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

Welcome to NEMA Month Missions. The theme for this year's Month of Missions is *Heart for the Harvest* (John 4:34). As always, NEMA has produced a special edition of Devotions and Prayer Bulletin. We encourage your church and or congregation to use this to reflect and pray at individual, family altars, week-day congregational prayers and most especially, at Sunday services. We also request your congregation to set aside a Sunday in the month of February, 2024, most preferably, the last Sunday, 25th, to pray for and support with finances, the task of reaching the unreached.

An astounding 41.9%, which is about 3.3 billion of the more than 8.0 billion people on Earth, are considered unreached or least reached (Joshua Project, 2023). That means that about 2 out of 5 people in our world have never heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ. More than 7,000 people groups are unreached and mostly live in the 10/40 Window. This explains our focus of Vision 5015 Plus!

Jesus' work included preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, healing the sick, casting out demons, and ultimately dying on the cross for the sins of humanity. By saying that his food was to do the will of God and finish his work, Jesus was emphasizing the importance of fulfilling his divine mission and completing the task



that God had given him.

The good news of the Kingdom of God is a central theme of Jesus' teachings. The kingdom of God refers to the rule of God in the hearts of people and the world. Jesus came to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, which meant that God's reign was breaking into the world in a new way. The good news of the Kingdom of God is that through faith in Jesus Christ, we can enter a new relationship with God and experience forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's heart for the nations is clear throughout the Bible. When God promises to bless all the nations of the earth through Abraham's family, this promise is fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus. From long ago, God was working to provide salvation for the nations. The work of Christ on the cross is effective for Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. Christ died for the unreached. We have a heart for the unreached because Christ died for people of every nation.

Increasingly, we now have people from unreached people groups who go to the city for various reasons. Instead of going to them in the rural villages, they have come to us. They have come to our cities, and we can now reach them in these cities. In doing that we can impact multiple unreached people groups in the urban contexts.

Science, technology, time and population growth have sped up the emergence of this new urbanised era that we are experiencing today. More than half the world live in cities, and the percentage is growing rapidly. But just 100 cities today account for over 30% of the world's economy, and almost all of its innovation. As *great commissioners* we must take this *urban growth* seriously.



We must understand that the population in rural areas is dwindling as many now move to expanding cities in search of a better livelihood among other reasons. And so, we must change our thinking and approach as we intentionally focus on reaching unreached people groups in the cities. The goal is to see whole people groups reached with the gospel everywhere, ensuring no place or person is left.

As we focus on reaching unreached people groups, I pray that God will cause our heart to be increasingly burdened and willing to do the needful until the task is completed.

Andrew Gwaivangmin

Executive Secretary



MONTH OF MISSIONS DEVOTIONAL

Day One, Thursday, February 1

Topic: Heart for the Harvest **Text**: John 4:34

We all need a heart for the harvest like our Lord and Master. His goal was to finish the harvest. The harvest became His meat (food, strength and nourishment). For us to have and maintain a heart for the harvest like our Lord and master we must:

- 1. Own the harvest: Owners take serious responsibility. Owners would do anything, pay any price, go to any length to get the harvest home. I know it because I practice farming. Harvest time is a crucial time for the farmer. You can't ignore the harvest. You can't suspend the harvest. It is a top priority. Food and pleasure may wait but not the harvest. Our hearts cannot be on the harvest unless we see the harvest as our own.
- 2. We need to remind ourselves the extent of the harvest. It doesn't matter how much and far we have reached, the question is what is left undone.
- 3. We need to know the enemies of the harvest: In the harvest of crops and grains, we have the wind, fire, late rains and thieves as enemies. Other faiths and occult groups are competing for the same harvest fields we are sent to. On the other hand, wars, terrorism and crises are killing and destroying lives and properties in the fields Christ has commanded us to go to.
- 4. Reward is coming: The Master says in Rev. 22:12 "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be."

 Our labour shall be rewarded by the master Himself. We live to work and we must work now while the sun shines.

Prayer:

Ask the Lord to make you own the harvest.

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Day Two, Friday, February 2

Topic: Faithfully Seeking the Lost

Text: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Jesus Christ came with the purpose of seeking those who are lost. Christ taught the importance of seeking after the one who is lost. We will have to seek out the lost intentionally because they're not likely to come to us so we must go to them. Since the fall of Adam, all mankind is in a lost and fallen state. In that regard, Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations but also to teach them to observe what He taught them (Mathew 28:19-20). This is part of the seeking and saving of the lost. The passion of Jesus Christ for the lost was what He wanted to teach His followers and His disciples, and it's what they wanted to teach us. That we must remain faithful to the end in our passion for the lost.

God, in his infinite mercies, has other amazing ways of witnessing to the lost. Darlene Sala in her Series: "Encouraging Words; Seeking the Lost", told the story of a professional diver, who while diving one day on the bottom of the ocean, noticed an oyster with a piece of paper in its mouth. He detached the oyster and held the piece of paper close to the goggles of his headgear. He found that it was a Gospel tract telling how to become a Christian, and calling on whoever reads it to repent of his sins.

The diver was amazed and said, "I cannot hold out against God any longer, since He has gone to so much trouble to track me down." He repented of his sins at the bottom of the ocean and placed His faith in Jesus Christ. God used an oyster to change the diver's life. God is glorified when a lost person is found and saved from eternal condemnation.

Quite often, people cannot reach out to God by their own efforts. God often reaches out to us. The story of Zacchaeus in the gospel of Luke 19 is a good example of this. Zacchaeus was determined to see Jesus, and would let nothing stop him. But he was so short that he could not get to see Jesus among the crowd, so he ran ahead and climbed the sycamore tree beside the



road, to be able to watch Jesus from there (Luke 19:3-4). For Zacchaeus to mix with the crowd at all was a courageous act; for many people would have taken an opportunity to kick, or push the little tax-collector who had for long rip them off.

The action of Zacchaeus is a picture of human effort to reach God. The sycamore tree typifies the human way to reach out to God. But being short and inadequate, human effort cannot reach God's standard to find & reach him. Only the tree of Jesus, which is the cross, can bridge the gap between God and man. The connection that has been lost due to sin has been reconnected through Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and man.

When Jesus was passing by the tree, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! For I must be a guest in your home today" (Luke 19:5). Jesus looked out for Zacchaeus more than Zacchaeus was looking out for Jesus! Jesus is always looking for lost sinners more than lost sinners look for Jesus. That is His passion. He wants to enter into every person's heart and life. All believers of Christ should have this kind of compassion for the lost. Unfortunately, very few believers are actively sharing their faith. We must get back to the heart of Christ's mission and passion so that the Church can be the voice of truth to those who are lost. God makes it clear through His word that He wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1Timothy 2:4).

Prayer:

- There is nobody who is out of salvation's reach. Pray for the lost in faith and hope (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Ask the Lord to remove every veil covering the eyes of the lost.
- Ask the Lord to place more believers on the path of the unreached who will boldly proclaim the truth and faithfully walk in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Andrew Gwaivangmin

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Day Three, Saturday, February 3

Topic: Harvesting at God O'clock **Text:** John 4:34

Jesus was intense and intentional about the harvest. It was passion and core focus of His ministry. You cannot read the gospel carefully and miss His heart and burden for the harvest. To Him, nothing really matters if it does not matter to God and His glory among all peoples. In every encounter with both Jews and Gentiles; in virtually all His miracles and through all His parables, the harvest was always in the front burner.

He came for the harvest. He lived and died for the harvest. He actually called harvesting His food, the sustenance, or the nourishment of His being. To ignore the harvest is to fail the litmus test of a true disciple. Harvest without a labourer is a tragedy. He establishes the church, as His labour force, for the harvest. To misunderstand or misinterpret the harvest and its season is disastrous! He once stunned on His followers:

Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor (John 4:35-38 ESV))

This jolted their fixed minds. A striking and consequential disruption of their calculation of times and seasons. Shifting attention from the burden in verse 34 to the timing and consequence of our harvest involvement:

- Jesus says, it is God o'clock! It is harvesting time. Take another look at what time and season you are in. It is time to bring in the sheaves. Don't suspend your fruitfulness. If you read God's time piece, harvest is right now upon us.
- Don't postpone the harvest. Understand God's seasons.



Appropriate God's season of the harvest and enter into the harvest. Don't delay the celebration. Throne room will soon be filled with people from all tongues, language, peoples and nations.

- Sowing is ongoing, so is the harvest. The reapers and the planters are on duty together. You can't be in and be left out, except by your own choosing. It is God O'clock.
- At God O'clock, the harvesters are being paid. If you enter into their harvest, you get something eternal for your labour. There is a lot more to harvest than your limited struggling efforts could grasp. The generation of starters are re-released into the generation of the finishers.

At God O'clock God is working ahead of you into your seasons. He is supplying the "seed to the Sower and bread for food. He will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest" (2 Cor 9:10 (ESV). Harvesting at God O'clock brings your labour to a tangible season of fruitfulness. It can eliminate dryness and frustration.

If your heart is right for the harvest, it won't matter which season you are in. Since what you're reaping today was another man's sowing of yesterday; just as your sowing today prepares a stage for the harvest season of others tomorrow. God is rearranging the seasons as we understand them. This can rattle human calendar. "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. (Amos 9:13 (ESV)) So, God is collapsing our known seasons while setting up multiple seasons of the harvests.

Prayers:

- May our time piece be set to synchronize with God O'clock.
- May the Lord connect our hearts with His timing for the harvest.
- May we not miss this revival birthing season of harvest of the nations in the horizon. May we read His piece in ways that help us stop postponing, delaying and denying the harvest.



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Day Four, Sunday, February 4

Topic: When the Heart for the Harvest is Lost

Text: John 21:1-17

In the John 4:31-38 passage, the disciples had left Judea, going northwards to Galilee, Samaria was on their way. Along the way they got tired, hungry and thirsty. Even Jesus was tired and sat near the famous Jacob's well in the town of Sychar. The disciples left Jesus there and dashed to town to grab some food and drinks. They had their fill and brought some for Jesus to eat, only to find him chatting with a woman. They urged him to eat and he told them "I have food to eat that you know not about". The disciples wandered, did someone bring him food while we were away? Jesus told them, "my meat (food) is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work" (V.34). Though Jesus was tired, hungry and thirsty, the priority of the harvest was his consuming passion. Jesus was sensitive to the mission opportunities around him. May God open the eyes of our hearts to see the great commission opportunities of our time. May God grant us harvest eyes.

In our text today, we see a group of disciples who have experienced the miracle of five loaves and two fishes; the transfiguration, several teaching and parables of the kingdom, the passion, death, resurrection as well as the first and second post resurrection appearances (John 20:19-23). These were leaders who had been sent by Jesus, just as the Father sent him (John 20:21). Men who had been raised to subdue nations and labour in the harvest. Unfortunately, people raised to fish for men, went after fish to eat and to sell to make money. This depicts a loss of the heart for the harvest.

What is responsible for a loss of the harvest heart? Matthew 6:25-33 give us



the clue. When a disciple allows the thought of what to eat, wear, drink, who to marry, where to work etc, dominate his or her heart to the detriment of eternal pursuits; this leads to a loss of the heart for the harvest. Moreover when a disciple lacks eyes to see the Great Commission opportunities in their neighborhood, schools, work place, cities, rural communities etc, a heart for the harvest is lost.

What is the Harvest?

The harvest refers to eternal souls already paid for by the life-blood of the only begotten Son of God as an inheritance for the kingdom. They are those who are yet to hear about Jesus, and or haven't made the decision to accept him as their personal Lord and Savior.

What is taking the place of an ardent pursuit of the harvest of lost and perishing souls in your life? There is a need to identify such things. Decide now to lay them aside. Prioritize the pursuit of the kingdom of God. As Jesus came to Peter and his team, he comes to you today asking "do you love me more than these things that you have allowed to take the place of an ardent pursuit of eternal souls as harvests for the kingdom?"

How is your devotion to the harvest that Jesus paid for with his blood? Would you ask for a restoration of a heart for the harvest? May you experience a heart that burns for lost souls earnestly seeking to reach them with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Day Five, Monday, February 5

Topic: The "food" versus the Father's will

Text: *Then Jesus explained: "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work"* John 4:34 (NIV).

Commentary: What was the will of the Father for our Lord Jesus Christ? Read John 6:37-40

The priority is the problem here, not the food, what is more important to us as disciples of Jesus? What is more expedient for us as Jesus' followers will determine how we go about the great commission. Jesus was so rivetted by the joy of doing what the Father sent Him to do, and of finishing the work that He gave Him. This satisfied Him more than his usual and ordinary food. The "food" of delighting in the Father's will was so great that He cared little about the temporal food of this world.

o The seriousness and the urgency of Christ's mission are brought out graphically in John 4. Here, the Bible records how the Lord Jesus converted a Samaritan woman at a well. It occurred when He and His disciples stopped to rest from their journey at Jacob's well. As they were all tired and hungry, the disciples left Him there to go buy food at the nearby city of Sychar. During their absence, a Samaritan woman came to the well, and our Lord took the opportunity to preach to her. This brought about her salvation, and she ran back to tell other Samaritans in the village to come and see the Messiah.

When the disciples returned with food, Jesus was still talking with her. Not interested in what had happened, the only thing they were worried about was that their Master should have His long-awaited food with them. But Jesus replied that He had something superior to be troubled about. Here was an excellent opportunity to save sinners, and there was much work to be done! He therefore challenged them about our Kingdom Mission being our urgency.

The disciples saw the great conversion but they scarcely seemed to be

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thrilled or interested about this. It appears that the spiritually dull disciples, with their earth-bound vision, saw only the recent. Why was this so? Perhaps they were too anxious with the mundane subject of food. All that was on their minds then was that they had bought food for themselves and their Master and that He should now come and eat with them.

Maybe we can see a bit of ourselves in these disciples. We are oftentimes troubled about the basic necessities of life like food and drink, rest and sleep, health and comfort, clothes and shelter. There is nothing abnormal about being concerned with these things. But when our thoughts and our time are wholly preoccupied with them, then there must be great cause for concern.

There are more important things in life to be concerned about. Here are some thought-provoking questions:

- Would you sacrifice your leisure time or rest time if there is an opportunity for you to lead someone to Christ?
- Would you sacrifice buying the dress or Shoe you always wanted, to send the money to a mission field in need?
- Would you forgo a day meal to fast and pray for the unreached people groups or Nations?

Failure to answer these questions positively may show that you are preoccupied with the mundane things of this life. If you are earnestly seeking to advance God's kingdom on earth, the first thing you need to do is to remove this preoccupation and embrace a sense of mission, a sense of being urgently compelled by a divine purpose. That mission must be as dominant to you as life. This is what Jesus meant when He said in v.34, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." To Him, doing the will of God and finishing it was his priority before food and drink. He could not do without them. They were His mandate, and He must realize His mandate! Do you have the same sense of kingdom mandate? The work of saving people from eternal death is part of your mission in life. It is as basic to your



existence as food and water. Unless you take this kingdom mandate seriously, you will not see a need to go and bring people to the saving knowledge of Christ or budge out of your comfort zone.

Prayer:

- Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to put your kingdom mission and mandate first priority. Give me the enabling grace to serve and fulfill the great commission, even when it is not convenient or suitable.
- Please, Lord, remove the spiritual dullness in me and give me a sound mind in Jesus name.

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Day Six, Tuesday, February 6

 $\textbf{Topic} : Heart for the \, Harvest : Jesus \, Our \, Perfect \, Example$

Text: Matthew 4:12-16

The Holy Scriptures are replete with examples of several men and women both in the Old as well as the New Testaments who had a heart for the harvest of souls into God's Kingdom. However, amongst these several examples, there is one Person that is unequalled in His passion, zeal and willingness to sacrifice for the lost. I am talking of the Man, Jesus Christ our Lord. In the passage above, we read of a major decision our Lord Jesus Christ took because of His heart for the harvest. Jesus Christ was originally from Bethlehem which was a small town in Judea in the southern part of Israel. Due to the threats against His life as a child by King Herod, an Angel of the Lord warned Joseph, His earthly father, to take Him and His mother and to flee to Egypt. Upon Herod's death, Joseph brought the child, Jesus Christ and His mother back to Israel but instead of returning to Judea, he settled in Nazareth of Galilee in order to fulfill all that had been written about Jesus the Messiah long before He was born. (Read Matthew 2:13-23).



In the today's text, Jesus had spent several years growing up and working as a carpenter in Nazareth, after He had assumed the identity of 'Jesus of Nazareth', He took a major decision because of His concern for the Unreached. The Bible reports that '...leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast... That it might be fulfilled... The people which sat in darkness saw great light.' My Lord Jesus left family and familiar territory for the unfamiliar in order to reach the lost and in order to rescue those dwelling in spiritual darkness. Because of His heart for the harvest, my Lord Jesus paid a major price.

Having lived His life as a great visual aid and example for us, Jesus now calls each of us to emulate Him. Each of us should be ready where and when necessary to relocate geographically in search of unreached tribes. A genuine heart for the harvest means a genuine commitment to drop all personal ambitions to pursue the salvation and discipleship of ethnic nations. Having a heart for the harvest means we are ready to engage in concerted prayer so that strongholds of sin and unbelief can give way to righteousness and faith. Speaking of Jesus, the Bible said: 'He shall see the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied.

Finally, a heart for the harvest would mean a willingness to employ our financial and material resources towards supporting the missionaries who will go to dwell among the unreached. There is no doubting the fact that both the global and the Nigerian Church have been endowed with much wealth. Unfortunately, less than 5% of our wealth is deployed towards cross-cultural missions in order to reach the dark places of the earth speedily.

This year, more than ever before, may we be endowed with the passion and sacrificial heart of Jesus towards the unreached. Amen.

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Day Seven, Wednesday, February 7

Topic: Sending our Best for the Harvest

Text: "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work" (John 4:34)

I recall having a discussion with an elderly man that I saw on his farm. He was harvesting his yams while two of his grandchildren who accompanied him to the farm were standing and watching him remove the tubers. I asked him why he would not sit back and allow the young teenage boys do the harvesting. His response got me thinking: "This is the expectation of many months. It needs to be done diligently and with experience. It is not a task just for anybody", he said.

As we reflect on the text for this year's month of missions, what caught my attention was the disclosure by Jesus that he was sent to finish "His (God's) work". In other words, when God was to conclude the labours of redeeming man, He did not send just anybody. I imagine the host of angels in heaven and perhaps other heavenly beings; God did not consider anyone else to be saddled with this task except the Lord Jesus. He was heaven's best and God found it very convenient to send His best. Imagine a heaven "without" Jesus. God wasn't bothered about heaven "losing" him to the earth. There is an expectation on earth and only the best could get it done.

There is a huge lesson here for the contemporary Church. If we must finish this task, we must identify and be very willing to commit our best to reaping the remaining harvest. The commitment and consecration of missionary sending has been to send the best. The nature of the remaining harvest keeps changing. They (the harvest) are now scattered across the globe. They are not necessarily the uneducated restrained to remote villages. Many of the unreached are now found in corporate offices. They are in the parliament. They are scattered in the market places. They are prominent in the sports world as well as in the academic. They are not dull nor naive. They are very sophisticated. Billions of them "live" on the internet. To successfully reach them, we must release the Church's best. We



should not keep them warming the benches on Sundays and during midweek services. They should be released. Imagine the Church in Antioch sending forth Paul and Barnabas in obedience to the demand of the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:1-2).

Where are our own Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Philip, Stephen etc? We have withheld the warriors to the pews and sent the weaklings to the battle field. We consider it "promotion" to retain the men of valour in safe abode while deploying the weaklings to the battle fronts. The enemy we confront understands the battle at hand. God sent His best and so must we! The earnest expectation of all creation in a time as this is the extension of the blessings of redemption to the ends of the earth. This is no rehearsal or friendlies. We must get our best enlisted.

Reflection for Action

- As a Church Pastor or Ministry Leader, who is that potential best that has been kept on the bench? What is the Lord saying to you today?
- Are you the best that God is looking for or has been asking to be sent?

We will be happy to guide you in making the decision that will profit God and His kingdom. Talk to us today! Check the cover pages of this devotional for contacts you may speak with.

Prayer:

- Lord, help us to develop a heart for the harvest like yours.
- Make our hearts willing to release our best for the reaping of the remaining harvest.
- Help us yield in obedience as you lay demand on us to be sent.

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Day Eight, Thursday, February 8

Topic: Take Off the Barrier

Text: 2 Kings 5:1

Naaman did exploit. He was a great man. Naaman was a man of rank. He was a man who brought glory to his nation. He saved his nation and God helped him. BUT He was a leper. He needed help and he needed God as much as his people needed him. You are needed today for His Kingdom service. The question is, do you have a limiting "But"?

We cannot win the world by being timid, weak, frail or feeble. As a believer, nothing should stand as a barrier in serving the Master. If we are to conquer the devil, we must remove every limitation of leprosy like Naaman did and face the duty. Having a heart for the heart and then carrying a "but" aren't compatible.

May we stand up and stand out for the Kingdom. More people are dying. There is a need for rescue. May the Lord redirect your step this year to be valiant for Him and for His Kingdom. It is no time to carry impediments around. There is still more exploits to be done. The good news is that Naaman got rid of the limiting leprosy. We must get rid of every limitation confronting us as well.

It is no time to find excuses for the "but". It will limit your relevance in what the Lord wants to do through you. Are you a pastor, missionary, minister, believer etc. Have you identified a limiting "but"? The Lord is willing to help you but you have got to open up to Him. A potential harvester having a "but" is a major barrier to the harvest. Don't be the barrier.

Prayer:

- Ask the Lord to open your eyes to any barrier in you limiting your relevance for the reaping of the harvest.
- Ask Him to help you to take away every identified barrier.



• Make a commitment to serve the Lord diligently.

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Day Nine, Friday, February 9.

Topic: Heart for the Harvest

Text: John 4: 34–35

John 4:34-35 come at the end of Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman. The disciples returned having gone to buy food. She goes back into town to talk about who she had met. Jesus is having this conversation with the disciples. They're saying, "Hey, we have bought the food you sent us to get, now you can eat. He says, "Oh, I've eaten. I have much better food than you've eaten. My food is to do the will of him who sent me, to finish his work. Basically, he was saying, what sustains me is obeying the father, accomplishing his will, doing the mission he sent me to do. Then he says, "Open your eyes and look. There's so much work to do. There are so many people," Who are in need of the grace and mercy of God, the living water that Jesus has come to offer." So Jesus says, "This is food. This is sustenance. Giving your life, making this living water known to those who are thirsty."

Just like Jesus told His disciples, we need the eyes of His people, the believers in Jesus, to be opened to see. The spiritual eyes need to be opened to see the vast areas that still need to hear the gospel. Some are close to us and some are far from us. Unless, our eyes are opened to see like Jesus saw and sees, our hearts will not yearn for what His heart yearns for. It is when we see that we will have burdened heart to do what he did.

The time for the harvest is now, not tomorrow or later. We need to develop the kind of heart that Jesus has. A heart for the harvest will not be deterred by hunger, possessions, other cares of this world and neither would it be at ease in Zion. It would forgo all to win a soul for the Kingdom. Open your eyes, the fields are ripe for harvest. There are people in need of salvation in



Christ all around us right now.

Prayer:

- Pray that our hearts will be moved by what moves the Master's heart.
- Pray that we may respond to the ripened harvest with obedience and the willingness to go.

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Day Ten, Saturday, February 10.

Topic: Be at our Father's Business.

Text: John 4:34

Our theme for this month of mission emphasis is apt: "Heart for the harvest". It is imperative for whoever would be successful in harvesting souls unto the kingdom to have a heart of the harvest. Harvesting begins with the heart of the harvester. Little wonder Jesus says in Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". The question is how do we treasure the harvest? Is the harvest of souls unto God's kingdom our priority?

Beloved, the Great Commission is a commission to go and harvest the nations into the kingdom by preaching the gospel of salvation to the saving of souls. How have we obeyed the commission? It is a commission that demands our commitment and we cannot be committed to something that does not appeal to our heart. In John 4, Jesus was initially tired and hungry. However, everything suddenly changed when He had an encounter with the Samaritan woman. The question to ask is: What brought about the change? The heart of Jesus. What was his heart? To do the will of God and to completely finish his work-John 4: 34.



He treasured harvesting souls into God's kingdom above his physical comfort. Suddenly tiredness and hunger vanished as He engaged Himself with the woman. Beloved people of God, the harvest is here with us. The nations are brought closer to us just as these Samaritans were to Jesus. Let us put away all constraints and get souls harvested into God's kingdom. In Proverbs 10:5b the Scripture says "He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame." Jesus would have just gone to sleep because He was tired, exhausted and hungry. He rather chose to do the will of God by reaching out to the woman. We must not be sons who cause shame as we busy ourselves with other things at this time of harvest. Let us not go to sleep but rather be at our duty post harvesting souls into the kingdom.

May God help us to seize the moment and harvest souls into His kingdom. His grace shall be sufficient for us in Jesus' name.

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Day Eleven, Sunday, February 11.

Topic: Heart for the Harvest: Passion for finishing **Text:** John 4:34

The great commission is not an eternal enterprise, but it has eternal consequences; it is the result and impact of it that is eternal. Time itself is not an eternal creation of God. There was a time when there was no time, and there will still come a time when time shall be no more. The popular verse of scripture in Matthew 24:14, the Bible says "and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come". Every messenger of God has a vital part to play in taking the witness of the gospel of Jesus unto all nations, finishing that task is very vital in fulfilling destiny.



In John 17:4, Jesus reported back to his father "I have glorified you on earth: I have finished the work which you gave me to do". John 19:30 says, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, it is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost". The one talking here is the Truth and the Life, he cannot lie, if he said he finished, then he finished. In John 20:21, he told us "as my father sent me, even so sent I you" if the father sent him to finish, then he hasn't sent us to start and stop half way. We have a mandate to finish, don't give an excuse that you did your best, if your best didn't finish the job, then that best wasn't good enough. One of the frightening statements of Apostle Paul for me in all of the Epistles is in 2Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". Three terrible things in righteousness, Paul, the Apostle confirmed, he did there:

- 1. He was not just fighting, but fighting a good fight, the right fight;
- 2. He finished His course, 100%, completed the task;
- 3. He kept the faith. Ah!, many have lost the faith in the course of the fight to finish. This, for me, is the summary of finishing and finishing well.

For the Nigerian Church today, the task of reaching the remaining 43 Unreached and least evangelized tribe stares us in the face. I read from the NBTT Nigeria- global alliance document, "There are about 700 languages spoken in Nigeria. 325 of these still do not have even a single verse of the bible translated. About 30% of them are becoming extinct, even though Nigeria was among the first countries in Africa to form a national Bible translation organization. So much is being done but we have not yet finished. The Joshua Project report indicates that there are 7,248 unreached people groups out of the 17,281 people groups in the world. Wycliffe Global Alliance reported in 2023 that only 3,658 out of the 7,394 languages spoken in the world has any portion of the Bible translated in their language, just 736 have the full bible. What exactly are you doing to finish the remaining task?

Prayer:

1. Lord help me to discover my assignment in bringing your glory to the hearts of men across the nations.



- 2. Burden the heart of your church, especially in Nigeria, with the finishing mentality. Create the hunger to pursue and the appetite to complete the task of reaching the unreached.
- 3. Grant us the wisdom and strategy to acquire speed and bind our hearts together in unity to maximize strength.

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Day Twelve, Monday, February 12.

Topic: Hearts for the Harvest: Removing the Ashes, Rekindling the Fire in

our Hearts **Text:** John 4:34

Passion in the hearts of men is likened to burning fire. This fire is not burning materials but the impact of its presence or absence is seen by all. One of the visible aspects of Jesus' ministry is His passion and burning desire to accomplish the Father's business. As crucial as food is, its presence or absence did not deter Jesus. As weakening as fatigue is, this still did not reduce the passion of Jesus. The reason Satan sends the arrow of discouragement, lack and disappointments in the direction of a believer is to quench the fire of his passion for God. One passionate man will help advance the kingdom of God than one thousand passionless and fireless Christians.

In accomplishing the business of our Father as echoed by Jesus in John 4:34, one thing is needful. We must remove the ashes of the fire that burned in the past and seek to keep the fire burning. The presence of ashes limits the intensity of the fire. God's command to the Levites in regards to sustaining the fire on the altar was to remove the ashes. *See Leviticus* 6:9-12.

Ashes represent past glory; the exploits of yesterday. But we cannot dwell on the past forever. It is time to take our journey forward (Deut. 1:6). If the



task of completing the Father's business must be fulfilled, we must appreciate the exploits of the past but allow them to be in the past so that we can move forward. Territories have been conquered, glory to God. Now, let's move forward. The question should be, what next? A complacent church is a dangerous church. Such a church is an enemy of revival. Complacency kills the fire of revival.

It's time to rekindle our fire for evangelism and missions. If we have truly maintained the fire we started with, we shouldn't have been here. Let's begin to burn, the way we were burning in the days of revival. It is time to go back to our first love (Rev. 2:4). It is time to rekindle the fire that discouragement and competition quenched. Remove the ashes of the former glory and rekindle the fire for the new glory.

Finishing the task demands facing your front. Every day we are tempted to look back in order to measure the miles we have covered. To continually look back and building monuments will hinder the completion of the task. See Philippians 3:13-14. Keep pressing until the kingdom of this world becomes the kingdom of our god.

Prayer:

- Appreciate God for the fire He ignited in you in the past and how that has yielded so much impact in the body of Christ.
- Make a commitment to leave the glory of the past behind and trust God for fresh fire.
- Remove the ashes that have beclouded your fire and has reduced its impact.
- Ask the Lord to rekindle the fire of evangelism and missions in your life.

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Day Thirteen, Tuesday, February 13.

Topic: Heart for the Harvest... Bringing Him Pleasure

Text: *Jesus said, my food is to do the pleasure of him who sent me and to make his work complete* (John 4:34, BBE)

We are celebrating the Month of Missions. It is easily predictable that each time mission is talked about, the focus is about the unreached, the unengaged, the lost, the unchurched etc. While there is nothing wrong with that, the primary goal of mission is to bring God pleasure among all peoples. We can do every form of activity such as outreaches, mission support, discipleship, training, church planting etc but as long as it does not bring God pleasure, we have missed the mark.

John Piper says, Mission exists because worship does not. That is simply amplifying what Jesus says, mission exists because God is yet to receive pleasure from all peoples. Worship brings God pleasure. As we mark this year's month of missions, the pursuit should be about the Lord receiving maximum pleasure from our obedience to His eternal purpose.

Let's take some time to reflect. What would you say is your passion and pursuit? No man was created to live for himself. If the life goal of Jesus, himself God, was to do the pleasure of him that sent him, then there is a whole lot to reconsider. Jesus wasn't pursuing the "success" of his own ministry. He was not after what comes to him. His singular purpose is to do the pleasure of him that sent him. As long as God is satisfied, he is also satisfied. It was that commitment that took him to the cross. There is no ambiguity. God must receive the fullness of pleasure.

We must be driven by the same commitment and ambition. God must receive pleasure through us. It must become our food. In other words, it must be our passion. By the latter, it means something we do without needing any form of motivation. Many would not be involved in God's work unless they are certain of what is there to benefit. Such can never bring Him pleasure.



Reflection:

Think about your relationship with the Lord, would you say you have a consistent commitment to bring Him pleasure?

Prayer:

- Ask the Lord to increase your passion to love Him and to bring Him pleasure.
- Ask the Lord to help you do away with other passions competing for His love in your heart.
- Receive grace to be consistent in pleasing Him.

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Day Fourteen, Wednesday, February 14

Topic: God's Business: The Only Work for Man

Text: "And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49 NKJV

These were Jesus' first words in the Gospel according to Luke. At the age of twelve, Jesus was moved by divine compulsion to do the Father's will, He had a commitment to His Father's vision and His own mission. He was engrossed in it that He could sit three days in the temple with the leaders of the temple, listening and asking them questions. Questions that could help Him do His Father's work, live for His Father's glory and execute His Father's purpose. We are here to do God's will (Matt 6:33), and that His will is love to us and all; advancement of His kingdom (Dan 2:44), sanctification of His children through His Son, Jesus (2Pet 3:9); and ultimately worship from all peoples (1Cor 10:31, Rev 7:9).

For Jesus, He declared a necessity to be in the Father's work-"I must be at my father's business" Are we Christ-like? Would it not change our lives a little if



we felt this *must* as Jesus felt it? We feel that we must be about the business of our family and career; but we too often regard our Father's business as something for secondary attention, to be taken up or left according to convenience. There is too often no *must* in our case. We find it written about Christ that "*He must need go through Samaria*," (John 4:4) and He Himself said, "*I must preach the kingdom of God*" (Luke 4:31); and again to Zaccheus, "*I must abide in thy house*" (Luke 19:5); and again, "*I must work the works of Him that sent his*." (John 9:4) -- indeed, He is about His Father's business. Do you and I feel this Divine "must" as we ought? Is necessity this laid upon us? (1 Cor 9:16). Let us stop being Marthas, who are cumbered about much serving, rather than Marys, whose whole souls go out in love to the Master (Luke 10:41-42). Let us abide with our Father, knowing Him and loving Him more. Let us live for Him and be His true Ambassadors. Let us do away with all excuses and get involved in His mission. Let it be clear by our words and actions that we are "about our Father's business."

This same Jesus when He emerged from Nazareth, eighteen years later, the Father was able to say of Him, "Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). May the Father be able to say that about us!

Reflection:

-How do my daily actions reflect a commitment to the Father's business? -In what areas of my life can I prioritize God more intentionally?

Prayers:

- Heavenly Father, ignite within us a passion for Your business that surpasses worldly pursuits.
- Grant us the wisdom to discern Your will in the midst of life's distractions.
- May our hearts be attuned to Your voice, and our actions be a testament to the love and grace You bestow upon us. Help us to share this with others.

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Day Fifteen, Thursday, February 15.

Topic: Harvesting with Power: The Transformative Role of Prayer **Text:** John 4:34

In the bustling field of missions, where the labourers tirelessly toil for the spiritual harvest, the heartbeat of success echoes in the chambers of prayer. In John 4:34, Jesus declares, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work" As custodians of God's mystery, understanding and constant application of the same cannot be overemphasized. Let's consider a few issues in line with today's topic.

- 1. Praying in alignment with God's will (John 4: 34).

 Jesus, our supreme example in missions, proclaimed that His sustenance was derived from doing the will of the Father.

 Prayer becomes a powerful conduct when aligned with God's purpose.

 Believers are called and commanded to seek the heart of God in prayer; aligning our petitions with His Divine will for the nations. As we draw near to Him daily in prayer, His desire becomes ours and our prayer gain the potency to shape the harvest for His glory.
- 2. Praying for open Doors and Divine Appointment (Colossians 4:2-3) In the Scripture above, we are encouraged to pray for open doors for the message of Christ, in the vast fields of Nigeria, most especially in the Core North. We encounter diverse barriers and oppositions but we have also seen God mighty interventions as a result of prayer. Prayer becomes the key to unlocking doors that seem impenetrable. Through prayer, God orchestrates divine appointment paving way for the gospel to be proclaimed effectively.
- 3. Praying for laborers and unity (Matthew 9:38)
 Jesus instructs us to pray for laborers for the harvest. The mission field is vast, and the laborers are few. Prayer plays a vital role in raising and sustaining workers for the kingdom. Additionally, unity among the laborers is crucial for a harmonious and effective harvest through prayer. The Church can foster a spirit of collaboration, breaking down barriers and working together for bountiful harvest.



4. Praying for Spiritual Breakthroughs (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
The obstacles in the spiritual realm are fierce and prayer is our mighty weapon. The Bible talks about our warfare not being of the flesh but mighty through God. Then Church needs to engage in strategic prayer for spiritual breakthrough tearing down strongholds that hinder the reception of the Gospel.

Prayer:

- Ask God for open doors among the unreached.
- Ask God to lead us to individuals and communities prepared to receive the Gospel.
- Intercede for more laborers. Pray for unity among the existing laborers.
- Declare God's victory over spiritual strongholds and barriers.

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Day Sixteen, Friday, February 16

Topic: Hearts and Hands for the Harvest

Text: Luke 5:6-7

Luke 5 opens with a beautiful narrative of how Jesus met his first set of disciples: Peter, Andrew, James and John, all fishermen at the Lake of Gennesaret. After using the boat belonging to Peter to preach to the crowd, Jesus instructed him to launch out his net into the deep water for a catch. Our text is the result of Peter's obedience. What can we learn from this narrative?

Firstly, when our hearts are yielded to the instructions of the Lord, the outcome will defy human calculation. It was at the same lake that Peter told Jesus how that they have toiled all night and caught nothing. But once he laid aside his understanding and with a submissive heart took hold of the nets, a miraculous catch followed.



Secondly, when we yield our hearts to the instructions of the Lord, we will need more hands to help harvest the fruits of our willingness. God always gives us, His children, assignments that are bigger than our hearts, so that we may seek the collaboration of like minds to accomplish them. There is an urgent call for more hands to fill "both boats" with fish, that is, the souls of men and women who need to be brought out of the lake of fire into the land of the living. Jesus' last command in the account says, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men" (Luke 5:10).

So many people who are supposed to have the life of Christ today are yet in the lake of confusion. For how long shall they remain in that state? So many are drawn and drowning in deep waters of sin; in the dungeon of darkness, without God and without hope. Do you not care?

The God who created men everywhere commands all to repent and be saved from eternal damnation. That is where the Father's heart is...where the unsaved are...everywhere! If your heart has wandered away from the Father's, then you are telling Him that you do not care about what He longs for, and desire – that none should experience eternal damnation; none should perish.

Dearly beloved, the work of 'catching' men and women for Christ requires human and divine partnership. God owns the 'farm,' yet is calling us into *His* harvest fields. "For we are God's fellow workers..." (1 Corinthians 3:9).

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Day Seventeen, Saturday, February 17

Topic: The Church Exists for the Harvest

Text: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" Matthew 24:14.

The gospel of the Kingdom of God is a central message in the Bible. It is the *Good News* that God's Kingdom is coming to earth, and that Jesus Christ will reign over all. The gospel of the Kingdom calls people to turn from their sins, trust in Jesus Christ, and begin a new life, symbolized by baptism. Matthew 24;14 emphasizes the importance of spreading the gospel of the Kingdom to all nations.

The Church's mission, is thus, to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God and make disciples throughout the world, teaching them the things Jesus taught. This follows that the work of the Church continues in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, and it will not cease when the original disciples died. The scope was to cover the whole world and therefore the plan for kingdom expansion had that in mind.

The Church exists by mission. Missions these days do not have to cross the oceans or indeed be in foreign lands. It may be at a sub-urban area or the other end of the city. In all of these, we intend to reach those that are yet to hear about the gospel of salvation and may be resident next door or on the next street. The disciples started from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the rest of the world. They started from the known to the unknown. Let's follow the same example. Start from your neighbourhood and trust the Lord to take you to the uttermost part of the world as the Lord increases your grace. Replicating this process of reaching the lost as modelled by the early disciples must continue. God forbid that it should stop with us. For how can we possibly stand before Jesus on the final day with the testimony of having received blessing but having refused the responsibility of passing it on?

Furthermore, the Church must have a vigorous missionary sending program. The present generation of young people must know the history of



how the gospel came to them – the price that was paid and the sacrifice made for our salvation. Our redemption was sealed with Christ's death at Calvary and continued through the apostles and missionaries (Col 1:24) who remained as faithful witnesses of the finished work of Christ.

Finally, sharing the gospel with the lost is a task for all believers. Some of the simple ways we can use to sustain this process include:

- a) Pray for the lost and for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Pray for the hearts of the lost to be open to the gospel message;
- b) Be intentional about sharing the gospel with others. Look for opportunities to share the gospel with those around you;
- c) Don't be afraid to share the gospel.
- d) Be bold in your sharing;
- e) Use creative ways to share the gospel. For example, you can use music, art, or drama to share the gospel message;
- f) Ensure that witnessing becomes a lifestyle;
- g) Sharing the gospel is a process. It may take time for the message to sink in and for people to respond;
- Act in love and be kind to those you are witnessing to. Love is a powerful force that can break down barriers and open hearts to the gospel message;

When you observe these simple tips, they will help you sustain your efforts and desire to reach the lost with the gospel. It must be noted that what God expects of us is to keep sharing the message of hope and salvation with those around you.

Prayer

Pray that:

- All believers will respond to the urgency of sharing the gospel with the lost.
- Our Churches will be burdened to reach the unreached in their neighbourhood.
- The Church will prioritize praying, supporting, giving and sending for the work of Missions.



• There will be collaboration and synergy between the Church and the missions movement.

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Day Eighteen, Sunday, February 18

Topic: Heart for the Harvest: "If I perish, I perish

Text: Esther 4:16

Martin Luther King Jr once said "if a man has not discovered something that he can die for, he is not fit to live" an African Proverb says exactly the same thing; "he who has nothing to die for, has nothing to live for". I personally strongly believe that death is not the greatest loss in life, the greatest loss in life is the loss of purpose and passion to live. No life is created by God to live in a vacuum, for Adam he said "let us make man in our own image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth". Genesis 1:26. In Genesis 2:18 the Lord said "it is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him an help meet for him". Adam was made for God, Eve, the first woman was made for the Adam. What were you made for?

It is purpose that fuels passion; it became very easy for Queen Esther to say if I perish I perish because Mordecai showed her what was her purpose in that palace at such a time. The fear of death suddenly disappeared into thin air; purpose dominated the heart, so passion was born. Paul came to a level where he could say "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain". The most dangerous people on the earth are those who have nothing to lose in dying, they can do anything at any time to express their passion.

I read the story of the Empress of Ireland, a ship that sank on her way from Canada to London in 1914, it was reported that 170 of the 1400 passengers



on board were Salvation Army youth leaders but none of them was among the 400 survivors even though their cabin was next to the life jacket storage facility. They all got the life jackets, but instead of saving themselves they swam around in the cold sea exchanging their lives with those of unbelievers who were drowning in the sea.

After the survivors were rescued, rescuers searched for the 170 Salvation Army youth leaders but they couldn't see a single one of them, every one of them died. The rescuers were so puzzled so they decided to investigate to know what happened to these young leaders, so they held a survivors meeting. In the meeting, the survivors started sharing their stories, and the stories that came out were all the same, some were witnesses, some had personal experience, they all said the same thing, 'a young man', 'a young lady' swam up to me took off their life jackets and gave them to me and laid down their lives. And after they had no more life jackets, they knew they didn't have much time, the water was too cold, but they swam around asking people, are you a Christian? And leading people to Christ, praying for people, until eventually every one of them died.

One of the survivors, who told his story, was this big, macho, strong, tattoo guy. While in the water, a 19-year-old girl swam up to him, took off her life jacket and gave to him, he took it and put it on, but after a while, he thought 'I am a man, how can I take life jacket from a young girl?' So he swam back after the girl and gave the girl back the life jacket. The girl asked him, 'are you a Christian?' he said 'No, I am not ready to be a Christian'. He said the girl got upset with him, took off the life jacket and threw it back at him and said to him 'I will die better than you, when I die, I will go to heaven, if you die you will not go to heaven, so you have got to live'. The man with tears on his eyes said, 'that night I was saved twice, one from the sea and two from my sins'. He gave his life to Christ.

Prayer:

- Lord save the church in our generation especially in Nigeria from selfish and materialistic gospel. Restore to us the heart of the cross.
- Give us leaders and pastors, like Mordecai, who can instruct the



body of Christ boldly and challenge us to lay down our lives for the sake of the kingdom.

 Ask the Lord to raise more Esthers, Nehemiahs and more of the tribes of the Salvation Army youth leaders of 1914 to take the gospel boldly to risky regions of our world with the power of the Holy Spirit. Give us the heart of Daniel, Shadrach, Mishak and Abednego to speak for Christ while facing the fire.

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Day Nineteen, Monday, February 19

Topic: Heart for the harvest

Text: John 4:34

From our theme for the year, there are two keywords that we need to unravel for a clearer understanding of God's expectation for His children/servants, concerning the Great Commission. These are; "Heart" and "Harvest"

Heart: This could be said to be the **central/innermost part** of something or **emotional strength** that allows one to continue in difficult situations.

Harvest: This refers to the unreached souls that need to be reached with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and brought into the kingdom of God.

Heart For The Harvest could then be said to mean the ability to make reaching the unreached with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the central attention/innermost matter or core focus of our lives.

Jesus Christ and his disciples were on their way to Galilee from Judea, while passing through Samaria, they became hungry and tired. Jesus decided to take a rest while His disciples went to look for food. He then took the same



opportunity to reach out to a Samaritan woman and through her, was able to reach many other Samaritans despite His hunger and tiredness. When His disciples came back, they were surprised that He spoke with a woman and were wondering whether someone had given Him food to eat. That was what led to Jesus' response in the passage; "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His works." In other words, bringing in the souls of men, which is the will of God and finishing all God would have Him do, was all that matter as far as Jesus is concerned.

Ponder on these:

- 1. As Jesus' love was absolutely to do the will of God and finish His works, so we should do likewise.
- 2. Jesus defied both religious and cultural barriers to win souls. As a Jew, He was not supposed to have anything to do with the Samaritans, talk-more of talking with a woman. We should not allow any barrier to stop us from achieving the will of God.
- 3. Jesus didn't allow His own necessary needs, like food and rest, deter Him from reaching out to the sinners.
- 4. He didn't give in to sentiments either, that is, what people think of Him does not matter.

If we must be true followers of Jesus Christ, we should make finishing the great commission, a matter of our heart and nothing less.

Prayer:

Our Father and God, Thou LORD of the harvest, we thank You for the privilege of being part of Your labour force to bring in Your Harvest. Please, grant us a genuine heart for Your harvest, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Day Twenty, Tuesday, February 20.

Topic: Every Christian has a Role in Sharing the Gospel

Text: Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Acts 6:8 (NET).

There are many Churches in Nigeria today than any other time in History. Nigeria has the highest number of Christians in Africa and has one of the fastest growing Churches in the world today. Yet not all these Churches are focused on proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom. Mission today depends on people that have a passion to reach the unreached no matter their job, training or professional background. Whatever skills, gifts or talent God has given you he needs it for missions (1 Peter 4:10–11).

Our active involvement in Church activities, no matter how important, does not exempt us from proclaiming the truth of the Gospel. It is truly the responsibility of every Christian to spread the salvation message even if that is not their primary role in the church. It must not be left to the Pastors, Evangelists, Mission Board or the Evangelism Committee. In Acts Chapter 6:1-7, Stephen and Philip were chosen to serve food so that the Apostles could focus on ministry work and studying the word. Even though both were given a specific job in the church, they did not allow that to be all they did. Stephen performed signs and wonders. He even preached the message of Jesus all the way up until the moment of his death (*Acts* 7:54–59).

Phillip, like Stephen, preached to anyone he could meet. While his primary role in the church was to serve, he still went outside the church proclaiming the good news and making disciples in the city; *Philip went down to the main city of Samaria and began proclaiming the Christ to them* - Acts 8:5 (NET); He told them the Good News of the Scripture; *So, Philip started speaking, and beginning with this scripture proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. Acts* 8:35 (NET).

Philip and Stephen show us that no matter the role you play, you are required to spread the gospel. This is the Heartbeat of God, and it is what he



wants His disciples (people) to do. Every Christian has the responsibility to share the gospel with as many people as possible. Missionaries cannot accomplish this on their own, it will require the involvement of every believer to complete the Great Commission. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15 (NET).

Let's take responsibility by starting to proclaim the good news of the gospel now. If we truly want to see more people reached with the *Good News*, everyone must be involved. We must all do our part to grow the Kingdom of God.

Let's Pray that;

- Every Church in Nigeria will prioritize missions and deliberately equip Church workers on how to share the good news of the Gospel.
- Christians would have boldness and be living witnesses as they take responsibility to share the gospel.
- Doors will be opened as missionaries share the message of the Gospel with unbelievers and many will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- God's word will spread widely as Christians take steps to share the gospel in their neighbourhood.

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Day Twenty-One, Wednesday, February 21.

Topic: Finishing the Task of the Master Text: John 4:34; 9:4

The passages under consideration for today are very apt. Jesus expresses His unflinching commitment to His Father's business. It is about what brings delight to the Father. It is about finishing the task. Winning the lost



must become to us as food. Until we feel it as a pang, we would not understand the pain in the Father's heart and neither are we going to take it serious.

Moreover, we must understand timing. The task of winning the lost would not be forever. There is a time allotted for that. The reality is that we are fast approaching the night and by then, no one would be able to work. A sense of urgency must dawn on us. We can no longer be lethargic. The motivation is that the Lord has gone ahead of us to make the souls of men hungry. Ours is to be willing, ready and available.

As we mark another Month of Missions, it is a timely reminder for us to recommit to the urgency of the task. There must be a fresh commitment of our heart to arise. Would you be willing to say like Jesus that your food is to see the lost saved? Will you be likewise persuaded that the work must be done while it is day? We must repent of every excuses and be reliable harvest-hands of the Master.

Prayer:

- Lord, cause me to have a sense of urgency as regards finishing the task.
- Find in me a vessel that you can depend upon for finishing the task.

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Day Twenty-Two, Thursday, February 22

Topic: Come over to Macedonia and help us!

Text: Acts 16:9, Isaiah 6:8

Nigeria currently has a population of 217.9 Million, 51.6% of which identify with Christianity. Approximately 26% of the Christian Population in Nigeria is Evangelical. Meaning there are over 54.5 million Bible believing,



great commission obedient Christ followers in Nigeria. If we give Just 1% of that population as cross-cultural Missionaries, Nigeria should have 545,000 cross cultural missionaries serving among the unreached across the nations of the world. Current statistics show there are only about 15,400 cross cultural missionaries of Nigeria origin from the over 180 NEMA Member agencies serving across 197 countries of the world.

Vision 5015 Plus of NEMA is a project commissioned in July 2022 at NEMA'S 40^{TH} Anniversary to build on the gains of Vision 5015 project, which facilitated the mobilization of over 4000 cross cultural missionaries to 34 mostly Islamic dominated countries in the 10/40 window between 2005 and 2020.

In July 2023, there was a National Missions Mobilization Conference, declaring the Vision 5015 plus project as a deliberate attempt to increase the number of cross-cultural missionaries from Nigeria by at least 4000 targeting the core north of Nigeria, the Sahel nations and North Africa within 5 years, that is from 2024 to 2028. This is taking a major bite off the larger chunk and to keep expanding the coverage with time. Be a major stake holder in this project, publicize this historic pursuit in your circle of influence. Mobilize Church leaders, Christian youths of all denominations to pray, give, go and serve as senders. Pray for many to be recruited into the Caleb's generation and kingdom army taking the risk to bring the blessing of Abraham to Muslim nations. This is the Macedonia call to the Church in Nigeria.

Prayer:

- NEMA is 42 years today. Bless the Lord for the life, obedience and commitment of NEMA's founding fathers. Ask the Lord to preserve the godly heritage that NEMA is.
- Pray that NEMA's relevance be preserved. Ask the Lord to cause the association to effectively mobilise the Nigerian Church towards fulfilling her prophetic mandate of reaching the nations.
- Pray that Vision5015+ will be a reality.



Day Twenty-Three, Friday, February 23.

Topic: The Readiness of the Harvest

Text: "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest" John 4:35 [NLT]

Jesus directs the gaze of His disciples to the fields, declaring, "...But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest." Picture a field where grain, once green, has undergone a transformative journey from yellow to a light color, almost white in the sunlight. In the agricultural language of the time, a "white" field signified readiness for harvest – a moment when every delay could mean lost opportunity.

The issue is not that the fields are not ripe, or the souls unprepared. Rather, the problem lies in the reluctance of the laborers to venture into the fields and gather the harvest. Many have found every reason to delay and hesitant to respond to the call. A seasoned farmer will affirm that the harvest does not wait. When the time arrives, you either reap or risk losing the crops. Jesus, with a sense of urgency, addresses His disciples, "Men, we don't have months to stall and wait for the harvest. The harvest is here, and it is ready for us."

A genuine heart for the harvest means understanding the immediacy of the call. It involves looking at the lost world around us and recognizing the urgency to share the gospel. The harvest is ready, and the time to act is now. Let us embrace the responsibility of laborers in the fields of Soul. The fields are white, the souls are ready, and the call is urgent. May our hearts align with the directive of the Master, compelling us to go into the fields and gather the harvest that awaits. The readiness is apparent; the harvest is ready – it beckons for us to respond promptly.

Prayer:

Ask the Lord to cause you to see the harvest even as He does.



- Ask the Lord to make your heart genuine and willing to serve His eternal purpose.
- Pray that the burden to reach the lost will overwhelm our Churches.

Samuel Ocheje,

Finance Manager, NEMA

Day Twenty-Four, Saturday, February 24

Topic: Paying the price for winning the lost: The Value of a soul **Text:** Mark 5:11-15

On many occasions we have heard from churches and denominations that they cannot afford cross cultural missions because it's too expensive. I have been a witness to the withdrawal of missionaries from both local and international fields because the local assembly and ministry sponsoring the missionaries felt the amount of money going into the venture is huge and cannot be sustained. While I am a strong advocate of creative initiatives for generating income to sustain missionaries on the field by missionaries themselves, I want to state categorically that it has never been cheap to save lost souls anywhere at any time.

In our text today, if you take extra time to read from chapter four especially from verse 35, Jesus instructed his disciples to cross over with him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, he had to send away the crowd to enable him step out to cross the sea. He was so tired working all day that he slept in the lower chamber of the ship almost immediately, then came the storm, which I personally believe Jesus knew was going to come but he still took the risk for the soul of the mad man of Gadara. There is so much to unpack in the entire story, but for lack of time and space in this devotion we will focus on verse 11-15 of Chapter 5. Jesus "wasted" 2000 pigs to offload one man of destructive demons and bring him to the knowledge of salvation in the Savior Jesus. In one of my engagements in Eastern Nigeria where pork meat



is a delicacy, I asked what the price of an average pig is, and they said it is between 100 and 150 thousand Naira. If we just take the lowest, 100 thousand Naira and multiply by the 2000 pigs, that's 200 million Naira on one soul. I asked in another Church if they will still go ahead and spend N200 million on a crusade or gospel outreach if the Lord has revealed that it is only one soul that will be saved by that adventure. A prominent women leader in the assembly said "God forbid". In Mark chapter 8 verse 36, Jesus asked a question, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Jesus equated the entire world with the soul of one man and still said the whole world is not worth the soul of a man.

What is your personal, family, local church and denomination's budget for cross cultural missions? How many cross-cultural missionaries are on your church's payroll? Some of the major missions outreaches by missionaries from Europe to Africa in the first missions era was funded not only by churches but Christian owned businesses. I was told that one man single-handedly donated the ship that brought the Presbyterian missionary team of Hope Masterton Waddell to Calabar from Scotland in 1846. He kept sending about 100 pounds monthly for the maintenance of the same ship for further use by the mission team for many years. The hope of saving the lost is dependent on the love and sacrifice for finding them by the saved.

Prayer:

- Ask the Lord to fill the church with men and women with love for the lost and unlimited sacrifice for their salvation.
- Pray for God to prosper the businesses and investments of the believers who have the heart for the harvest for the purpose of expanding his kingdom.
- Pray for more Christian professionals to use their skills and platforms to reach others.

Pastor Victor Idakwoji

Director of Mobilization and Networking, NEMA



Day Twenty-Five, Sunday, February 25

Topic: Joy in Soul Winning **Text**: II Corinthians 13:11

Joy is a great reward especially to he who has done the expected. The aim of every believer is to be at the camp of those that will finally be rejoicing in the presence of the Master. Meanwhile, while here on earth it is expected that every believer inculcate the attitude of rejoicing especially when it involves the following:

- 1. Restoration of Souls to Christ:- The harvest is truly plentiful as indicated by the Master (Matt. 9:37). As such there is need for more hands and effort geared towards the restoration of these lives to the Savior while it is yet day. This task should be done diligently and with the attitude of rejoicing as souls are brought to Christ.
- 2. Comforting and Agreeing with One Another:- Considering the time and happenings of today in fulfillment of II Tim. 3. The church should be the safest place to both believers and unbelievers. The church should be a place of comfort and agreement. A place where sinners can run to and witness the love of God. Let us be found comforting one another as well as agreeing in reaching out to the lost joyfully.
- 3. Living in Peace:- As tribulations, war and crime increase, the Church should be an example of peace through negotiations, teachings and living an exemplary peaceful life. Chaos should not be found in the church for we are the light of the world (Matt. 5:14)

As we go about doing these things; there will be progress in bringing many to God's kingdom because His love and peace will abound in our lives always.

Prayer:

 Ask the Lord to eliminate barriers and differences in the church that have caused setbacks in bringing many to the knowledge of



God and His Christ.

• Use John 17:22 to pray for unity in the church as we carry out the Great Commission.

Rev Dr. Salem Baba Lile

Missions Director, UMCA

Day Twenty-Six, Monday, February 26.

Topic: Obey the Command

Text: By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. (John 13: 35).

The love of Christ for His Church is what united Him and His church together. Christianity is meaningless without love. Love in the body of Christ is a command. It is not optional. You cannot be a true Christian without love for one another. The fragrance of love in the body of Christ is a message to the unreached people in the world. We must take practical steps of love within the body of Christ as Churches, agencies and fellowship to take the Gospel to the unreached people. We must show love by encouraging one another in praying together, forming an outreach team in our area, supporting missionaries and strategically reaching the unreached.

Practically show the love of Christ during this year's month of Mission. Team up with others to show the love of Christ. The gospel is about the Good News of the love of Christ for the world. So, it is a command to make the love of Christ in us known to the world.

See 1 John 2:5

Prayer:

- Pray for Nigerian Churches to be motivated in the love of Christ for the unreached.
- Pray for Nigerian Churches to experience the revival of God's love.



• Ask the Lord to make His love find expression through you to the dejected and the lost.

Pastor James Enemakwu Ajeka

Bible Translations Program Coordinator, NEMA

Day Twenty-Seven, Tuesday, February 27

Topic: The Challenge Before Us **Text:** 2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Paul has done all he can to lead the false teachers, the critics, and those who are in sin to repent and turn back to the Lord. His final words as recorded in 2Cor. 13:1-14 include a warning, a prayer, a challenge, and a blessing.

Verse 11 carries the challenge which we will ponder upon.

"Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you" (NIV)

Aim for perfection: Paul says; restore, reform, correct, mend yourselves and your ways. Stop your sinning, criticism, divisiveness and immorality. The goal must be to be like Christ, our perfect example.

Grow into maturity in Christ: As we aim for perfection, we must be intentional about growing. Anything that refuses to grow, simply dies.

Listen to my appeal: Be assured, consoled, and helped by repenting and turning back to God. In this month of mission, the Lord has been appealing to us to take on his heart for the harvest. Open your heart to the Lord.

Be of one mind in faith, belief, purpose, mission, and ministry. We are colabourers. We are not competitors. A heart for the harvest is a harvest that is willing to work with others. The harvest is vast and so we must work with others to reap it.



Live in peace. Love, care, forebear, be long-suffering and concerned for each other. Have nothing to do with criticism, divisiveness, snobbishness, pride-or feeling superior. These are attitudes that distract us from doing the needful. Reaping the harvest demands our concentration and serious. Living in peace and being agents of God's peace will accelerate bringing in the harvest.

Prayer:

- Ask the Lord to help you aim for perfection.
- Receive the grace of the Lord to shun every distraction as you commit to be a worthy reaper of the end-time harvest.
- Ask the Lord's peace to fill your heart and that you may be an agent of His peace.

Rev David Kanda

National Chairman, NEMA

Day Twenty-Eight, Wednesday, February 28

 $\textbf{Topic:} \ Heart of Forbearance and Forgiveness in Love$

Text: Colossians 3:12-14

Working together as a group is God's strategy for the success of the gospel enterprise. No one ministry, agency or an individual can get the job done. Paul compares the church to the human body with different members working together to accomplish the same goal. Working together means coming together.

In today's passage, Paul spoke to the Colossians about the state of their heart as the elect of God, saved by His grace and now together in fellowship and service of the Lord. He mentioned that for them to enjoy continuous fellowship and experience accelerated progress in their service to the Lord, they are to carry the right heart.



Paul mentioned bearing with one another and forgiving one another. This is so important for us today as we relate and work together. We know that it is not possible for us as humans to work together without stepping on one another's toes, consciously or unconsciously. We are to be ready to patiently bear with each other and forgive each other when there is an offence. It is Christlike to forgive (Eph 4:32), and forgiveness opens the heart to the fullness of the love of God.

As believers we know that the regenerated heart chokes and suffers seriously when offence is retained in it. The flow of the Holy Spirit is hindered as the heart is weighed down by the load of offence. We get our liberty and healing when we forgive and let the offender go free. Forbearing and forgiving one another is more for our personal spiritual health and the healthiness of the group. We can perform maximally as individual or group if we are healthy and not sick at heart. The Apostle admonished the Colossian Christians to put on love above all. This is the most important of the Christian virtues, and it is like a "girdle" that ties all the other virtues together.

All of the spiritual qualities Paul has mentioned are aspects of true Christian love, as we see in 1 Cor 13. Love is the first of the fruit of the Spirit and the other virtues follow. Love expressing itself in bearing with and forgiving the offences of others is an indispensable quality in sustaining unity, relationship and collaboration that will yield accelerated success. We should, therefore, be ready and very willing to walk in forbearance and forgiveness so that we can see the results we long for; this year and the years ahead.

Prayer:

- Ask the love of Christ to manifest in our lives in increasing measure.
- Pray that we would bring God delight by living in love.

Pastor Dr. John Dolor

Zonal Chairman, South-South NEMA & General Overseer, Harvest-Time



Christian Assembly Int'l, Warri

Day Twenty-Nine, Thursday, February 29

Topic: Passion for working in Unity and Love

Text: Ephesians 4:11-13

Scientists discovered that human body is made up of several systems. Each of these systems is made up of several organs. Each organ comprises of tissues and each tissue is made up of several cells. Obviously, this is wisdom displayed by the Greatest Scientist – the Almighty God. God made each of these systems to function effectively and efficiently with each organ performing their unique but important functions. With the absence of the small intestine in the digestive system, the system cannot perform its function. God did it that way deliberately. This order has never changed since creation. All the organs of a system are unique and important to the overall achievement of every system.

One of the greatest systems that God created is the Church. The Church is a system designed and established by God for a special purpose – to make His name known among the nations so that He might receive glory from the nations (1 Peter 2:9). This system called the Church is made up of some organs as mentioned in the scripture under consideration – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. These are not just nomenclatures but assignments, ministries and responsibilities. All of these are members of the same Church and have the following as their common factors (1 Cor. 12:12-27).

1. Mutual respect. The Church would be able to function effectively and efficiently, only when there is mutual respect among the members. The apostle should respect the evangelist, and the pastor should be respected by the prophet, for each other's peculiarities. The mouth cannot function as the esophagus and vice versa. Without the former or the latter, or their equivalents in the



digestive system, the system cannot work. The evangelist needs the pastor and vice versa for the system (the Church) to fulfill her purpose. The prophet needs the uniqueness of the teacher in the system. The absence of any of the organs creates deficiency in the system and affects the effectiveness of all other organs that made up the system.

- 2. Mutual commitment. The weakness of one organ affects the strength of the other. When a man has heart failure, the life of all other organs is at stake. Each of these organs of the Church must be committed to one another's wellbeing. The pastor should see the wellbeing of the teacher and the evangelist as his responsibility. The teacher and the prophet must know that the sickness of the pastor is their sickness 1 Peter 3:8.
- 3. Mutual support. There is no one organ that can function as a system. Even though it is generally believed that the apostle has the capacity to perform the functions of all others, his system can never be as effective and efficient as the collective effort of all the other ministries. Everyone is responsible for the support of each other. There must be mutual support as the case may be, among the various ministries that constitute the Church Hebrew 10:24

The list of the common factors is inexhaustive. Nonetheless, the highest common factor of all these ministries; the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, is love. God's kind of love must be resident in the Church system. This is the only way the Church can distinguish herself from the world – 1 John 3:11. This agape love compels each of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to be committed to one another, respect and support each other. When love is absent in the system among these ministries, it does not matter what we think we are doing for the Lord, it will be unacceptable to the Master who has commanded us to love one another (1 John 3:23, 4:7). No love, no ministry (1 Cor. 13). We will be more fruitful and fulfilled when love and respect characterize our ministries.

Prayer:

Pray that there will be mutual love and respect among the various



organs of the Church.

• Pray that the Lord will heal every suffering part of His Church and that the body of Christ may fulfill her divine mandate.

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PRAYER ALERT

March - May, 2024

FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH

Thank the Lord for the open doors and the success of the Month of Missions 2024. Praise the Lord for a new month and declare His blessings over the Month and the remaining days in the year.

Thank the Lord for NEMA leadersthe Board of Trustees, National Executive Committee and every delegate/ leaders of member agencies. Pray that the hands of the Lord be upon them for good; that their commitment will not wane and that their labour will be greatly rewarded.

SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH

Thank God for the many testimonies recorded in all the Bible Translation efforts facilitated by NEMA and other Bible translation organisations. Pray that the LORD prospers every ongoing Bible translation effort; and that already available scriptures in indigenous languages will result in bountiful harvests amongst the unreached.

Pray that the Lord will bless the strategic role and engagement strategies of **Africa Professionals** Resource Mission and The Tentmakers Christian Missions.

SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH

Ask the LORD to remove obstacles that hinder the impact of God's word and the advance of the gospel in Nigeria and beyond. Pray that God will open the doors of opportunity for the gospel to thrive.

Receive divine wisdom and inspiration for the leadership and curators of the resources of Africa Vision Tract House Society and Living Word of Mercy Publication Services. Pray that Zion World Prayer & Missions will continually enjoy the mercy of the Lord to advance missions work both within and beyond the shores of Nigeria.

MONDAY, 4TH MARCH

Appreciate God for the strategic role that specialised discipleship homes plays in the equipping of converts. Plead God's blessing and protection upon the people in every of the centres. Pray for continuous testimonies as God uses His servants to raise more disciples.

Lift Agape Brethren Evangelical



Mission and World Evangelical Mission Outreach (WEMO) before the Lord. Ask God to open more ministry doors for them, and also raise more laborers and resources to maximise these open doors.

TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH

Ask God to foster unity among missionaries working in urban areas, that they may collaborate and support each other in their effort to reach and disciple the lost.

Pray that the LORD will bless and increase **Agape Generation Int'l Church** in leaps and bounds. Declare a continuous open heaven upon the ministry of **Wonder Life Care Mission International**.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH

Pray that the LORD will supply the needs of every of His children, especially those serving in His mission. Ask that Jehovah Jireh will provide for their physical needs, as well as their spiritual and emotional needs.

As Agape Missions & Evangelistic Network (AMEN) and Well Of Salvation Ministries seek to make God known among the unreached, pray that more people will understand and experience the

transformative power of God through these ministries.

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH

Pray that access doors be opened up in the nations that are completely closed to the Gospel among the Vision5015plus countries. Pray also that Nigerian professionals working in various restricted countries will use their professions as opportunities for sharing the gospel.

Appreciate God and pray that All Christian Fellowship Mission Inc. and Voice to the Deserted Mission Int'l will never lose their relevance in the Body. Pray that they will continue to feel the loving arms of God wrapped around them.

FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH

It's *International Women's Day*. Lift women serving in missions around the world to God. Ask that the Lord will bless them with strength, resilience, and unwavering faith as they work tirelessly to lead transformation to families and communities in need.

Pray for Anglican Frontiers Missions (Nigeria) and UTANBECH Missions International, ask that God will



make them both to will and do His good pleasure regarding their assignment in the mission enterprise.

The Holy Month of Ramadan of our cousins in Islam begins tomorrow. Visit www.nemanigeriamissions.org for a special Prayer bulletin for the season.

SATURDAY, 9TH MARCH

Thank the Lord for the increase in enrolment of missionary trainee at NEMI. Plead the Lord on behalf that all the candidates He has given us and the ones He will give us will be teachable and obedient to every instruction they will be given as they go through the training.

Present Ark of Covenant Int'l Mission and Urgent Mission Souls Rescue Ministry before the Lord. Pray for enlarged capacities for the leadership and staff.

SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH

To be a Kanuri is to be a Muslim. The Kanuris have been Muslims since the 11th century, however, God is still interested in them. The growing number of believers amongst the Kanuri is proof that God is yet reconciling them to Himself. Pray that the Holy Spirit

will do a quick work in the hearts of the Kanuris, softening their hearts and making them receptive to the gospel.

Ask that God will uphold, guide and enrich **Bridge of Life** and **United Missionary Church of Africa** with wisdom to fulfil His divine purpose. Pray that they will grow and be effective.

MONDAY, 11TH MARCH

Please pray for an increased production of evangelistic prints, empowering Gospel workers and Christians, especially in Urban centers to engage with their non-believing neighbors effectively.

National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting begins today in Jos. Thank God for journey mercy He granted those who have arrived, and pray for safety in travel for those who will be arriving today. Pray that the Lord will grace the meeting with His wisdom and that they discern His will clearly and make strategic decisions that will move the Nigeria missions movement forward.

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH

All the trainings in NEMA are strategically designed to equip the



Church to engage and bring in the remaining harvest. Leadership Development Trainings like Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, Disciples Making Movement, Encountering the World of Islam, Global Engagement Training, Tent-Making-Working Your Ways to the nations; etc. Pray that there will be open doors for these programs to be conducted in various places, spreading knowledge and enhancing impact.

Pray for Calvary International Africa and United Evangelical Church. Ask the God of grace to endue the leaders with wisdom and understanding leading to more breakthroughs in all their ministry endeavours.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH

Pray for wisdom, discernment, and spiritual strength for campus ministry leaders. Ask for guidance in making decisions that align with God's will for their ministry. Pray that these ones will lead like Jesus.

Bear Calvary Ministries (CAPRO) and Threshold Christian Network Int'l before the throne of grace. Pray that God will bless their labour and grant them enlargement on all sides.

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH

Pray for the safety and protection of missionaries and believers working in slums and challenging urban environments.

Ask God to bless Calvary Rescue Response Mission Int'l (CARREM) and The Redeemer's Network Outreach with more open doors into new frontiers and raise more labourers and resources for these open doors.

FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH

Praise the Lord for the growing number of Muslim coming to Christ (Col.1:6). However, the Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) are in need of continuous prayers from the Church. Pray God to raise strategic and faithful disciples for the MBBs around the world, to be rooted in faith and grow in their passion to love others and to share the Gospel.

Pray for Cave Missions Outreach and The Reconcilers Ministry; entreat the Lord that their strategic engagement of the lost and unreached will continue to yield fruits.



SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH

Ask that the Lord will give the Church and the believers compassion for those who are suffering. Pray also that gospel workers will have perseverance to continue the work even when it is difficult, till the task is finally done.

Thank God for Centre For Human & Community Development and The Evangelizers' Team Ministries Int'l. Pray that they will continue to be doors that open God's light and windows that reflect His love and compassion to the unregenerated.

SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH

Many Shanga people converted to Islam, and their adherence to traditional practices and beliefs isn't waning. Pray that as the redemptive light of the gospel begins to shine upon their hearts and communities, every stronghold shall be broken.

Present Chapel Of Goodnews and Chapel of Holiness before the Lord. Pray for fresh oil and for boldness to witness for Christ and the result to be seen and felt around them.

MONDAY, 18TH MARCH

Pray for the transformative influence of the Gospel to permeate and impact every aspect of urban life, including businesses, workplaces, economic structures, and the hearts of individuals.

Ask that the Lord will strengthen the leadership and missionaries of Charismatic Renewal Ministries and The Gospel Faith Missions International (Missions Dept). Pray that they will be more committed to their mission and vision in the face of challenges they may be facing.

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH

Over the years, NEMI has enjoyed and is still enjoying the willing commitment of experienced missionaries and Church leaders who offer to teach various courses, thereby complementing the efforts of resident trainers. Pray that the Lord will reward their sacrifices at raising and training Kingdom Advocates for the great harvest. Ask the Lord to bless their families and endeavours.

Pray for greater exploits in the kingdom advancement for Chapel of Redemption and Chapel of Salvation. Ask for wisdom and

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divine favour in their work.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH

Pray for students and faculty in our institutions, that their hearts may be open to the message of Christ. Ask God to soften hearts and revive a hunger for spiritual truth on our campuses.

Pray that God will bless Christ Disciples Ministries and The Elects' World Harvest Mission, enlarge their territory and keep them from harm. Pray also that House of Recab Ministry International will enjoy God's help in their discipleship efforts.

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH

Pray for initiatives that provide education and skill development, empowering individuals and families, particularly missionaries, in urban communities for a more promising future.

Global Impact Travail (Pray for Missions) holds today. You can join us join us virtually through Telegram: @nemanigeriamissions Zoom: Meeting ID: 891 0547 3624 Passcode: 1234

As Christ Foundation Evangelical Church and The Mighty Cry Gates

Mission strive to bring to pass God's will and purpose for human race, ask that God will guide every step and honor His words in their mouth.

FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH

Every Muslim is loved by God, and so should every of his Children. Ask the Lord that Christians everywhere would develop a heart filled with love and compassion towards Muslims. Pray that Muslims will understand that God loves them and desire to have a relationship with them as His children.

Stand in the gap for Christ Gospel Church (Nigeria) Inc. and The Prominence Church. Ask the God of grace to endue the leaders with wisdom and understanding. Pray for more breakthroughs in all their ministry endeavours.

SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH

Appreciate God for the worship rendered to God in its rich variety by the Nigerian church, and for being a sending force to other nations with the Gospel. Pray for consecration and revival in the Church.

Ask the Lord to release upon Christ



Image Assembly and The Koinonia Discipleship Mission fresh wisdom and grace to carry out their kingdom desires and also that the peace of God may rest on all leaders and staff.

SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH

In Kogi and Niger States, the Kupa people have traditionally practiced Islam, with little room for other religions. Pray for grace for very few Gospel labourers among them and for additional workers to effectively reach the Kupa communities Also, pray that the Oral Bible stories in their language will yield great harvest.

Lift-up Christ The Beloved Global Missionary Outreach and The Holiness House International to the Lord. Pray that they will always know and consistently work in God's will and direction for their life and ministry. Declare open heavens and irresistible impact at all levels upon them.

MONDAY, 25TH MARCH

Pray for the unreached people in Nigeria's city centers, asking the Lord to open their hearts to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord will raise dedicated workers who will target these ones in their new homes.

Pray for passion and love for soulwinning to continue to burn in the hearts of Christ's Peculiar Harvest Mission and The Way Out Ministry International. Ask that God will keep them focused and uncompromising.

TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH

Pray for the removal of barriers hindering unreached migrants from hearing the good news of Jesus. Ask the Lord to soften their hearts and make them receptive to the message of salvation.

Pray for the leaders, staff and missionaries of Christ Kingdom Reigns Worldwide Mission and The Disciple All Nations Apostolic Outreach. Praise God for their continuous and worthy service in missions. Ask the Lord to increase their strength and that they may be faithful to Him.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH

Pray for unity and harmony among campus ministry teams amidst the proliferation of Christian fellowships. Ask for a spirit of cooperation and mutual support as they work together for God's glory.



Pray for the work of Christ Ingathering Int'l Gospel Outreach and The Navigators in schools. Ask that God will bring increase to the word they are sowing in the hearts of students and more.

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH

Global migrations of people groups caused by various factors makes diaspora missions very vital. Pray for churches, Christian ministries to be accommodating and quite deliberate in reaching out to non-Christian migrants.

Present Christ To The Unreached Ministries and The Holistic Faithful and True Mission to the Lord. Pray that their ministry names will answer physically and spiritually to the enthronement of God's glory among those they are reaching and beyond.

FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH

Appreciate God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the redemption of man on this Good Friday. Pray that He grant us a profound understanding of the significance of this day and fill our hearts with awe, reverence, and thanksgiving.

Pray for Christian Centre for Discipleship & Missions and

Team-up with God Mission to be energized and enabled by the Holy Spirit to break new ground for missions. As they labour to have God's word multiplied for effective discipleship, ask the Lord to bless their labour.

SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH

Pray that the Lord will give the church a vision for the future of the nation. Ask that God will show us how He wants to transform the nation and bring it to salvation. Also ask that He will give us wisdom to implement His plan and grant us courage to see it through.

Pray that Christian Evangelical Fellowship of Nigeria and Soul Reapers Ministry will continue to share God's word and mercy to unbelievers and constantly have testimonies that will encourage them and glorify His Name.

SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH

Pray that the resurrection of Jesus Christ will yet be a beacon of hope and salvation to all nations. Pray that this Easter will bring a revival of faith, love, and unity across the nations.

Ask that God will help **Christian Evangelistic Missionary Outreach**



(CREMO) and Souls Harvesters Ministries to stay in tune to the Lord's will and guidance of His Spirit always. Pray that they will receive inspiration from the Lord for their ministry and will never be stranded.

Happy Easter.

MONDAY, 1ST APRIL

Pray that the Lord will give Christians everywhere a deep thirst for His Word. Ask that they would have a deep hunger for truth and a desire to know the Christ. Pray that our eyes be opened to see God's hand at work in our lives. Ask that He will open our ears to hear His voice and spur our hearts to respond to His call.

Pray that this will be a new season for Christian Leadership Training For Evangelism and for Sons Int'l Living Ministries as they advance the Lord's mission through their ministries.

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL

Pray that newly planted churches and disciples in the various zones of this nation will grow in faith and knowledge of Christ. Ask for multiplication of obedient disciples in Nigeria.

Pray that as Christian Missionary Foundation and Sojourners Missions International labour to see the lost know the Saviour and the nations discipled, they will constantly have testimonies and glorify God's holy name.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL

Pray that God will continue to expose false preachers and pastors who have the form of godliness but denying its power. Declare that righteousness and sound doctrine will be the order again in the Church.

Pray that Christian Missionary Volunteer Association and Sinai Global Outreach will prosper in all their ministry endeavours.

THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL

NEMI has plans to build a female hostel and additional classrooms as the number of female missionary trainees and the students increases respectively. Pray that God will stir the hearts of His sons and daughters to give for these projects.

Pray for the Christian Network for African Mission and Serving In Mission (SIM) as they engage in



daily ministry amongst the church and unbelievers around. Declare that they will be able to access the level of support to keep them in the work.

FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL

Ask God to strengthen the few mission agencies holding forth in the Northeast of Nigeria. Pray that God will help the church to reclaim the lands lost to Boko Haram insurgencies and continue to frustrate the plans of the perpetrators of evil.

Pray that CGMI Global Missions Resource Centre and Scripture Union (Nigeria) will blossom and prosper in every ministry effort to equip the saints. Ask that the fire of revival over these ministries will not die.

SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL

The End-time is here. Ask the Lord to fortify His Church against the deception of the day manifesting in various forms. Ask the Lord to equip His Church to win many who are now vulnerable or even swept away by the tides of this period.

Ask the Lord of the harvest to uphold COCIN Community Missions and Royal Missionary

Outreach International, and that they will continue to have a clear vision in their commitment to making mature disciples.

SUNDAY, 7TH APRIL

In recent time, there's been a great upsurge of interests in African traditional religion. Resources are made available to build or renovate shrines. Pray that Satan's strategy to use political, religious and other world leaders to promote his worship among people they influence be destroyed. Come against every spirit of syncretism that is waging war against the Church of Christ in Africa.

Pray that God will use Cross Victory Outreach Ministries and Global Missions Mandate Ministry to reach and nurture unbelievers in their fields and beyond. Receive new ministry open doors for them.

MONDAY, 8TH APRIL

Pray for the use of creative arts and expression as tools to communicate the Gospel in compelling ways within urban areas. Declare the Lord's blessing and inspiration upon Christian artists, musicians, writers, and curators. Pray that they will use their talents for His glory.



Pray that the beauty of God's truth shine through various forms of creativity, drawing people closer to God.

Pray that as the strategic Christian contents produced by **Gospel Recordings**, **Nigeria** and **Salam Great Commission Int'l Outreach** are heard and read, the effect among their audience shall not be little nor short-lived.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL

Thank God for the progress of the work at *Nigeria Centre for Global Harvest* (NCGH) and physical projects like the NEMA Guest House Project. Pray for necessary provision to see them completed. Ask that they will serve to the end of glorifying God among all peoples.

Pray for the people who are receiving the gospel through the ministry of **Disciple Centre for Global Harvest** and **Rural Areas for Christ Outreach**. Pray that they will hear and understand the gospel message, be converted and discipled.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL

Pray for a sense of environmental stewardship in urban areas, addressing issues of pollution and sustainability of the environment.

Pray that the Message of the Lord will spread rapidly through the ministry of Divine Gospel Mission Int'l and RUBEMA Christian Missions Support Int'l.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL

Ask for wisdom in utilizing technology and innovation for effective ministry in the digital age within urban centers. Pray that local pastors will learn and take full advantage of the digital space to talk about Jesus.

As Eternity Ministries and GlobalRize Gospel Mission Network engage the lost and unreached through physical and digital means, declare God's blessing upon their labour. Pray that more testimonies abound through these means.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL

Bible translation effort into Kakanda language beginning with Oral Bible Stories has been fruitful and resulted in more openness to the gospel. Thank God for the testimonies and receive God's blessing over every missional endeavour among them.



Receive grace for **Nigeria Bible Translation Trust** and **SPOKEN** in their commitment to making the Bible available for every group. Ask for abundant resources for Bible Translation labours.

SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL

Humanism and Secularism are growing; many enlightened minds are embracing the ideologies. Resist the growth of these anti-gospel philosophies in prayers. Come against heresies and heretics in the Church.

Pray that Ethnosreach International Ministry Inc. and Rehoboth World Outreach will have more ministry opportunities and be inspired to serve God in spite of whatever situation that confront them.

SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL

Appreciate the Lord for the sustenance of NEMA as an association and for all the staff and their families from the beginning of the year till now. Pray that the Lord will continue to supply our personal, family and ministry needs according to His riches in glory.

Ask that God will make Ephrata

World Evangelical Mission and Revs Family Outreach Mission sensitive to His will and to the guidance of His Spirit always. Pray that they will continually enjoy inspiration from the Lord for their ministry and that they will never be stranded.

MONDAY, 15TH APRIL

Thank God for the success of programs held in the last two quarters of the ministry year. Entreat the Lord that the effect and impact will be sustained, and will keep yielding gains to God's kingdom.

Thank God for the ministry of Ethnos Christian Missions and Reformed Church of Christ For Nations. Pray that God will enlarge their coast, prosper their ministry engagements and bless their missionaries across Nigeria.

TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL

Field Missionary Retreat holds once every five years, bringing together all Nigerian field missionaries. It will come up this year in November. Pray that the Lord will greatly help to the members of the Local Organising Committee, and grant them favour.



Pray for the provision of resources—financial, human, and material—for ministry operations of EMS of ECWA and Reach The Rest Christian Mission. Ask that God would give the leaders wisdom and discernment as they provide leadership for the ministry and minister to the lost.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL

Pray for effective discipleship programs for our institutions of learning- from primary to tertiary institutions. Ask God to raise up leaders who can mentor and disciple these ones in their journey to maturity.

As Fellowship of Christian Students and Nigeria Fellowship of Evangelical Students labour among students, pray for the release of grace upon them. Ask for provision of resources needed in execution of evangelistic and discipleship programs and outreaches in schools.

THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL

Prayer paves way for the Gospel to penetrate even the most resistant people groups worldwide. Pray for an outpouring of the spirit of grace, supplication, and intercession upon the Church. Today by 4pm, the Global Impact Travail (Pray for Missions) will hold at NEMA Headquarters, Jos, and virtually at *bit.ly/NEMAGIT*. Join us as we intercede for missions and the unreached.

As El-Rehoboth Leadership Foundation and Global Activation Ministry continue to mobilize and equip the church for the end-time harvest, ask that the Lord will inspire, encourage and prosper their walk and work with Him daily.

FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL

Pray for wisdom and political will for the government to stem out insecurity in Nigeria. Pray also for our brothers and sisters in the military and paramilitary for protection as they carry out their responsibilities.

Ask that the Spirit of the Lord will continue to encourage, comfort and keep the flames of hope alive in **Evangel Missions Inc.** and **Pleroma Missions**.

SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL

In some communities of Northwest Nigeria, the Dendis form a powerful commercial elite. They



have also become an influential group with significant political influence in regional politics. Ask the Lord to send His laborers bearing His Light into the communities of the Dendi people in Nigeria, Niger and Benin republics. Ask the Lord to save key leaders among them who will boldly proclaim the Gospel to their people.

Receive boldness afresh for the missionaries and staff of Evangelical Brethren Ministries and Pentecostal African Church Int'l. Pray that through their witnessing, the Lord will draw many to Himself.

SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL

Pray for believers all over the world especially those under intense persecution, to persevere in faith. The Church is where Christ's dominion is expressed. Pray the body of Christ universally stays true to biblical Gospel (2 Tim. 4:1-4), and that Church leaders and members stay focused on the Lord's service. Pray for the unity of the Church.

Praise God for those who came to the Lord through the ministry of Elijah Bible Church and Occupy World Outreach Ministries. Pray that these ones be nurtured in their faith. Pray that the Lord will overturn every evil plan against them and make them experience goodness on all sides.

MONDAY, 22ND APRIL

Missionaries' children are prone to neglect which is able to lead to poor academic pursuit. Pray the Lord to raise help and continually supply their needs to pursue and fulfill their dreams. Ask that these ones will have personal and growing relationship with Jesus.

Ask God to strengthen the disciples and raise missionaries from among them to take over the work of Fortifiers Outreach Ministries and Royal Harvest Supporters Foundation. Receive grace and strength for the leaders of these ministries.

TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL

Being a spiritual leader is a higher calling, as their work is to watch over souls and they are accountable to God in doing this (Heb. 13:17). Pray for wisdom and empowerment of the Holy Spirit upon all leaders; that they may consistently guide the people on the right path and unto maturity in Christ.



Pray that God will indeed prosper His word in the lives of individuals and communities as **Initiative for African Missions (IAM)** and **Mount Zion Deliverance & Healing School Ministry** reach out to deliver, build, and disciple with the word.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL

Pray for a spiritual revival to sweep across the campuses, transforming hearts and lives. Ask for a hunger for God's presence and the heart to do His will. Pray that the Lord will ignite a fresh vision and passion within the hearts of every believer, stirring a deep desire to actively participate in the Great Commission.

Thank God for the sustenance and impact of Foundation For Student Mission and Sowers Theatre Ministry. They have made and are still making impact in the tertiary institutions. Pray for increased zeal and passion in missions and evangelism among students on campuses and other schools.

THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL

Pray that our local church assemblies will become centers of transformation, actively engaging with the needs of the urban community and properly equipping her member to respond. Intercede for Fellowship Outreach Bible Church and Faith Life Church. Pray that God will grant them fruitful ministry, protect them from evil and also meet their needs. Declare that they will remain relevant in the agenda of God in bringing the nations to worship Him.

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL

The Hausa language is the trade and regional language across the Northern Nigeria and into the Sahel with about sixty million speakers. Pray that Christ's disciples amongst the Hausas will grow deeply into Christ being firmly established in Him. Ask the Lord to grant strength to those facing gruesome persecution.

Pray for more open heavens upon the ministry of Hausa Christians Foundation (Hacfo) and Saratu Nuhu Evangelical Ministry Int'l Pray for supernatural supplies to execute their various mission projects and programs. Pray that the leadership will be divinely guided and continually focused.



SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL

Using 1 Cor. 12:12, pray for continuous synergy among the various mission agencies and the mainstream churches in advancing the kingdom of God. Pray that mission agencies remain focused with well-defined missionary thrust and programs.

Pray that God will anoint every word and strategies of Heart Beat of Christ Mission and Mission Minds International such that it will impact their unreached audience.

SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL

Despite dialogue sessions in some of the communities in North, local farmers continue to experience destruction of crops on their farmlands by cows. Pray that the Lord will expose and put this deliberate act of wickedness to an end.

Plead with the Lord on behalf of Harvesters For Christ and More Than Rubies Family Ministry that the light of Christ may shine brightly through their efforts and engagement of the unreached and unchurched. Declare God's blessing over their family outreach programs.

MONDAY, 29TH APRIL

Pray for the return of peace to the Middle-belt, and that displaced persons be comfortably settled. Ask the Lord to prevail on the terrorists, bandits, and kidnappers rampaging this region.

Pray for Global Gospel Outreach International and Global Outreach for Christ International for fresh fire, greater dedication, renewed commitment and uncompromising zeal.

TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL

All the Unreached Peoples in Nigeria are located in the northern part of the country. Pray that the entire northern Nigeria will be open to the Gospel. Pray that the peace of Christ permeate every nook and cranny of this region.

Thank God for the labours of Jesus Missionary Commission and Reaching the Unreached Volunteers Mission. Pray that God will raise more workers for their work. Receive grace for them, and pray that they will not grow weary nor withdraw their hands from the plough.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Thank the Lord for bringing us into a new month. It's **Workers Day.** Thank the Lord for the faithful workers in the His vineyard. The harvest remains plenteous but workers are yet few (Matthew 9:37), pray that the Lord of the harvest will send dedicated and committed workers to bring in the remaining harvest.

Global Glorious Missions Interdenominational annual convention begins today. Pray for God's mighty presence in the meeting. Ask the Lord to release fresh grace on the team serving at The Kingdom Projects. Declare acceptance and progress over their ministry expressions.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Lift the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and its five blocs into the hand of the Lord. Pray that they prioritize the agenda of God; standing firm against distractions and influences that may divert them from their mandate. Ask the Lord to grant unity, wisdom, and protection at all levels to the leader.

Lift Fullstature Missions International before the throne of grace and ask the Lord to uphold them, supply every of their needs and make them a blessing to the nations. Pray that **Nigerian Baptist Convention (Global Mission Board)** will receive abundant grace, wisdom and strength to carry on their God given mandate.

FRIDAY, MAY3

10/40 window hosts one-third of the world population and highest number of Unreached People Groups; pray for a mighty move of God upon the region and the people. Ask the Lord to create a hunger for the truth found only in Christ, and that every restriction against the Gospel getting to these multitudes be removed.

Praise God for the many lives and communities GO International and Redeemed Christian Church Of God (Central Missions Board) has affected for the Lord. Pray that the Lord will renew their strength and enlarge them on all sides.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Pray and enthrone Christ, for restoration and transformation of regions without the gospel in the world.

Pray that **Mission Ndola for Christ Inc.** and **Philip Oluwashina World**



Evangelistic Mission Inc. (POWEM) will be empowered afresh by the Holy Spirit and receive fresh vigour to do all that the Lord is bidding them.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

One ministry that has suffered so much neglect in the Church today is reaching out to children. Pray that the Church might prioritise discipling children for the Lord. Entreat the Lord to make every parent become a compelling witness and testimony to Jesus in their home.

Receive God's sufficient grace for Children Evangelism Ministry Inc. and God's Own Evangelistic Discipleship Ministry. Pray for continuous access and open doors as the ministry works with churches, organizations, families, and individuals to benefit the child and society.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Thank the Lord for the dedicated medical personnel and organisations providing free medical care for missionaries and coming behind their labours with medical outreaches. Pray for God's continued blessings upon them, and that God will enlarge their

reach, bless their efforts, and keep the flame of passion burning within them.

Pray for open heavens upon the ministry of Missions Supporters League and Rural Evangelism Ministries Int'l. Pray for supernatural supplies to execute their various mission project and programs. Pray that their partners will continue to enjoy the Lord's blessing.

TUESDAY, MAY7

Sadly, in many places where Christians face extreme persecution, Christian counseling is not available to help afflicted believers deal with the trauma that they have endured. Pray that Christian counseling and trauma healing will become available and accessible to more persecuted believers in Nigeria.

Pray that God be glorified in the entire work of **Gempal Mission Jnc** and that of **Life Ministries.** Pray that their work will not lack spiritual and moral support.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Pray for peace and harmony in Plateau state, especially in the



crisis-ravaged areas. Declare an end to the activities of evil in the rural communities and ask that God will intervene and also give wisdom to ourleaders to handle the situations. Pray that God will empower Global Interdenominational Evangelical Mission in all their efforts towards world evangelization. Plead with the LORD that Men Of Issachar Vision will continue to grow, remain relevant, enriched with great grace and sound wisdom.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Pray for the empowerment of local leaders within urban communities, that they may become ambassadors of positive change and influencers for Christ.

Commit the leadership and missionaries of Foursquare Gospel Church unto the Lord, pray that they continually be beneficiaries of God's mercy, provision and protection. Lift Mission Consult before the Lord. Pray for more labourers to be added to the ministry.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Pray that the Lord will break spiritual strongholds hindering the advance of the true gospel in urban areas. Ask that God will empower those engaged in this mission with wisdom and discernment.

Ask God to enlarge the mission interest and capacity of Grace and Light International Ministry and Mercy And Truth Global Ministries Inc. Pray that their teams will enjoy good health and favour from God at all time.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Pray that all trainings in missions training schools own and run by NEMA member agencies will produce missionaries with Christlike character and attitudes befitting Christian missionaries. Ask the Lord for yielded heart for both the trainees and the trainers.

Pray that God will use Grace Foundation Inland Missions and Missionary Training Partners International Ministry to reach, nurture and equip more believers. As they train missionaries and other church leaders, declare that they will truly be agents of transformation.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The internet has transformed the way we communicate, interact, and access information. It has opened



up new opportunities for sharing the gospel and advancing missions work. Pray that Christians in the tech space will see the need to use their skills for the advancement of God's kingdom particularly in gospel restricted regions.

Thank God for Gospel Bankers Inc. and Mission Enablers International for their peculiar vision to support mission and missionaries. Lift them to God in prayers, pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and make His Grace abound to them and their partners.

MONDAY, MAY 13

Pray for sensitivity on the part of Gospel workers to cultural diversities present in urban centers. Plead with the Lord to provide insight and understanding for effective cross-cultural communication for them.

Intercede on behalf of Gospel Is The Power Of God (Bishara Ikon Allah Katsina) and Summer Institute of Linguistic for revival and advancement in all their ministry endeavors. Declare divine speed upon their projects and that they will yield lasting impact.

TUESDAY, MAY14

Pray for open doors in the hearts of people living in urban areas, that they may be receptive to the message of the Gospel. Ask for wisdom for the workers in contextualizing the message of Christ to resonate with the unique needs and challenges faced by urban communities.

Thank God for the grace and anointing of the Lord on Grace Evangel Mission Inc. and Good Fruits Christian Church of God. Pray that they will continually enjoy the mercy of the Lord to advance missions work both within and beyond the shores of Nigeria.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

International Day of Families. The devil is greatly fighting Christian homes. Divorce and polygamy are becoming 'the new normal' parts of family life, even in the Church. Pray that parents would know the Heavenly Father and have faith in His power to heal and mend their brokenness. Declare an end to this evil trend in Christian homes.

As Evangelical Fellowship of Nig. Inc. and Great Commission Movement of Nigeria seek to



make God known to the individuals, families and campuses, pray that more people will experience God through these ministries.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Pray for the provision of suitable mobility to aid mission agencies in accessing remote areas. Ask that needed resources to reach everywhere be abundantly supplied.

Pray that International Conference on Missions hosted by Great Faith Believers Assembly Missions will record unprecedented harvest this year. Declare open doors and more opportunities for impact for Missionary Support And Empowerment Ministries Int'l (A.K.A. Missionary Purse Ministries Int'l).

Global Impact Travail (Pray for Missions) holds today by 4pm. You can join us join us virtually through Telegram: @nemanigeriamissions Zoom: Meeting ID: 891 0547 3624 Passcode: 1234

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Ask the LORD to raise committed and gifted volunteers to serve with NEMA, at the headquarters and zones. Pray that the Lord will encourage every staff and volunteer and bless their work.

As Missionary Alliance For Africa (MAFA) and Living Word of Truth Ministry spread the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world, pray that God will grant them open doors and bless the leaders and missionaries of these missions. Lift Jesus Ambassadors World Missions to the Lord for fresh outpouring of the spirit of grace.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Pray for all missionaries who have been forced out of the field that the Lord will encourage them, sustain their families and open other doors to continue their vision and passion for the nations.

Ask the Lord to outpour His manifold grace upon His Grace Evangelical Movement and Living Waters Christian Foundation, with wisdom and direction to carry out their kingdom desires. Pray that the peace of God will rest on all the leaders and staff.

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SUNDAY, MAY 19

International Day for the Unreached

Today is the International Day for the Unreached. There are over 7,200 tribes numbering over 3 billion of the world population who are yet unreached with the Gospel of Christ. Pray that the Lord will break down spiritual and cultural strongholds among the global unreached tribes.

Today is **Pentecost Sunday.** Ask for a mighty release and working of the Holy Spirit in His Church more than it was experienced in the early church.

Thank God for the leaders and members of **Insight Bible Church** and **Heart of The Father Ministry**. Pray that God will enlarge their territory and multiply His blessings upon them.

MONDAY, MAY 20

Lift up the city of Kano to God. Ask that the Lord preserve the labours in this city. Pray that the eyes of the people will be opened to see the truth of God's Word and that revival would break out from among the inhabitants.

Pray that God will strengthen the hands of Hanyar Gaskiya Discipleship Ministry and Nomads Aid for Development. Ask God to uphold, guide and enrich them with knowledge, understanding and wisdom to fulfil His divine purpose.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

There is urgent need for accommodation especially for female trainees and the trainers at the Nigeria Evangelical Missionary Institute (NEMI). There is also need for a bus to convey trainers and trainees for learning visits, excursions, field visits, and outreaches, among others. Pray that these needs will be met in no distant time. To give towards this, please send to Eco Bank;

Thank the Lord for the faculty, students and academic programs at ECWA Theological Seminary Igbaja and West African Theological Seminary (WATS). Pray that the Lord will water every seed and their will be harvest of righteousness in their equipping.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

With over 4,000 religions globally, many are being confused on daily



on which to follow. Ask for the removal of the veil hindering people from seeing Christ. Pray for the Gospel to liberate them from religious deception and break the power of philosophies denying them Christ's abundant life.

Thank God for the number of communities God's Vessel Int'l Evangelical Ministry and Martial Pilgrims Ministry have reached, emergencies responded to and the hope they have restored. Pray that the Lord's grace be upon them and that all their partners will be faithful to their commitment.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Ask for unity among believers from different denominations and backgrounds across the Nigerian Church. Pray that we may come together in love and purpose to fulfill the Great Commission.

Pray that God's grace and favour will rest upon Harvest-Time Christian Assembly Int'l and Lord Jesus Universal Freedom Chapel. Pray that they will be empowered to make lives after Christ.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

The Bangawas need workers and more Christian materials for

effective outreach. Pray for effective use of resources, more outreaches, and encounters for leaders to boldly declare the Gospel, leading to a thriving indigenous Church.

Pray for the leaders and staff of Initiative For The Translation and Development of African Languages (ITDAL) and Living Word Global Leadership Mission. Pray that the work of God in their hands will prosper.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Thank God for NEMA's donors and partners. Ask that God will continually meet their needs and bless the work of their hands. Ask God to raise financial partners globally, who will give to accomplish His plans for NEMA and the member agencies. Pray for more divine and strategic connections that will grow the work.

Plead that the Lord will help Life Commission Ministry and Missions Challenge Network to recognize their potentials, develop and use them to advance the mission of God. Declare the Lord's favour upon the leaders and staff.



SUNDAY, MAY 26

Pray and declare that every plan of the devil and cohorts to cause division in the church will fail and that the body of Christ will be more united than ever. Declare that churches and Christian ministries will collaborate thee more for the Kingdom expansion.

Thank God for the ministry breakthroughs enjoyed by Kingdom Life Hope Mission Int'l and Kingdom Missions Outreach Inc. Pray for divine provision of materials and funds needed for the work, including the manpower for these ministries.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Today is Children's Day. Praise the Lord for these precious gifts from God. Pray that the Lord will guide their steps and make them consistent with His word. Pray that they will know His provision and protection. Pray that their future is secured in Christ.

Appreciate Jesus for the ministry of Rural Children Ministries Inc and Winning Teens and Youth Outreach to children and young adults. Pray for multiplication and blessings in all they do to bring these jewels to God.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Pray for divine protection and fruitfulness for all spiritual leaders and that they remain steadfast amid discouragement and distractions. Ask the Lord to continually grant them boldness to confront societal evil, stand against wrong doctrines and lead the sheep to the master's

Declare God's blessing upon the labours of **Grace Divine Gospel Ministry Int'l** and **Jesus Interior Mission Foundation**. Ask that will keep finding relevance in missions; remain steadfast and fruitful in all their endeavour.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Pray for godly wisdom and formulation of policies that promote justice and well-being of the people for the government and leaders at all levels in urban areas and round the nation. Take time to make positive declarations upon Nigeria and her leaders today.

The North-West Zone Vision 5015Plus Awareness and Mobilization to Kafanchan Campus/KASU begins together. Receive safety in travels for the team and for a fruitful outing.



THURSDAY, MAY 30

Pray for a renewed emphasis on discipleship within the Nigerian Church. Pray that believers will be committed to not only making converts but also nurturing them into mature Disciples of Christ.

Praise God for the mission endeavor of Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN/SUM) and Isomal World Bible Foundation Inc over the years and for the faithful service of the workers. Pray that this great work

will continue to grow and touch lives.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

"We are Confident that when we pray He hears us..." Give Him thanks for prayers answered.

Appreciate the Lord for the successful end of another quarter, and for grace He made available to pray. Thank Him for the success of all the programs held in quarter. Declare that none of the blessings of the month shall elude you.

POSTSCRIPT:

Thank you for praying along with us these 121 days. We are assured that God has heard us and will answer us. We encourage you to keep praying until the name of the Lord is known and worshipped by all peoples. We acknowledge and appreciate the prayer contributions through the prayer bulletins of NEMA Member Agencies.

We love to have you contribute significantly to every edition of the Nigerian Missions Prayer Alert. This you can do by sending your prayer requests, information about unreached people groups, prayers for your missions labours and mission focused programs, etc. We'll also love to have your suggestions as well as testimonies of answered prayers so as to encourage every user of this bulletin.

Kindly write to us at least a month to the expiration of each edition for considerable inclusions in the next edition(s).

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- Increase the level of mission awareness and participation of the Nigerian Church towards accelerating the completion of World Evangelization.
- Empower the Church and Mission leaders through value added strategic inputs.
- Raise standards of the Nigeria harvest force through capacity building.
- Promote a united and purposeful engagement of the harvest field by the Church and Missions movement in Nigeria.
- Foster partnership and networking between the Nigerian Church and the Global Missions Networks.
- Serve as a catalyst for missions among Nigerians in the Diaspora.

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