLUCK AKUDO**

My experience at MEC was one of the best moments of my life. I really wish we didn't have to leave. I saw a new set of zealous young professionals who were very committed in spreading the gospel. I loved almost everything about the program. To mention a few things I was greatly inspired by the educative and enlightening seminars, innovative presentations, highly nutritious and delicious meals, lovely music, burden lifting prayers, heartwarming smiles everywhere, diligent workers and executives, time consciousness, meeting new people who are on the same track with me and the presence of God at the program is beyond what I can describe. My purpose on earth was further buttressed at MEC and how I can go about achieving it. I was very delighted I attended.

OLUWATOBILOBA OGONTIMEHIN



MEC 2015 was a sincere blessing to me even as a first timer. Brother Sebastien made my stay a life changing one and my choice of songs has been greatly influenced. I praise God for not missing a programme of this sort.

OLAYINKA IFAYEMI MOSES

I joined ALIVE-NG for the August 2014 Mission in Kogi State, and ever since then, the joy of ministry has not ceased in my heart. I constantly feel the desire to study my Bible more, pray more, and witness more, and the transformation to my life has been progressive. I heard about MEC 2013 and the transformation it brought to the hearts of many when I joined ALIVE in 2014, and I vowed not to miss the next conference. Gladly, I came, I witnessed, and it far exceeded my expectations: the seminars, the speakers, the prayer, the unity and love - it just feels so warm. My life has been changed forever, and I will do my best to transfer the transformation that I have experienced into the hearts of others.

EMMANUEL C. OGU

As a recent convert of the SDA Church, I found deeper conviction in the Word of Truth by the virtue of the various teachings that came with MEC'15. My favorite session was a seminar on The Three Angels' Messages, which I believe are some of the most poignant Bible caveats sent to mankind in this age of error, confusion and sin. It, in essence, forms the bedrock of the Church and why the latter must acknowledge God as sole monarch of the universe and all powers that be within it. This, for me, was interesting spiritual enlightenment like no other. I am a better Christian-messenger today for it.

OLUDIPE SAMOEL



MEC'15 was an eye opener, ever before the program I had always been on the cross road and have found it difficult to accept the truth that was clearly before me. I always had an excuse as to why it should not be but after the program there was absolutely no excuse I could give again. One of my favorite session was The Three Angels messages with pastor Sabastien, and I also want to thank God for all the preachers he used to share his word and pray God blesses them mighty. I pray he gives me the courage to stand for him even though the heavens' fall and give me the boldness needed to take a stand. MEC'15 is a program I wouldn't mind to attend all over again.

OKUNUGA ADEBISI

COMMITTEES, DEPARTMENT & CREW

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

I. REGISTRATION / SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT

Members:

1. Ebere Nwachukwu
2. Promise Aaron
3. Solomon Israel
4. Ajie Adaeze
5. Nwaobilor Benjamin
6. Chidi Onwumere
7. Peter Caleb

(Head of Dept.)

Task Assigned:

1. To work alongside Ushering, Accommodation, & Security departments to complete registration of conference attendees.

Task Accomplished:

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



2. USHERS / GREETERS



Members:

1. **Ogechi Macaulay**
(Head of Dept.)
2. **Oguntimeyin Tobi**
3. **Emmanuel Inzinto**
Sambo
4. **Amalaha Gift**
5. **Franklyn Emina**
6. **Amaji Hope**
7. **Kozor Faithful Zigabel**
8. **Nwaobilor Benjamin/**
Lazarus Abigail
9. **Thompson Joyce**
10. **Woaisu Benjamin**
11. **Ugorji Ben**
12. **Onah Blessing**

Task Assigned:

1. **Ensure delegates were of good standard and maintained decorum**
2. **Encourage speakers and delegates Interactions**
3. **Locking doors when its time for programs**
4. **Smile at everyone all the time**
5. **Arrange chairs in the halls before the seminars**
6. **Close the Marriage / Relationships Seminar hall after 10 mins**



3. **FOOD COMMITTEE**

Members:

1. **Ogbebor Shedrack (Head)**
2. **Isaac Nyizogembi**
3. **Abakwue Patrick**
4. **Sarah Williams**
5. **Onyechi Victoria Nkechi**
6. **Lazarus Afininiki**
7. **Ruth Sambo**
8. **Ataene Julia Spurgeon**
9. **Kasarachi Amaji**
10. **Jully Ogbonna**

11. **Ajiroghene Happiness**
12. **Patience Samson**
13. **Joy Chibuzo**

Tasks Assigned:

1. **Verify that food is ready before time**
2. **Ensure that people don't eat without meal tickets**
3. **Directing people to tables**
4. **Ensure everyone eats within the allotted time for meals**
5. **Ensure the guest speakers eat**
6. **Planned for proper co-ordination of food service at meal times for participants.**



5. TECHNICAL CREW

Members:

1. **Osayande Emmanuel**
2. **Eric Ewaensiha**
3. **Matthew Ezra**
4. **Egelibe Jonathan**
5. **Toby Fawehinmi**
6. **Louis Ifiok**
7. **Chuks Onwumelu**
8. **Sunday Asindi**
9. **Ifeanyi Okorie**



10. **Rume Siemuri**
11. **Tope Dada**

Tasks Assigned:

1. **Facilitated a hitch-free setup of the audio system.**
2. **Ensured a good/clear audio and video recording of all proceedings.**
3. **Projected all relevant information during programs, e.g. songs, bible texts, etc.**
4. **Setting-up before seminars**
5. **Transfer and editing of audio recording**
6. **Burning CDs / Duplication**
7. **Projection of presentation in all the seminar halls**
8. **Produced audio-visual recordings of the conference for participants to go home with.**



4. PLATFORM / TIMEKEEPERS

Members:

- 1. Dikachi Efulobi**
- 2. John Samson**
- 3. Ikoro Sylverline**
- 4. Enendem Emmanuel**
- 5. Cyril Efre**
- 6. Benita Amos**
- 7. Daniel Asomeji**

Tasks Assigned:

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



6. ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

Members:

- 1. Onah Favour**
- 2. Ubuka Jethro Zakaria**
- 3. Ahuchaogu Chiamaka Darlineride**
- 4. Ataene Julia Spurgeon**
- 5. Ogbemor Shedrack**
- 6. Harry Ozoemena**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Put sign posts around the venue selected, Placed banners in front of the venue, Label road map to lecture rooms**
- 2. Collecting room keys during departure, verifying that the rooms are ok**
- 3. Leading people to their rooms on arrival**
- 4. Arranged lecture rooms, platform, venue security and prayer room**

7. WATER COMMITTEE

Members:

- 1. Gladstone**
- 2. Goodness Omu**
- 3. Esther Chikwendu**
- 4. Prince Ogbonna**
- 5. Lazarus Mary Noroh**
- 6. Simon Stul**
- 7. Agbazi Blessing**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Take care of the halls, ensure its neat**
- 2. Picking up empty bottles and disposing them properly**

8. SANITATION CREW

Members:

- 1. Kudirat Owolabi**
- 2. Akusun John Samson**
- 3. Iliya Jonathan**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Keep the environment around the venue and halls clean**

9. SECURITY

Members:

- 1. J.D Ibrahim**
- 2. Nachility Moses**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Enforce Lights-out**
- 2. Ensure people don't loiter around during the program**

10. EVANGELISM

Members:

- 1. Promise Ndah**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Plan for, and coordinate all evangelical outreach activities.**

I 1. SPEAKERS' AIDS

Members:

- 1. Sunday Samuel**
- 2. Sambo Kiyani Obed**
- 3. Innocent Amon**
- 4. Ugorji Ben**
- 5. Enyioko Uzochi M.**
- 6. Caleb Peters**
- 7. Judith Peresindo**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Attend to each speaker and ensure that they are always ok**
- 2. Carry their materials to and fro the Seminar halls**

I 2. PRAYER TEAM

Members:

- 1. Ikoro Precious Uche**
- 2. Ebhoremen Jefrey**
- 3. Kashem Ruth**
- 4. Mercy Okorie**
- 5. Deborah Obeten**
- 6. Queen Autimashih**
- 7. Enyioko Uzochi M.**
- 8. Uloma Amadi**
- 9. Charles Owoseni**
- 10. Aniefiok Udoakang**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Coordinate the prayer room, 1 hr per person**

13. REPORTING TEAM

Members:

- 1. Benita Amos**
- 2. Emmanuel Ogu**
- 3. Jemimah Ekuku**
- 4. Oluwatobiloba Adesuyi**
- 5. Treasure Udede**
- 6. Olayinka Moses Ifayemi**
- 7. Oludipe Samuel**

Tasks Assigned:

- 1. Take highlights of all plenary sessions**
- 2. Take highlights of all seminar sessions**
- 3. Ensure that the right photographs are taken**
- 4. Prepare and send a detailed report of the event**

VENDORS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Venue

Hotel Bellissimo,
Lekki-Epe Expressway,
Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria.

Graphics & Print Work (Program
booklets, Jotters, Pens, Posters,
Flyers, Banners, T-Shirts, etc)

Food

Water

Transport

Interior Décor / Stage / Backdrop

Audio-Visuals

ALIVE NIGERIA NATIONAL EXECUTIVES

Job Function

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 Secretary
 Treasurer
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 VP Communications
 VP Programming
 VP Logistics
 VP NNUM
 VP WNUM
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Many organizations also supported ALIVE Nigeria morally and with prayers to make MEC 2013 a successful reality. These organizations are listed here as sign of our appreciation of their kind gesture.

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Start Year
Mission, vision, Activities
Area of jurisdiction....
Webpage/contact details

ENUM

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Area of jurisdiction....
Webpage/contact details

ALIVE Ghana

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JAFa Afrique



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IMPACT Zambia

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EXODUS

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A.L.E.R.T! Full Name: A Life-giving Eternal Resource of Truth
Description:

-Fully-registered health and lifestyle foundation.

-Supporting ministry of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
Start Year:

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Wednesday, September 23

12:00PM	- 5:45PM	Arrival/Registration/Settling in
5:45PM	- 6:45PM	Dinner
6:45PM	- 9:05PM	Evening plenary and keynote address
9:05PM	- 10:20PM	Reflections/Committee meetings

Thursday, September 24

5:30AM	-6:00AM	Personal Devotion/ Wash-up
6:00AM	- 7:30AM	Breakfast
7:30AM	- 9:00AM	United Prayer/Morning Devotion
9:00AM	- 10:05AM	Seminar 1
10:10AM	- 11:15AM	Seminar 2
11:15AM	- 1:00PM	PLENARY 2
1:00PM	- 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM	- 3:00PM	Exhibition Hall/Personal time
3:00PM	- 4:05PM	Seminar 3
4:10PM	- 5:15PM	Seminar 4
5:15PM	- 6:00PM	Networking Session
6:00PM	- 6:45PM	Light food
6:45PM	- 8:45PM	PLENARY 3
8:45PM	- 9:30PM	Evening Devotion

Friday, September 25

5:30AM	-6:00AM	Personal Devotion/ Wash-up
6:00AM	- 7:30AM	Breakfast
7:30AM	- 9:00AM	United Prayer/Morning Devotion
9:00AM	- 10:05AM	Seminar 5
10:10AM	- 11:15AM	Seminar 6
11:15AM	- 1:00PM	PLENARY 4
1:00PM	- 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM	- 3:00PM	Exhibition Hall/Personal time
3:00PM	- 4:05PM	Seminar 7

4:10PM	- 5:15PM	Seminar 8
5:15PM	- 6:00PM	Networking Session
6:00PM	- 6:45PM	Light food
6:45PM	-8:45PM	PLENARY 5
8:45PM	-9:30PM	Evening Devotion

Saturday, September 26

5:30AM	-6: 00AM	Personal Devotion/ Wash-up
6:00AM	- 8: 00AM	Breakfast
8:00AM	- 8: 45AM	United Prayer/Morning Devotion
8:45AM	- 9:35AM	Sabbath School
9:35AM	- 11:15AM	Sabbath Highlights
11:15AM	- 1:00PM	Divine Service
1:00PM	- 2:00PM	Lunch and tracts distribution
2:00PM	- 5:30PM	Sabbath Evangelism
5:30PM	- 6:35PM	Personal Time/Light Food
6:35PM	- 8:05PM	PLENARY 6
8:05PM	- 9:05PM	Closing Charge
9:05PM	- 9:35PM	Prayer session

Sunday, September 27

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

THEME SONG

1. **To the work! To the work! We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our master has trod,
With the balm of His counsel, our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might, what our hands find to do.**

Refrain:

**Toiling on, Toiling on, Toiling on, Toiling on
Toiling on, Toiling on, Toiling on, Toiling on
Let us hope and trust, Let us watch and pray
And labour till the master come.**

2. **To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed;
To the fountain of life, Let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner, our glory shall be
While we herald the tidings, Salvation is free.**
3. **To the work! To the work! There is labour for all
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the love of our father exalted shall be
In the loud swelling chorus; salvation is free**
4. **To the work! To the work! In the strength of the Lord;
And a robe and a crown shall our labour reward
When the home of the faithful, Our dwelling shall be
And we shout with the ransomed; Salvation is free**

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