

ALIVE-Nigeria

ALIVE AGAIN! OREROKPE Mission Report

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More Mission Opportunities... November 6-20, 2011

From the 6th through the 20th of November, a total of 31 young and smart graduates, students and professionals, found their way to Orerokpe, Delta state to join in the mission to souls there. Orerokpe, as part of the communities in the Delta region of Nigeria, has a history of adherence to various forms of staunch spiritism.

Orerokpe can better be described as a small community filled with intelligent minds that would appreciate truth when it is told. So with a daily training in giving out Bible studies, volunteers were equipped to go door to door preaching the truth and setting the citizens free. ALIVE-Nigeria and the mission team carried out daily bible studies with far more than 50 individuals in various homes, streets and shops. Alongside the daily witnessing, the team was opportune to have rigorous revival/training on the Bible doctrines.

At the end of the evangelism, 12 souls were baptized into the church with several others still in the valley of decision. Please read on to have an idea of how the Lord used willing youth to move His work forward here in Nigeria. ALIVE-Nigeria profoundly appreciates the efforts of all those who have been supportive of this missionary outreach. May the Lord bless you.



OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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

ALIVE-Nigeria Orerokpe

It all started from one man's zeal to give back to a community that at some point affected his life positively...Read more to know how!

ALIVE-NIGERIA

From the President...

Orerokpe is situated in the very heart of Okpe kingdom, home to majority of the Urhobos, the most populous ethnic group in Delta state Nigeria. Much unlike our maiden mission to Ejesi, Orerokpe offered us a friendlier environment for our accommodation than Ejesi did. We also had a lot more volunteers (about 30 young people), walked on tarred roads and had a much better defined transport system, as opposed to walking several kilometres on muddy earth to our prospects, as it was at Ejesi. However, Orerokpe posed a different kind of challenge to us. Apart from its deep spiritism, we had to manage the very high expectation already generated from the success of Ejesi, as more young people wanted to be part of a growing grassroots movement like ALIVE.

Many things could have gone wrong during the mission, but God kept directing and leading us on by His great light, as it were, through a dark path. All glory to Him forever! Amen.

It was a delight for me to see young Seventh-day Adventists volunteers going out in twos and enthusiastically sharing the message of a Saviour who died to save us, to all who cared to listen. The Lord however blessed our efforts with 14 precious baptized souls with about 75 more having undergone Bible studies. We left some contacts with the local Church for a follow up, and hopefully more baptisms would come from their efforts. The Lord moves in miraculous ways indeed. Everyone left with a revived love for evangelism. For them, "Go Ye" of Mathew 28: 19 became more alive than ever.

Profoundly, I would like to say thank you to all who made the ALIVE-Nigeria' second mission to Orerokpe a huge success. From the Pastors who supported us all the way. Such as the EDC (Edo Delta Conference) President Pastor Pastor Senne-Aya Mike, for mobilizing the Pastors to be of great help to us, the EDC Secretary Pastor Gabriel Umhebaite, for his visit and logistical support and tract and Bibles. Pastor Augustine Akhaine for baptizing all who responded to the altar call. Pastor Ogolo (local church Pastor) for Logistics, mattresses, moral/spiritual support, and the use of the Church's facilities. Pastor Jonathan Ikhane, of Effurun district church for donating food stuffs and cooking utensils and also tracts, Dr Amukele for providing the medical missionary team, Pastor Goodluck Ajuzie of DSC church, for the PA systems and stove for cooking, special thank you to the management (Mr Bofy Segun Idiodi), of Alvina's model school for the invitation to come to Orerokpe and for the buses (Transportation), catering, electrical, logistics etc. Elder and Mrs Idiodi, for their moral/spiritual support as well as the donation of a well to the community. Also Edafe, Sylvester, Anita and Saturday for offering various services including lending us their home for the period of the mission.

The year 2012 will offer us more exciting challenges and God willing, He Himself will see us through it all. With two missions already, the prospects and expectations are already higher. My prayer is that God's will be done in our lives. Amen.

Regards,

Paul Ogaga,

President, ALIVE-Nigeria



About Orerokpe...

Okpe is a kingdom in Delta State, Nigeria. Its capital is Orerokpe. The Okpe kingdom was established as early as the 17th century. It has a traditional ruler with the title Orodje of Okpe. The Okpe people are known to have migrated to found the present day Sapele and the Orodje of Okpe still exercises authority over the land of Sapele.



ALIVE-Nigeria Meets Orerokpe...?

With a sense of urgency as to the times in which we live, certain persons burning with fervid zeal to move the gospel further have teamed up to spread the good news of the present truth in ways best defined by them. One of such persons is Mr Bofy Oreyole Segun Idiodi. Orerokpe 2011 would have not seen the light but for his initiative to give back to a community that at some point affected his life positively. It all started as an idea for mere community service i.e furnishing of the Orerokpe public library.

Bofy thought to partner with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Nigeria in this project, thus he moved down to discuss the matter with the ADRA director, Mrs Olutomi Daniel whose office is at Ile-Ife, Osun State. On getting to Ife, Mr Bofy found out that some old time friends of his now at the forefront of an evangelistic/ mission group called ALIVE had partnered with ADRA and were out working in some remote village called "Ejesi". Hoping to make the best of the situation(opportunity), he held talks with both the ADRA directors and the president of ALIVE-Nigeria, Mr Paul Ogaga.

ALIVE-Nigeria executive meetings were held and Mr Bofy was invited on one of the occasions where meticulous planning was carried out. Dates were fixed and strategies to effectively and efficiently set Orerokpe ALIVE for Christ were put in place. Cost evaluations, accommodation and location logistics were concluded.



In Comes...ADRA and Orerokpe...

To the glory of God, ADRA moved into Orerokpe on the 30th of October and left on the 3rd of November. They were able to achieve their goals which included:

⇒ Improving/upgrading the quality and quantity of the books in the state library through the proper channels (The commissioner for higher education, the director of library services, the CIE, the Oroje of Okpe kingdom, the community chairman, the principals, teachers and pupils of 5 secondary and primary schools in the community)

⇒ To throw more light and emphasis on the mission of the SDA church in the development of hearts and minds. To bring to light her broad involvement in educational, medical and many other humanitarian services of the church

⇒ Also to make the people understand that ADRA and the church are willing to meet the needs of the sick, the poor, the handicapped, regardless of their belief and denomination

Then...Medical Team & Orerokpe...?

Alongside the ADRA team were the **medical missionaries** working to better the health of the Orerokpe community. They did wonderfully well. Free checkups were given and various persons were properly treated. The community learned the use of natural remedies to cure ailments.



ALIVE AGAIN... Orerokpe!

ALIVE members and volunteers finally come in on the 6th of November to start the spreading of the truth as presented by the word of God.

This is a summary of the main ALIVE-Nigeria team's evangelistic activity during its second mission trip to Orerokpe, Delta state from November 6th to 20th, 2011.

After an assessment visit to Orerokpe earlier in the month, the evangelism coordinator asked for the drafting in of more volunteers to assist cover a major part of the community.

Methodology

25 Volunteers arrived the mission venue on the first day, the 6th of November and the ALIVE-Nigeria members present quickly met and developed a plan on the way forward. They identified several tasks that needed to be carried out over the next 2 weeks and from amongst the volunteers, heads of the various department were chosen to be responsible for those assigned units.



reviewed together the history of ALIVE and the ALIVE members present re-emphasized the focus on its mission and vision so that no volunteer could be left confused.

Included in the day's activity was the essential bible study time where the fundamental doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church as supported by the Bible was carefully studied by every volunteer present. The study guide used was the "Steps To Life" Bible study material. Some of these were the lessons that we took out to study with families and residents of the community who for the most cases, were very willing to have a personal daily bible study. Other lessons were studied just to give the team a better grasp of the whys of some of our church' core doctrines e.g Daniel 9 and the Sanctuary message. As a part of our mission strategy, volunteers were grouped in twos to carry out personal Bible studies with interested people on the streets, in shops/stores and in homes all over the town of Orerokpe. The volunteers held bible studies with groups of interested people each day, often up to five groups, including one-on-one studies. Their effort to take the message out to people around was so successful as the majority of residents of that community were so eager to accept personal Bible studies. However, this led to the disappointment of volunteers when they discovered that just a few or none of their prospects attended the evening evangelistic meetings at the market square.

To guide and systematize the collection of information from the team of volunteers present, questionnaires were developed to use in our meetings and basic contact information about the volunteers were collected.

The first program to be held the next morning was a training workshop on techniques of personal evangelism and giving a bible study. This training workshop was merged with other programs of the day. Please see a typical mission day's schedule on page 9.

During the first 3 days of the team's arrival, the team

Many Thanks To....

- ❖ **Sylvester, Anita, Edefe, Saturday** – Logistics, Accommodation, Generator and general services
- ❖ **Alvina's Model School**– Buses, Catering, Shopping, Logistics, and Electrical services
- ❖ **Elder and Mrs Idiodi**– Borehole Water pump, Supplies, Moral/Spiritual support
- ❖ **Elder and Mrs Ogolo**– Logistics, Supplies, Moral/Spiritual support

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.

OR

Choose to register at

www.alivenigeria.net

WELCOME!

Daily Schedule each evening:

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

Community Service



ALIVE-Nigeria giving out donated items of clothing

As a part of our contribution to the welfare of the community we stayed in, ALIVE-Nigeria built some extra toilets and bathrooms partly for our use and for the use of the residents after we had gone. Some articles of clothing that had been contributed towards the mission were also distributed at the church venue after the service was over. The happy visitors had a great time picking their choices .



TESTIMONY
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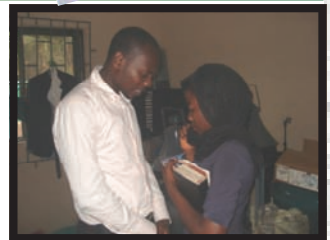
Where did the money go? Expenses

ALIVE-Nigeria is deeply grateful to all her donors for supporting this mission trip with their means. A full financial report will be made available on request. Please send your requests to info@alivenigeria.net.



2-by-2 Evangelism

The daily 2-by-2 evangelism session involved all the volunteers split into units of twos and sent out to have Bible studies around. This program, though challenging was most enjoyed by all. Everyday, before going out, the group studied a major bible doctrine and also considered possible questions that may arise from the studies with prospects. The "Steps to Life" Bible guide was used and the volunteers always prayed before and after moving out.



Baptism

To the glory of God, on the first Sabbath with the Orerokpe church, just after the sermon and divine service worship, 7 persons were baptized. With exceeding joy in our hearts, we praised God in chorus and afterwards took some photoshots before returning back to base. On the next Sabbath, to God's glory, 8 more people indicated for baptism and were baptized. On both occasions,

Pastor Augustine Akhaine was the ordained minister who conducted the baptisms.



The District Pastor of Orerokpe Church—Pastor Jonathan Ikhane played a very supportive role

Community Walk

In a bid to acquaint ourselves with the Orerokpe environs and people, two days after we arrived at Orerokpe, we took a walk to the local Seventh Day Adventist church building there, situated at #4 Oniore street. As we walked in a group, we sang songs of praises to God through the town. At the site, we offered prayers to God rededicating ourselves to Him to use us for His work.



More Thanks to...

- ❖ **Dr Samuel Amukele (African Medical Missionary Institute)** – For His team that carried out an excellent medical ministry and groundbreaking.
- ❖ **Effurun District Church** – Donation of canopy, food stuff, tracts e.t.c
- ❖ **D.S.C S.D.A Church** – Donation of Horn speakers, Mixer, industrial kerosene stove e.t.c

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Elder in charge of Orerokpe Church—Elder Ogolo and his entire family were very helpful

“There was so much to learn from every section and every hour of the day. I have never seen a large number of people very passionate about God. I loved this mission and this is where I want to be.”

—
Ogechi Emelogu

Departmental Report

Program/Platform Department



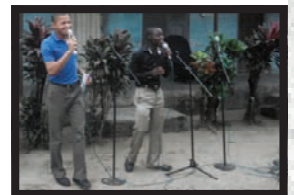
Daily Activities: Scheduling programs, allotting duration for scheduled activities, organizing and alerting the various coordinators of the divers programs. Ensuring smooth operations and finally anchoring the crusade proper.

Challenges faced: Coordinators keep exceeding their time duration, some programs along the line were either scraped or rescheduled

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. To the praise of our Master, "they can Smile anytime, anywhere."

Department Head: Nathaniel Soonest

Team Members: Brother David Ogbonna, Brother Kennedy Nyarko



"I'm a Catholic by faith...but I must say ADVENTISM for now to me is synonymous to TRUE CHRISTIANITY."

Ikechukwu Ojiako
Williams
(Chemical Engineer)

Music Department



Daily Activities: Directing the music, Teaching new hymns, Ensuring that only the music that reflects our beliefs and our identity is selected for the evangelism program e.t.c

Challenges faced: A pianist was hard to come by for a greater number of the days, We had cracked voices due to overwork and we had fewer team members than was anticipated/expected.

Testimonies: The Lord kept our voices and used us though feeble and weak; few and sometimes deficient in some skills. To Him be all the glory.

Department Head: Bro. Nnamdi Robert Ogidi

Team Members: Bro. Kennedy Nyarko, Sis. Doris U. Nwosu, Bro. Ezekiel C Nwaobasi



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)

Challenges faced: The team was sometimes difficult to organize because they were (most of the time) busy in some other department they had also been assigned to and sometimes, engrossed in one thing or another or very tired. Keeping up with the fixed time for prayers was 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: Bro. Godson Moses, Sis. Gift Nwachukwu, Bro. Martins Ojeabu, Sis Hope Iwuoha, Sis Modupe Adebusoye, Sis Nancy Imeh



Children Department

Daily Activities: This department was formed because we realized that the children paid little or no attention to the solid sermons given daily for the adults; As a result, they either made noise or walked about causing distraction. Below was the program we adopted daily to sow seeds in their lives for God.

- Opening prayer
- Songs
- Revision
- Lesson Introduction
- Animated Bible Stories (videos)
- Learn a new song/special songs
- Closing prayer

Challenges faced: It was my first time working with children and not just city children, they were from a small town (Orerokpe), I was afraid of what to speak and how to communicate but the Lord had His way. There were a few who didn't really understand English language. Learning songs proved very difficult too. Some of the kids came straight to the venue from school, this made them a little tired and I had to battle with keeping their attention.

Testimonies: The children were more intelligent than I thought. Their minds were so receptive and they loved everyday we met. God inspired us to type the songs on powerpoint, this made learning songs a lot easier. God also blessed us with some extra active people who helped excite the children and keep them awake and active. It was only God that gave us the grace to teach the kids some basic doctrines within the short time we spent together. May His name be praised. I thank God for using us and teaching us. It was wonderful working with Dami and teaching those kids, I'll so miss them.



Department Head: Ogechi Emelogu, Dami Adebuseye
Team Members: Bro. Soonest



ALIVE-Nigeria teaching the visiting children the principles of the laws of God

Interpretation Department

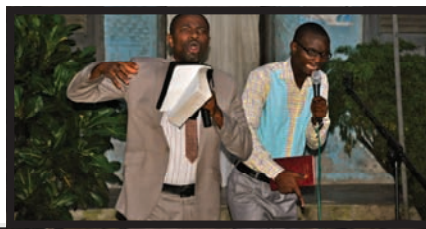
Daily Activities: Interpreting the messages from English to the native pidgin English.

Challenges faced: Not much challenges in this team. We did enjoy it!

Testimonies: The visiting friends and onlookers in shops and the market connected well with the daily messages delivered

Department Head: Bro. Immanuel Pastor

Team Members: Bro. Kennedy, Bro. Vincent, Bro. Chika



"My impression of this ALIVE-Nigeria concept: Purpose driven, Result oriented, Zeal and Passion filled!"

Gift Onyinye Nwachukwu
(Lawyer)

Sleeping Hall Department

Daily Activities: Sweeping, organizing and arranging the room, locking up.

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: Timothy James

Team Members: Sis. Esther Chijioke, Sis. Promise Amadi



Departmental Report Contd...

Technical Department



Daily Activities: Setting up the technical equipment for the evangelism and packing up at the end of the day's program. Arranging equipment after use.

Challenges faced: Not enough hands for setting up and packing up and some equipment were not working well.

Testimonies: The most needed equipment worked well through the program

Department Head: Gideon Ikpong

Team Members: Bro. David Ogbonna, Bro. Timothy, Bro Jeffery, Bro. Bright Oparah



TESTIMONY
"During our 2 by 2 evangelistic outing one sunny afternoon, we saw a snake moving towards us and suddenly, it turned around and went back. I thank God for His protection on us."
-
Bright Oparah

Evangelism Department

Daily Activities: Ensuring on-time movement and setting up of equipment, driving people to move to the venue, punctuality was sought daily.

Challenges faced: Accumulated stress and fatigue delayed setup time, Late attendance or no attendance by visitors and prospects, Mobility and transportation.

Testimonies: The speakers were directed towards the public market square. This caught the attention of many and helped to increase the attendance. In addition, the Lord held the rain all through the days of the evangelism while it poured heavily in other close villages.

Department Head: Godson Ikechukwu

Team Members: Modupe Adebuseye



Kitchen Department

Daily Activities: Planning meals and serving of food

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.

Testimonies: There was a day when the food prepared was clearly not enough for everyone. My assistant and I whispered a prayer before serving and to our amazement, the food went round everyone present and was satisfying.

Department Head: Martins Ojeabu

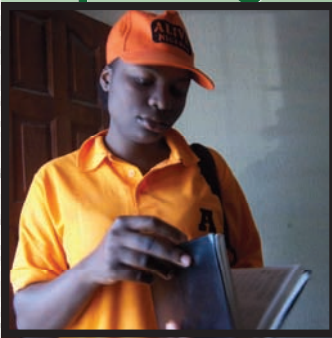
Team Members: Sis. Ogechi Emelogu



ALIVE-Nigeria Evangelism venue at the market square , Orerokpe



Reporting Department



Daily Activities: Writing the daily report of all activities carried out by the group

Challenges faced: Time to write reports; Being busy and involved in all programs made writing the report while the program was on, infact impossible. Remembering the details later was stressful.

Testimonies: We worked together harmoniously

Department Head: Gift Nwachukwu

Team Members: Bro. Bright Oparah, Bro. Soonest Nathaniel



ALIVE-Nigeria Evangelism venue at the market square , Orerokpe

Ushering Department

Daily Activities: Record taking, welcoming of visitors and prospects.

Challenges faced: Not much challenges as there were other willing volunteers to assist

Department Head: Esther Chijioko

Team Members: Sis. Promise, Bro. Ojiako



“ALIVE-Nigeria is a God-Sent team that whoever wants spiritual growth should join.”

Ezekiel Chika Nwoabasi

Program Schedule

Orerokpe Mission 2011 - Evangelism Program

Adapted Mission Programs-Table

	6th Sunday	7th Monday	8th Tuesday	9th Wednesday	10th Thursday	11th Friday	12th Saturday	13th Sunday	14th Monday	15th Tuesday	16th Wednesday	17th Thursday	18th Friday	19th Saturday	20th Sunday	
5:00-6:00AM	Devotion															
6:00-7:30AM	Training						Prepare for Sabbath worship/Baptism	Training						Consecration Message/Byes		
7:30-9:00AM	Washup							Washup								
9:00-10:00AM	Breakfast							Breakfast								
10:00-11:30AM	Bible Studies							Bible Studies								
11:30-2:30PM	2-by-2 Witnessing						Your Space	2-by-2 Witnessing								
2:30-4:00PM	Compulsory Siesta							Compulsory Siesta								
4:00-4:30PM	Lunch															
4:45-5:30PM	Evangelism Setup															
5:30-8:00PM	Evangelism															
8:00-9:00PM	Debrief of day's successes and failures															
9:00-10:00PM	Video Sermon/Bible Lecture from International speaker															
10:30-5:00AM	Lights Out!															

REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

Find below comments from some of those that were present at the mission field...

**Cyprian Nwasuka
(Agric/Mechanical Eng)**


ALIVE Nigeria – Vice
President (Evangelism)

6-11, November

I thought I was going for a village (rural) evangelism, something close to Ejesi Mission but it surprised me that Orokerpe is a suburban area (judging from our Nigerian standard). I was surprised by the number of volunteers - young people - present and ready for the mission. I often prayed for inspiration on right words to use and right way to conduct the programs in order to instill godly principles in the camp. The food was nice, well prepared by the church women and well managed by the two volunteers that were in charge. The accommodation was nice. The programs were interesting though there was little time for rest. There were a lot of things to do and I helped with some of them. I preached, taught at Bible study sessions, handled morning devotions, conducted prayer sessions, and ran evangelism training sessions for volunteers and ALIVE members. My favorite program was the Bible study session.

David Ogbonna Chitah(Student)


Volunteer

6th -15th November

When I came for the mission, I didn't know what the community looked like and so I was not free with the community. As the days went by, I felt more comfortable. I was surprised about the food quality; I found working for God very interesting and a great privilege. I did not really have much problems with my bed because I anticipated such kind. The two by two program was quite interesting. I liked this program because it makes everyone an evangelist. During the mission, I learnt more of the scripture, had a lot of experiences and learned about the character of others. I participated in co-ordinating the stage and programs for the mission. My favorite program was the Bible study time and the 2 by 2 evangelism program. In general, I came to the program without any knowledge of what ALIVE-Nigeria was and what their operation was also but what propelled me was that the program was mainly an evangelistic outreach. So far since I came on the 6th November, I have had a nice time in the area of spiritual growth. I also had another opportunity to practicalise once again, all the biblical information that I had accumulated over years by having an opportunity to share with others, the word of God (i.e through 2 by 2 outings). I must also commend ALIVE-Nigeria for upholding the biblical principles of Christianity (especially for Adventists) I saw once again another organization of the church that are strongly upholding the "Thus says the Lord" rather than the "traditions of men" or rather walking in Christian politics. I would like to say that if this is maintained, it could be a good agent for revolutionary changes not just for the church alone but for the rest of the world. Another area I want to commend ALIVE-Nigeria is in the area of humility amongst her members. For some of them that were around during the program, it was just something worth emulating. On this note, I want to say that I am ever ready as an instrument in other ALIVE-Nigeria programmes. ALIVE-Nigeria, Let's keep on being ALIVE..

Sam Sike Ezeunwa (Student)


Volunteer

6th-20th November

When I first came, I felt okay because the previous evangelism was almost like this one but I was afraid many of the volunteers were unserious and too distracted without a grasp of what this mission was really about. For me, the food was more than enough and just what I was looking for (i.e vegetarian meals); The work was just okay. It was not too much to make one weary and not too little to make us lose focus. On our sleeping condition, just like an evangelism should be, this is the only part I encountered some need for self denial with was a requirement for the program; The programs were enlightening, well packaged and attractive. Not too chocking; just the right amount for a day. During this mission, I have assisted in constructing the bathrooms and the male toilet, cleaning the room and environment, carrying equipment, moderating Bible studies, praying for the group privately, organizing the prayer team, trying to keep all minds conscious, sober and watchful and gave out private bible study. My favorite program was the 2 by 2 evangelism.

This is a great mission and it's just what I have been seeking. The latter rain should fall soon and this is what we should do to get ourselves prepared for the future and always be in touch with God. Great mission!!! I met wonderful people of like minds and even higher standards and good principles (ALIVE made this possible but God be Glorified). Hope by God's grace, there'll be more missions that I'll attend. I got baptized!!!! Amen.

Nnamdi Ogidi (Student)


Volunteer

6th-20th November

My first impression when I got here was an almost immediate understanding that there would be more comfort than I had earlier anticipated. About the food, it was easy to prepare, simple and delicious. And on the work, I was not underutilized and that made it interesting. My bed has been hard on my back but the programs were well focused on the best way to meet our needs. During this mission, I have been leading out in the music, Building/constructing bathrooms, toilets, clothes-lines e.t.c, Going for witnessing (door to door evangelism), distribution of fliers and tracts and studying my bible. My favorite programs were the Audio-visual sermons by Adventist preachers around the world that were played occasionally and the Bible Study time. In general, as I think of all the people that I have worked with during this mission, I have come to one simple conclusion. The Lord has raised us to finish His work, in His way.

Esther Chijioke (Student)


Volunteer

6th-11th November

I had a village setting in mind when I heard about the mission. The food was wonderful, the work was not enough, and the programs were godly. I assisted in the registration and ushering department.

**Kennedy Nyarko
(Student)**


Volunteer

6th-14th November

My first impression when I saw our accommodation was that it was nice. The objective of ALIVE mission until today, seemed vague. Clearer now...the slides were really inspiring. The bed has been okay so far and the programs have been fine. I've been reading spiritual books, trying to show concern to people, and interpreting. In general, I know ALIVE-Nigeria is a nice idea. It's really thoughtful of the founders and it's just what is needed at this day and age. The planning was really nice, the involvement of everyone was just excellent ('A'), the debrief session was just nice, the devotions was really inspiring and challenging because going back to our abode, it won't be business as usual. A really nice beginning because according to their slogan "This is not a time for fun". There is always room for improvement. KEEP IT UP ALIVE-NIGERIA.

REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN

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Temi Juliet Adebuseye (Student)

Volunteer

6th-14th November

My first impression when I got here was that volunteers were surprisingly much and I may have little to do. Over the next few days, the food was good, I still felt I'd not really been doing much work here, the beds didn't really matter much to me and the co-ordinators have been so receptive on new ideas and programs have been interesting. I've been trying to make others comfortable with me and contributing the little I can to programming department. I believe that ALIVE is an important part of the last day mission to the whole world. I'm happy I was a part of this ALIVE mission. The planning is good and unlike most missions, this absorbs and improves everyone by making them an active part of the mission. The Lord is with them and I pray and believe that they would never forget God's leading from the beginning and hence remain focused.



Nancy Imeh (Electrical/Computer Engineer)

ALIVE Nigeria- Communications Committee Member

6th-20th November

Seeing a crowd of youth on arriving at the venue was pleasantly surprising to me. I was greatly encouraged by the work on ground that had already been done in preparation for the mission. I had prepared my mind to accept anything offered but the food was really nice and certainly exceeded my expectation. Aside cleaning up our house/rooms, our most exerting physical activity was going out in twos to study the scriptures with interested families and individuals around, which to me was so much fun. Our other activities were mostly intellectually oriented i.e the Bible Study time, devotion. I enjoyed the work here. Having to squeeze in with other ladies and sleep each night as straight as a pole was not so funny but considering that the guys were initially sleeping on the hard floor, made me grateful for the soft mattress we (the ladies) were entitled to. All the programs were involving. I learned so much from the presenters and Bible studies. I looked forward to each program every day.

I assisted in distributing the different work roles to volunteers present, oversaw the flow of events during the course of the mission, led out in devotion, Bible studies, was a part of the prayer team, joined in the two by two. My favorite program was the 2-by-2 outing when we all had to share the scriptures with willing people in shops, houses and at the roadside. I praise God that I was a part of this successful mission outreach. We all felt the presence of God throughout the mission. Each program ministered to my heart and to see the zeal of other volunteers was also particularly encouraging to me. God did for me and we all much more than I expected..



Johnson Godbless (Student)

Volunteer

6th-14th November

While I was happy that I was a part of this evangelism, I was disappointed at the absence of the co-ordinators when I arrived. The food was okay even if further improvement will be well appreciated.. It was my greatest privilege working for God. I understand this is a place where comfort is not a priority so I was okay sleeping on a mat though it's been long I did that. The programs were not strange – rather, very welcome! While I was with the team, I had the privilege of playing the keyboard for the meetings every evening. I also helped out in some physical activities like setting up the chairs and parking up the equipment after the program. I helped with setting up the bathroom and the clothes line. I am thankful that I was part of the evangelism. I was impressed by the emphasis on biblical Christianity and the earnest desire to be part of the remnant who chose to stay true to the Spirit of Prophecy. I like the ideals of ALIVE and I'm thankful for the team of leaders. I give God thanks for strength and the willing heart He gave me. I would be most privileged if I could be a part of ALIVE missions in the future.



Bright Oparah Prince (Student)

Volunteer

6th-20th November

I was happily surprised on getting here. The food was okay in my opinion, the work was inspiring because this was my first time of doing this, the bed I slept on was a bit uncomfortable but the entire programs were actually encouraging. This was my first experience in attending such a program and my greatest challenge was not how to live with others or how to stay with them but how to evangelize for the first time in my life. Through the mission, I helped in the construction of the toilet and bathrooms and assisted the secretary and technical team. My favorite program so far was the 2 by 2 evangelism exercise. My general comment about ALIVE-Nigeria is that it has really been a medium of transformation in my life within the last two weeks I've spent with them!

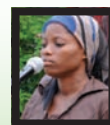


Kemi Ogunwale (Health Worker)

Volunteer

6th-13th November

I got here to find out that this was a town and not a village. The food here was very fine and tasty, the work has been so interesting, the bed is not too bad because the work of God isn't a bed of roses and the programs are spiritually okay. I assisted in washing plates, presenting the health talks, sweeping our room floors.



Gidion Ikpong (Physics/Computer)

Volunteer

6th-9th November

I was expecting a village setting when I heard about the Orerokpe mission. Over the next few days, the food was good. Also, there were so many interesting activities for me and I am happy I was involved in them all. I felt okay with what I slept on. Some of my interesting programs were the Bible studies, how we interact during debrief sessions and the two by two evangelism. The Bible study sessions were my best! As for my activities, I thank God that I worked with Him to fix things – technical and civil projects. Generally, I'm impressed about how God used everybody especially the volunteers to make this program a success.

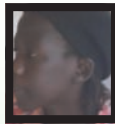


REFLECTIONS OF THE ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

Find below comments from some of those that were present at the mission field...

Damilola Adebuseye (Student)

Volunteer

6th-16th November

When I arrived, one of the first things I noticed was the commitment and optimism I saw amongst the leaders. Over the next few days, I thought the food was tasty despite the fact that there wasn't any meat or fish served. The work here for me was not stressful. My bed on the first night was quite uncomfortable but from the second night, it was much better. The preaching was inspiring, powerful and practical. The programs were well organized. While there, I discussed with committed volunteers, went on the 2-by-2 evangelism and contributed during the debrief sessions. I also worked with the children and assisted with the kitchen duties from time to time. My favorite program was the Bible study sessions. In general, the volunteers were gentle, humble and open to corrections given during the debrief session. The leaders were gentle and humble. Everyone had to make one sacrifice or the other and they did because they loved the Lord

Ikechukwu Ojiako Williams (Chemical Engineer)

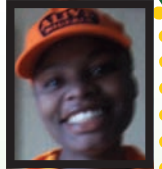
Volunteer

10th – 20th November

I had in mind attending a program that would keep me and my mind off the distractions of bad influence, but eventually, I got to Orerokpe and saw a different event; A wonderful event that honestly I pray I never will forget. ALIVE is sincerely giving LIVE to the lifeless. I am a "Catholic" by faith but staying with "Adventists" with supposedly unlike beliefs, doctrines and teachings which was unimaginable, felt so wonderful, educative, inspiring (Temi and Dami) and "life-changing". I really am grateful to ALIVE for putting this up; and I must say ADVENTISM for now to me is synonymous to TRUE CHRISTIANITY. During the mission, I assisted in the Ushering department, in the arrangement of chairs and in pumping water. The 2-by-2 program was my most favorite, even though I also always enjoyed the different sermons on the evangelism ground.

Gift Oyinye Nwachukwu (Lawyer)

Volunteer

6th-20th November

On arriving at the mission venue, I saw more people than I was told there were...I was surprised. The food was impressive to me, the work has been interesting and exciting, the bed was comfortable and I've been impressed and challenged by all the programs featured. While here, I've served as the secretary – keeping/writing the reports, I've worked with the prayer team and I've joined the 2-by-2 outreach. Other activities I've participated in have been packing equipment, sweeping, keeping the finances, anchoring the debrief sessions, giving the health talks, leading prayer sessions, leading the morning devotion and bible study. My favorite program was the 2-by-2 evangelism and Bible study. My impression of this ALIVE-Nigeria concept: Purpose driven, result oriented, zeal and passion filled...! More youth should be enlightened on the reason to be a part of such a program

Godson Ikechukwu Moses (Industrial Physicist)

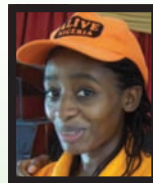
Volunteer

10th-20th November

On getting here, the warmth and teamwork I saw on ground made me feel at home and focused. Apart from the purging experience I faced, the feeding was very impressive. I found every duty objective and necessary. The bed was good for a missionary. So far, I was involved with assisting in the prayer team, moving technical equipment to the venue, setting up equipment, 2-by-2 outreach and carrying out the sanitation exercise. My favorite programs are the health talks and sermons. In general, I've learnt here that God has a mission for us and with humility and total submission, He'll empower us to do it. For ALIVE, may the Lord uphold you and give you strength to conquer more grounds with far reaching blessings. Amen

Ogechi Emelogu (Chemical Engineer)

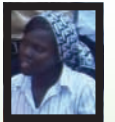
Volunteer

6th-20th November

On arrival, I saw polite and devoted men and women. Very active for God...like minds and I was happy. I didn't expect so much food. I truly can eat anything. I wish to be very or more humbled so I can work better; Serving God now seems very exciting. Where I sleep feels like sleeping or floating on clouds, it's so comfortable. I love the training sessions, the Bible studies and the sermons so far. I've assisted the team in organizing food, teaching the children and sometimes in the cleanup. I'm very willing to serve God more! There was so much to learn from every section and every hour of the day. Most of the volunteers were very godly and they all had something one could learn from them. I have never seen a large number of people very passionate about God. I loved this mission and this is where I want to be.

Blessing Alabi (Student)

Volunteer

6th-16th November

Seeing new faces at the mission house touched me. I desired to have a personal relationship with God. To me, the food was somehow tasteless-especially the stew and the work is good but I think we need to work harder, the bed I was using was not the best. I assisted in cleaning up the new house, serving food, taking the Bible reading, and my favorite program was the song service and health tips section. I also enjoyed the two by two and devotions too. I pray that as we keep on doing the work of God, He will continue to bless us all. I miss everybody

Hope Iwuoha (Student)

Volunteer

6th-16th November

My first impression was, "Where are the people?". The food was okay (palatable to me), working for God has been interesting, the house jobs were good, the programs have been 'sweet' and fun and though I slept on a mat, there were no problems. I've been working in the bathroom, toilet, washing of rooms and assisting in music.

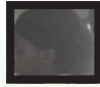
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Modupe Adebuso (Student)

Volunteer

6th-10th November



On getting here, I was glad we were staying in a flat compared to the village I was coming from also, there were so many unfamiliar faces. As the days went by, I felt the food was good except for the absence of tofu, the evangelism experiences were exciting and good (I liked my evangelism partners) though the sun was always so hot. Sleeping on a mat on the first night was better than the bed I was given. The bed wasn't so comfortable. I assisted the team in praying, Bible study, washing the room and evangelizing. In general, the programs were excellent, fun, enjoyable, interesting e.t.c... I especially enjoyed the two by two and the Bible study.

Soonest Nathaniel (Math/Computer Sci.)

Volunteer

6th-20th November



Homely was my first impression...Excellent food... Tasking and exciting work...I'm akin to the floor (loving it!)...Erudite scholars, zealous family, great experience. Throughout my stay, I've been constructing home utilities, evangelizing and anchoring programs. I swept at sanitation, joined the crew that set up the bathroom and plan programs. My favorite program were the devotions. I worked mainly with the Program/Platform committee. Generally, I found the mission fulfilling, Inspiring, enlightening and Soul uplifting.

Nwobasi Ezekiel Chika (Student)

Volunteer

6th-20th November



The town, environment (the apartment) and people I met, made a deep impression on me. The food is not too good but actually not too bad. The work is impressive; Since the men and women were not sleeping in the same hall, I personally had no problems with the sleeping plan and beds. I participated in the 2 by 2, singing, interpreting and setting up of equipment. The 2 by 2 evangelism was engaging and I loved the Bible Study too! In general, ALIVE-Nigeria is a God-Sent team that whoever wants spiritual growth should join.

Moses Ogochukwu (Evangelist)

Volunteer

10th-20th November



On my way here, I figured out that the direction I was given was wrong but I eventually found the venue. I was happy about seeing many other volunteers and was thankful for journey mercies. My favorite program was the Sabbath message, and some other messages like the State of the dead and the coming of Jesus. I also liked going on the 2 by 2 evangelism with my partner - Sis Kemi. I actively participated in turning on and off the generator, setting up chairs, parking up the equipment and I led the Bible study on one occasion. I like ALIVE-Nigeria and I thank God that I am one of them. ALIVE have come to stay and live forever.

Timothy James (Student)

Volunteer

6th-20th November



When I got here, I felt happy and comfortable meeting my brothers and sisters in Christ. The food to me was okay. I always feel happy working for God. The beds were okay and the programs were fantastic. I have been working to build toilets and bathrooms, working with the technical team to set up and clear evangelism equipments after use and overseeing the sanitation and care of the men's sleeping hall. My favorite program was the 2 by 2 evangelism. In general, I'll say that the mission is a good one in all spheres

Promise Amadi (Student)

Volunteer

6th-14th November



I was happy that the planning was okay and organized. Even if I never enjoyed any food here, I felt lifted working out there for Christ but there wasn't enough time. My bed was comfortable for me. I enjoyed the training and the Bible studies. The daily debrief sessions was to me, a wise activity. I participated by praying, making contributions, helping with the children and helping in the ushery department. I thank God for the program and for the theme "ALIVE Again Orokpe!". It was nice coming here...Kudos to ALIVE!

Emmanuel Pastor (Student)

Volunteer

7th-14th November



I saw the planning as superb. The food was good (just that I felt we were wasting sometimes), the work here has always been exciting, the programs were okay but the mat was a little too hard to sleep on, I had to sleep outside on the chair. I assisted by interpreting for the preacher, in the technicals and the music department.

Jeffery Ebomenon (Student)

Volunteer

7th-13th November

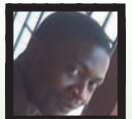


I was impressed with the kind of evangelism I met when I arrived at Orokpe. The dishes were doing perfectly well, there was not much stress about work and the programs were very educative and informative. Personally, I felt the programs at home were good but not too good because outreach was not as effective and I had to manage my sleeping mat which wasn't too good. During the mission, I took part in the arrangement of chairs first before I later volunteered to join the technical crew for three days. I co-ordinated the sanitation exercise for within and without. If there is any program anywhere or evangelism, do not hesitate to invite me. If I can, I will gladly attend.

Vincent Ogbeide Olokhile (Student)

Volunteer

14th-19th



The words I can only say about my impression is... the program was not what I thought it would be...I was really impressed! My stay was a blessing for me for it helped me to learn so much and understand what the Sabbath really is. In the food area, I'll say it needed a little improvement. About the work, I'll say I did my part as the Spirit directed and the working organization was okay. The beds were impressive but I think more should be provided for future outings. The programs were okay and nice. The 2 by 2 outing was my favorite program. In general, all things went well.

REFLECTIONS: ALIVE-AGAIN TEAM...

Find below comments from some of those that were present at the mission field...

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**VP Logistics
EMEKA OKORO**



Doris Uloaku Nwosu (Student)

Volunteer

6th-17th November

I worked in the visual display department (projecting and computer unit) and singing crew. I loved the preaching and the preachers. I liked the health talks, the Bible study section and some other programs. I liked the music section too. I assisted the team by being able to sweep the rooms, share food, wash plates, pluck leaves for green juice.

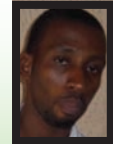


Martins I Ojeabu (Student)

Volunteer

66th-20th November

During the mission, I served in the Kitchen and Prayer department and participated in the planning and serving of food. I also went 2-by-2 with others on evangelism. My favorite program was the de-brief sessions held. In general, the program has improved my life and made me humble.



Adindu Prince (Electrical Engineer)

Volunteer

6th-10th November

was very happy the way we were received. After the first dinner, I was prepared for a tight stomach. I was impressed about the quality of the food and I'm so excited about working for God. The beds were unexpected – very impressive – the programs are spiritually inclined and develops the spirit. Throughout my stay here, I've been helping out in setting up the crusade venue and parking up.



Helen Agbogu (Student)

Volunteer

10th-16th November

While at the mission, I participated in the music department, assisted in kitchen services and in the evangelism. I enjoyed the preaching time. I was so happy to be in the midst of God's people. The sermon was interesting and easily understood by everybody. I enjoyed the program so much and gained also for my spiritual life.



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

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

Let the Pictures say...





Goodbyes and Thank You...

Soon enough, it was time to say goodbye to the great people of Orerokpe and friends. There were exchanges of tears and contact details but most importantly, we prayed that the light that had been lit on the land of Orerokpe would never be put out. Orerokpe need our continual prayer.

Upcoming Events

Our next event will possibly be more missions or a major training retreat. Look out for our dates and location on our webpage: 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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