



UPSHOT REPORT OF
ABUOCHICHE
MISSION SITE

HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6-27, 2020

LOCATION OF THE MISSION SITE ON THE MAP OF NIGERIA AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA AND ITS PEOPLE



Bekwarra Local Government Area on the Map of Nigeria



Bekwarra Local Government Area showing Abuochiche on the Map of Nigeria

- Abuochiche is known to be the headquarters of Bekwarra Local Government Area, located along Calabar/Benue highway in Northern senatorial district of Cross River State.
- The community is an organized/commercial settlement with 90% literacy and central to more than 7 other communities.
- Abuochiche is blessed with abundance of vegetation which provides a variety of food.
- The major occupations of the people of Abuochiche are trading and farming.
- They are accommodating, caring, warm and welcoming to strangers.
- They are a blend of African traditional and Christian type of religion with Catholicism as the dominant Christian denomination having a percentage of about 95% when being compared to other denominations. However, many churchgoers still practice African traditional religion, which reveres ancestors and offers sacrifices to spirits. Many people here are nominal Christians, because they do not understand what the Bible really teaches.
- The common languages are, their native Bekwarra tongue and Pidgin language. Although most of them understand and speak English language.

PREAMBLE/INTRODUCTION

- In a bid to carry out the Master's commission "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:19-20), 48 missionary volunteers launched the town of Abuochiche for a mission slated to hold from 6th -27th September, 2020. This mission started with one week health expo and followed by two weeks open air Bible lectures series tagged the Untold Truth.
- These volunteers majorly travelled/came from Rivers State, Cross Rivers State, Abia State, Jigawa State and Abuja, down to Abuochiche.
- Among these volunteers were baptized converts from previous missions.



MISSION APPROACHES

The mission being a rural outreach was aimed at stimulating and meeting the spiritual, physical, social and health needs of every individual in Abuochiche community with our messages of truth. In this regard, the mission was focused on the following approaches:

Community service

We were able to carry out cleaning of the community market after their weekly market was held, though the market was the venue for the Untold Truth series. This was done three times (first on Friday during the Health expo week and the rest two during the 2weeks Bible lecture series time period) during our stay in Abuochiche and was appreciated by those around as was evident by their verbalizations and giving of gifts to us.



Medical missionary work/Health expo

The medical missionary work/Health expo by design, ran for 3weeks. It started on the 6th of September, a week earlier than the open air evangelism and served as a part of ground breaking exercise for the gospel seed. It was conducted daily within the hours of 12pm to 4pm at the Ogidi market square (same venue for the open air) which was commonly called "garage" by the people of Abuochiche.



This programme included medical checkups, lectures on healthful living and the laws of health (NEWSTART), treatment of illnesses using simple natural remedies and hydrotherapy.



During this session, prospects were also invited to attend the evening open air programme.

Attendance of prospects to this programme ranged from **25-60 daily** with an exception of one day we recorded only 11 persons in attendance, as a result of a change of venue. The total number of persons attended to during the course of the mission was **490**.

Morning Cry

In place of the morning prayer outreach for some mornings, volunteers marched along the walkways and around the community of Abuochiche with their box speaker and microphones in songs and when halted at a strategic point, the appointed speaker would give a cry, sharing God's promises from scripture and inviting the people to attend both the Health expo and evening open air Bible lecture series. The invitation also included the children.



Door-to-door/two-by-two outreach

The door-to-door/two-by-two outreach took about three forms daily (Morning Prayer outreach, Bible study/witnessing, evening invitation). While the latter two were consistent, the Morning Prayer outreach was sometimes given up for morning cry.

In this wise, missionaries went in twos to different houses to pray with, study with, or invite prospects to the evening Bible lecture series.



Evening Bible lecture series (open air campaign)

This event was an open air programme that took place every evening at Ogidi market square. This was the prime event of each day's activities as the preacher under the influence of the Holy Spirit dished out untold truth undiluted from the Bible under the following topics;

- **Day 1 [Sabbath Evening]:** The untold truth about the word (The Bible, how to interpret and understand).
- **Day 2 [Saturday]:** The untold truth about the designer (The power of God to create and sustain us).
- **Day 3 [Sunday]:** The untold truth about suffering (Origin and end of evil and God's ever abiding presence even in the dark).
- **Day 4 [Monday]:** What happened to right and wrong (Law, its purpose and grace).
- **Day 5 [Wednesday]:** Created for something better (Sabbath)
- **Day 6 [Thursday]:** Signs you can't ignore (signs of, and second coming).
- **Day 7 [Sabbath Evening]:** Making a new start (Baptism, significance and rebaptism).
- **Day 7 [Sabbath Morning]:** 10 times wiser (Health law and benefits).
- **Day 8 [Saturday]:** Antichrist part 1 (Identifying marks of Antichrist beast).
- **Day 9 [Sunday]:** The mysteries of the Egyptian mummies (State of the dead and spiritism).
- **Day 10 [Monday]:** 666 (Antichrist identified).
- **Day 11 [Tuesday]:** Seal of God Mark of the beast (Sabbath as seal of God, Sunday as Mark of beast and how to avoid receiving the mark but the seal).
- **Day 12 [Wednesday]:** Mystery Babylon (the fallen Church.)
- **Day 13 [Thursday]:** Woman on the moon (True and the remnant church).
- **Day 14 [Sabbath Evening]:** Governor's six mistakes (Appeal).
- **Day 14 [Sabbath Morning]:** God's washing machine (How to grow in the faith).



This evening gathering also featured;

- Daily exposition on health and lifestyle
- Soul inspiring music
- Altar calls
- Prayers

Attendance of prospects to this programme ranged from **50-110 daily** with a total number of **313** in the course of the mission.

Children's gathering

As the adults gathered together, the children were not left out rather they were gathered separately for their own Bible lecture series every evening. The children were able to study a number of subjects from the Bible and did their presentation on what they had learned during the both Sabbath worship. While their presentations were on, the excitement of parents and prospects were evident as they clapped hands and echoed amen with smiling faces in response.

Topics covered by the children were;

- God's creative power
- Law
- Sabbath
- Heaven
- Baptism
- Health
- Image of Daniel chapter 2
- Death
- Mark of the beast
- Devil
- America in prophecy
- Denomination
- Holy spirit

Attendance of the children ranged from **30-80** every evening with an average of **40**.



OTHER MISSION OUTREACH STATISTICS

Number of Bible study given: 270

Number of persons present during the Bible study: 435

Number of persons prayed with: 630

Number of Glow tracts shared: 655

Number of Health Expo flyers shared: 819

Number of Untold Truth flyers shared: 1,007

NEWSTART HEALTH EXPO
Free Entrance
7-27 Sept 2020
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm (Special Presentation/ Practical Session)
12:00pm - 4:00pm (Free Health Check)
Featuring: Blood Pressure Checks, Blood Sugar Checks, Health App Test, Malaria Screening, COVID-19 Virus Infections, Cancer prevention, Menstrual Health Solutions, Free Massage, Hydrotherapy Techniques.

Think About This
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
This is the invitation of Christ Do heed His call!

The UNTOLD TRUTH Bible Lecture Series
Venue: The venue is Ogidji Market in Abuochiche, Bakiwarra LGA
Date: 13 Sept - 27 Sept 2020.
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Features: Prayer, Bible Studies, Sermons, Inspiring Songs, Free Health Lecture, Community Service, Gift for Visitors.
You are cordially invited
Sponsored by: ALIVE NIGERIA
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Volunteers orientation

At about 6:30am on Monday following the day of arrival, the volunteers were given orientation on what the mission entailed by sis. Kindness Izeowayi, the mission coordinator. She made all volunteers read through the mission code of ethics and gave sense to it where necessary. Thus volunteers were kept abreast with the goal of the mission and what was expected of them.



Devotions

Aside from personal devotions, volunteers always gathered in the morning and evening for general devotion. This was a time when a brief admonition from the word of God was given by the appointed volunteer, to charge and keep all on track.

Prayers

- In a bid to stop the enemy from sowing tares among the wheat of the gospel, volunteers were always encouraged to pray with a minimum of five persons a day and their two-by-two partners.
- Volunteers were also given prayer cards which contained, a Bible text, an SOP excerpt, and a prayer request to be prayed for. These cards were exchanged among volunteers daily.
- General prayer sessions were held regularly in the morning and evening, and as was seen needful, a fast was observed on one occasion as prayers were offered to God for a successful mission.



Missionary training

To further equip the volunteers, the training session came everyday except on few occasions. The training resources were carefully selected and aimed at bringing a revival of true godliness among missionaries, that while they reached out to the lost, they themselves be not lost.

Training resources include;

- Day 1: Revival by Justin Kim
- Day 2: The humility of Christ by Dr. Pipim
- Day 3: Surrender your right by Dr. Pipim
- Day 4: The place of bible study in revival by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 5: The Lord's prayer: How to pray by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 6: Why God may not answer our prayer by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 7: How not to pray by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 8: Agonizing prayer by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 9: The cost of revival - It has never been painless by Pastor Douglas Na'a
- Day 10: The work of the Holy Spirit by Pastor Douglas Na'a



Bible study

- Before volunteers launched out each day for two-by-two, they first studied the lesson they were to go out with, and these lessons were in line with the topics of the evening open air lectures.
- These Bible study lessons were all from the Storacles of Prophecy Bible study pack. From Amazing Facts.



Meal times

Meal time came only twice daily within the hours of 9-10am in the mornings and 4-5pm in the evenings, as volunteers were taught to eat twice daily without ingesting any food or snack in-between, so as to give the stomach adequate time for digestion and rest.

Volunteers were always served with wholesome delicious vegetarian meals to enable them stay fit for the mission task.



Sabbath worship

- The Sabbath worship took its usual form of two sections, the Sabbath school session [8:30-10:30am] and the Divine Service session [10:30am – 12:00pm].
- The Sabbath school lesson study classes were divided into four different classes in which our visiting friends had a separate class.
- For the two Sabbaths that we held worship service, we had visiting friends whose coming marked their first experience of worshipping God on the Sabbath day.



HIGHLIGHT OF OTHER MISSION ACTIVITIES

Hospital Visitation

The welfare team together with a few selected volunteers visited Abuochiche General Hospital on Saturday, 26th of September 2020, to pray and share God's word of hope with the sick of which gladdened their hearts.



Baptism

Following the sowing of the gospel seed of truth, souls were won for the kingdom and affirmed through baptism. In all, we recorded a total of 19 souls (8 during ground breaking and 11 during the mission proper) baptized to the glory of God.

- 8 souls were baptized on 29/08/2020
- 2 souls were baptized on 19/09/2020
- 9 souls were baptized on 26/09/2020





MISSION SCHEDULE

The initial mission schedule as seen in the mission manual was adjusted by the programming team in other to increase the time for two-by-two witnessing to better meet the community's peculiar needs with regards to the few volunteers available.

ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR BIBLE WORKERS

ACTIVITY	START	END	DURATION
Wake up call	4:50	5:00	0:10
Personal Devotion	5:00	5:15	0:15
General Prayers	5:15	5:35	0:20
General Devotion	5:35	5:50	0:15
Missionary Training	5:50	6:50	1:00
Announcement	6:50	7:00	0:10
Morning outreach	7:00	8:00	1:00
Wash-up	8:00	9:00	1:00
Breakfast	9:00	9:40	0:40
General Prayer Session	9:40	10:30	0:50
Bible Study/Quiz	10:30	11:30	1:00
Two-by-two witnessing	11:30	15:30	4:00
Siester/Personal Time	15:30	16:30	1:00
Feedback Session and Prayers	16:30	17:00	0:30
Lunch	17:00	17:45	0:45
Evening Outreach	17:45	18:25	0:40
Song service	18:25	18:45	0:20
Opening Prayer	18:45	18:47	0:02
Daily Exposition (Health, Lifestyle, etc)	18:47	19:07	0:20
Bible Reading	19:07	19:10	0:03
Theme Song	19:10	19:13	0:03
Special Prayer Session by the Speaker	19:13	19:23	0:10
Sermon	19:23	20:23	1:00
Theme Song	20:23	20:25	0:02
Announcement	20:25	20:28	0:03
Prayer	20:28	20:30	0:02
Speaker's Time with Friends (Q & A) Farewell greetings	20:30	20:45	0:15
Pack up	20:45	20:55	0:10
Debrief	20:55	21:10	0:15
Roll Call/Announcement	21:10	21:20	0:10
Devotion	21:20	21:30	0:10
Prayers	21:30	21:45	0:15
Bedtime and Lights Out	21:45	-	-

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ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR HEALTH TEAM

ACTIVITY	START	END	DURATION
Wake up call	4:50	5:00	0:10
Personal Devotion	5:00	5:15	0:15
General Prayers	5:15	5:35	0:20
General Devotion	5:35	5:50	0:15
Missionaries Training	5:50	6:50	1:00
Announcement	6:50	7:00	0:10
Morning cry	7:00	8:00	1:00
Wash up and rest	8:00	9:00	1:00
Breakfast	9:00	9:40	0:40
General Prayer Session	9:40	10:30	0:50
Bible Study/Quiz	10:30	11:30	1:00
Set-up & Prayers	11:30	12:00	0:30
Health Check	12:00	16:00	4:00
Siester/Personal Time	16:00	17:00	1:00
Feedback & General Prayer Session	17:00	17:35	0:35
Lunch	17:35	18:25	0:50
Evening Program	18:25	20:55	2:30
Debrief	20:55	21:10	0:15
Roll Call/Announcement	21:10	21:20	0:10
Devotion	21:20	21:30	0:10
Prayers	21:30	21:45	0:15
Bedtime and Lights Out	21:45	-	-

MISSION TEAMS AND A HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR DUTIES

Health Expo Team: Gave health lectures on healthy diet and life style, carried out health checks and simple natural treatments for the volunteers, and the community daily, few at their homes but majorly at Ogidi market and the alternate venue on market days. They also served volunteers with healthy teas and juices to help keep them fit.

Missionary Training Team: Presented videos on various aspects of spiritual growth ranging from revival, prayer, humility, etc.

Bible Study Team: Coordinated Bible studies using the Storacles of Prophecy Bible study guide from Amazing Facts, just before volunteers went out for two by two and Health expo daily. They also coordinated the Adult Sabbath School lesson study during Sabbath worship.

Prayer Team: They always gathered to pray for the speaker and officiating crew during the evening open air programme, devoted time for prayers for volunteers, prospects and the general success of the mission, at dawn and dusk.

Technical Team: They were our electrical power house. They ensured that the sounds, lightning, projectors, etc., were in order.

Platform Team: They ensured the proper running of the platform during the open air programme and physical appearance of each presenter, ranging from the song service, Bible reading, prayer, health lecture, sermon, to announcements.

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MISSION TEAMS AND A HIGHLIGHT THEIR DUTIES

Music Team: The members of this team kept the music ministry up and alive at every gathering of worship, devotions, morning cry, evening open air programme, etc.

Welfare/Baptism Team: Coordinated the sharing and sorting out of relief materials. Visitation of patients at Abuochiche General Hospital for prayers. They also ensured that all that were necessary for baptism were put in place.

Community service/Sanitation Team: Organized the cleaning of the market square on two different occasions and also ensured that the volunteers place of abode were always kept tidy and clean.

Water supply Team: They helped supply water to the kitchen team for food preparation and other needs. They were also in charge of supplying and distributing drinking and bathing water for the volunteers and water therapy at the Heath Expo venue.

Security Team: They ensured that the properties and the environment of the mission were safe.

Kitchen Team: Prepared and served volunteers with a two square healthy vegetarian meal daily.

Logistics Team: Ensured the procurement of every needed item for the smooth running of the mission and proper arrangement for transportation of volunteers, to and fro the mission site.

Secretariat Team: This team was in charge of taking down/documenting the name and contact of all prospects during Health expo and evening open air programme, including baptismal candidates. They also registered and documented details of missionaries and took roll calls of the missionaries every night after debrief.

Communication Team: Ensured that calls of reminder and care were placed across to our prospects.

Programming Team: They amended the programme schedules to suit the community's peculiarities and objectives of the mission. They also ensured that stipulated activities were carried out at the given time.

Compliance Team: They worked closely with the programming team and were nicknamed as our mission "police". They ensured mission rules and regulations were upheld by every missionary also ensured that whatever needed to be done, were done and at the appropriate time.

Reporting Team: They were responsible for gathering, collating, compiling and sending out reports from the mission site to the mission reporting platform.

Children's Team: While the adult had their session during the evening open air programme, the children were not left alone. This team ensured that the children who came around had their share of the bread of life and were fed as much as the adults and gifts were given out to them.

Ushering Team: They were responsible for setting up the venue, warmly welcoming our prospects and ensured decorum during programmes.

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TESTIMONIES

- God granted the volunteers journey mercies to and fro the mission site, sustained the health and voice of the preacher for the two weeks, provided immeasurably for their welfare, and granted healing mercies to missionaries who fell ill during mission.
- An old Adventist friend who had left the faith long ago was found (joined the Church again) during this mission.
- Many sick people of Abuochiche received healing and improved health from practicing some of the counsels given to them about the laws of health - NEWSTART, and from the natural remedies given to them.
- During two-by-two witnessing, volunteers reported that many prospects confessed that our messages were unique and truth as they were solidly backed up by scripture.
- Our landlord who accepted the faith was known by the community as a drunk, smoker and thief, but God transformed his life through the spoken word of God from smoking, drinking and stealing as he made his joy publicly by testimony at the evangelism ground.
- There was affirmation from some prospects that God's presence was with us, especially in withholding the rain from raining most of the evenings during programmes even when the sky was all cloudy.

APPRECIATION

A very big thank you to all sponsors, well-wishers and friends of this mission whom through their support both in prayers, finance, encouragement, etc, the mission became a reality and success.

Special thanks to all volunteers who left their various businesses and engagements to attend to the perishing souls at Abuochiche. Indeed, we saw at Abuochiche that "ten truly converted, willing-minded, unselfish workers can do more in the missionary field than one hundred who confine their

Lastly and most importantly, to God be the glory for His immeasurable grace and blessings during this mission. As seen in Abuochiche, though the number of volunteers was few, God used them to achieve much. The gospel seed have been seen and even though eleven (19) souls were harvested during the period of this mission, more souls are still being prepared for harvest by the Holy Spirit and in due time, they will be Harvested.

APPEAL

"When Christ saw the multitudes that gathered about Him, "He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Christ saw the sickness, the sorrow, the want and degradation of the multitudes that thronged His steps. To Him were presented the needs and woes of humanity throughout the world. Among the high and the low, the most honored and the most degraded, He beheld souls who were longing for the very blessings He had come to bring, souls who needed only a knowledge of His grace to become subjects of His kingdom. "Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:36-38." [6T 254.1]

Today the same needs exist. The world (Abuochiche) is in need of workers who will labor as Christ did for the suffering and the sinful. There is indeed a multitude to be reached. The world (Abuochiche) is full of sickness, suffering, distress, and sin. It is full of those who need to be ministered unto—the weak, the helpless, the ignorant, the degraded. [6T 254.2]

Hence, we plead that both long-term and short-term missionaries, and other volunteers should be sought and sent to Abuochiche to continue the work there for our master.



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Mission volunteers in a group photograph



Volunteers during one of the general devotion



Bus used during mission to convey mission equipments and run some errands



Volunteers cleaning and setting up the venue for the Health Expo and Evening open air Bible lecture series programme



Volunteers preparing to launch out for morning cry



Volunteers launching out for morning prayer outreach



Volunteer giving out a flier during the morning prayer outreach

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Volunteers out in the field during the morning prayer outreach



Different booths of health expo and a group photograph of the team



The Untold Truth being told despite the rain

Altar call after The Untold Truth was told

A volunteer leading a blind friend to the river to be baptized

Baptism of a converted soul in progress



Newly baptized brethren with the Untold Truth preacher

Welcome! Welcome! After Sabbath School lesson study

Children marching out for their presentation

The electrical and technical life unit of the mission



ALIVE Nigeria volunteers choir and the music team ministering in songs at Abuochiche on different occasions