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HOPE & DESIRE

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. - Proverbs 13;12 (ESV)

As I reflect on this year's mission trip to Nigeria, I find that Proverbs 13:12 echoes in every event, place, and person I encountered during my visit. This verse has served as the guiding theme, intricately weaving through the tapestry of all my collective efforts.

From the pastor faced with the dilemma of choosing between speaking the truth and providing for his family, to the woman in an eastern Nigerian village yearning to explore God's teachings without a faithful preacher to guide her through the scriptures, and to the young individuals eager for the truth of God's word but lacking access to a biblical church – this emphasizes the critical need for faithful ministers who will proclaim the genuine gospel of Christ.

As you read through the pages of this report, may the shared commitment to spreading the gospel of Christ ignite a desire within your heart to see Nigeria and Africa transformed through the preaching of faithful men.

This report would be incomplete without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Joel Uzamere, my steadfast companion and Country Director in Nigeria, who selflessly sacrificed his time, day and night, and comfort to spread the gospel. I also extend sincere gratitude to all those who provided financial support for this journey and contributed to the success of the various events that occurred.

Join us as I recount the moments and events of this impactful mission trip.

ABUJA - BIBLICAL THEOLOGY SEMINAR

Psalm 111:2 - Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. We held a two-day seminar-style conference that attracted church leaders and believers from various denominations. The primary objective was to facilitate a deeper appreciation for Bible reading among believers and enhance their ability to comprehend and effectively convey the teachings of the Bible. I led all five sessions and collaborated with the Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church during the Q&A session.

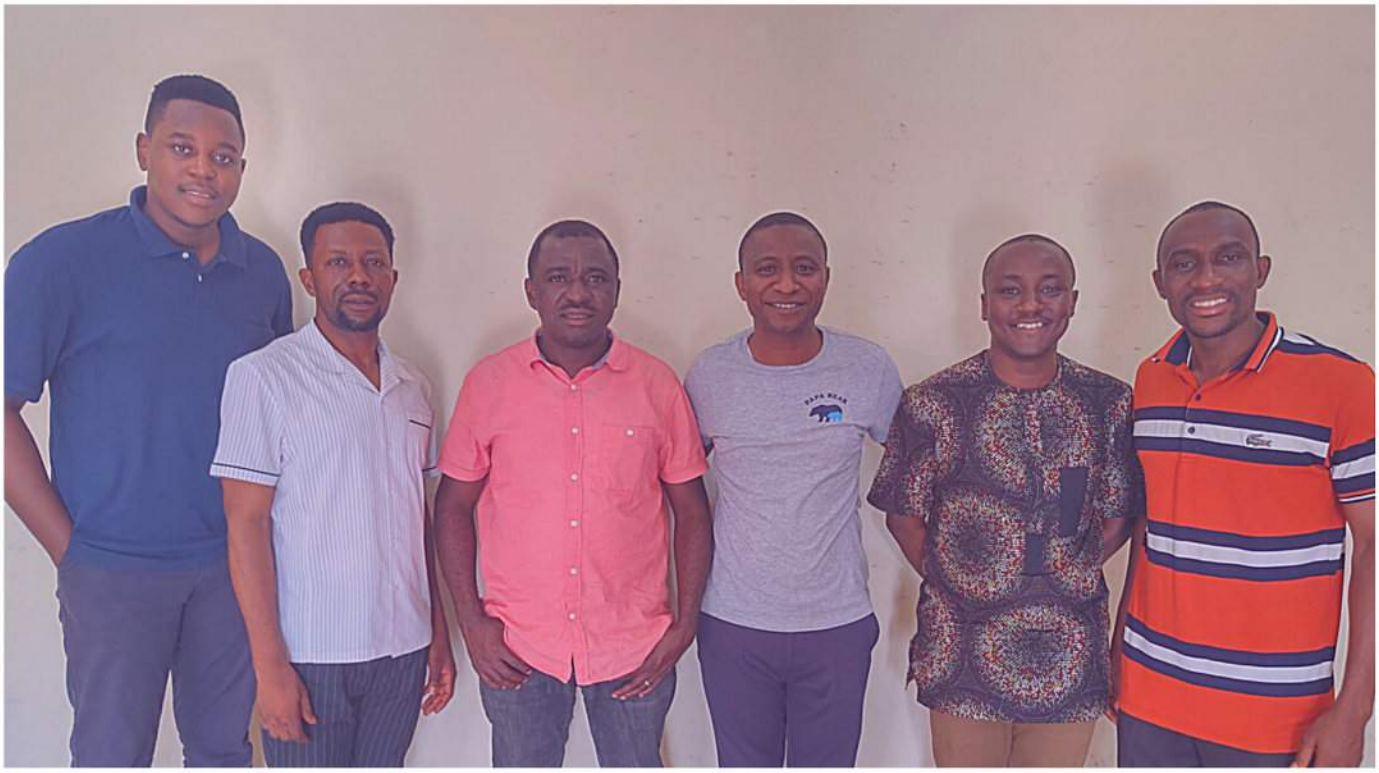
ABUJA - OUR PASTORAL INTERNS

I spent some time with our pastoral interns in prayer, study, and in the field. I was encouraged by their advancements in seminary education, ecclesiological training at Trinity Baptist Church, and their work in the field. Particularly noteworthy was their weekly secondary ministry, where they led Bible study sessions for around 120 children. This junior secondary school (grades 7-9) has a population of about 800 students. Witnessing the eagerness of these children to hear God's word and actively participate in the Bible study was uplifting.

More pictures from the Junior Secondary School.

Top - Our interns and their pastor from left to right with Eleazar Maduka, Fred Joseph, Pastor Peter Abutu, Me (Olumide Olumide), Damilare Sobanjo, and Confidence Uriel Barineme.

Bottom - Online learning via the Union School of Theology (UST) Learning Community instituted at Trinity Baptist Church by Lux In Tenebris and funded by the Midway PCA ACTS Fund.

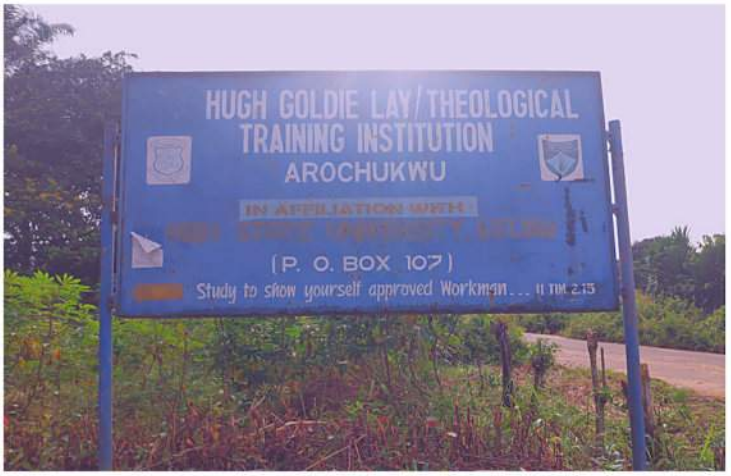


ABUJA - TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

I had the honor of delivering two sermons at the Sunday service of Trinity Baptist Church in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. In the morning service, I expounded from Psalm 1, presenting the sermon titled Praise To The King of Creation Part 1. Later in the day, during the evening service, I delivered Part 2 of the sermon with text taken from Psalm 2.

ABIA - HUGH GOLDIE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We held a two-day seminar-style conference at one of the oldest seminary in Nigeria, boasting over a century of history. The theme was "A Biblical Theology of Redemption", with the aim of helping attendees (Pastors and seminary students) understand the biblical pattern of salvation established by God through Christ for His people. I led all six sessions, concluding with a Q&A session.



GOSPEL OVER THE RADIO

Each day, millions of Nigerians tune in to the radio. In a studio, I recorded a 30-minute sermon based on Matthew 28:16-20. The radio broadcast of this sermon was aired one week after its recording. Following this, our Missionary Pastor, Osagie Azeta, joined me for a 30-minute roundtable discussion centered on the question, "Who Is a Christian?" Our Country Director, Joel Uzamere, skillfully moderated this enlightening conversation.

ABEOKUTA - VILLAGE MISSION

I visited one of the church plants of our missionary pastor in Itoku, situated in the historic town of Abeokuta in South-West Nigeria. During the visit, the gospel was eloquently preached in the Yoruba language by Sola Abraham, our talented book translator. We were thrilled to distribute copies of our newly published Yoruba biblical literature titled "Ihinrere Jesu Kristi", which is a translation of Paul Washer's insightful work, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Witnessing the joy on the faces of the villagers as they received this meaningful literature was truly heartwarming. The impact of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in their native language resonated deeply, fostering a connection that surpassed linguistic boundaries. The sense of joy and gratitude displayed by these villagers was indeed beyond words.

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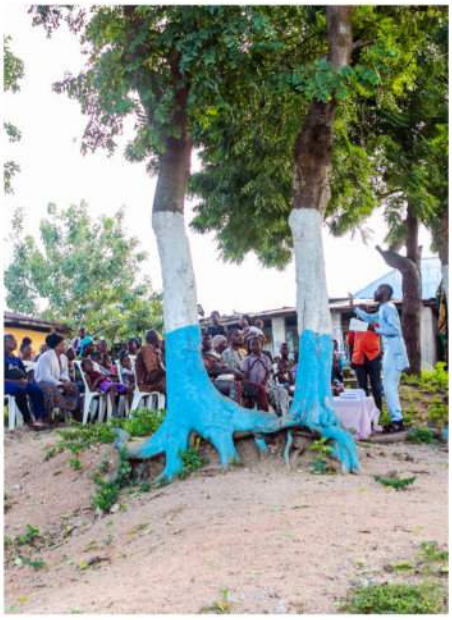
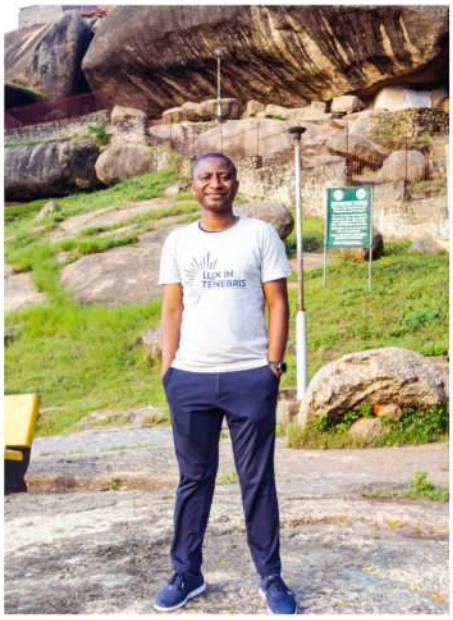




LAGOS - MEN'S SEMINAR

Engaging in fellowship with the brethren at Sovereign Grace Bible Church Lagos is a source of immense joy for me. Therefore, when the opportunity arose to participate as a speaker at their men's seminar, I readily accepted. The seminar spanned a single day with the theme "Man, His Manhood, and His Mandate." In three sessions, we explored the responsibilities of man as the image bearer of God, delved into the divine mandate bestowed upon him, and intricately discussed the practical aspects of living out this mandate in alignment with God's divine plan.

LAGOS - SOVEREIGN GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

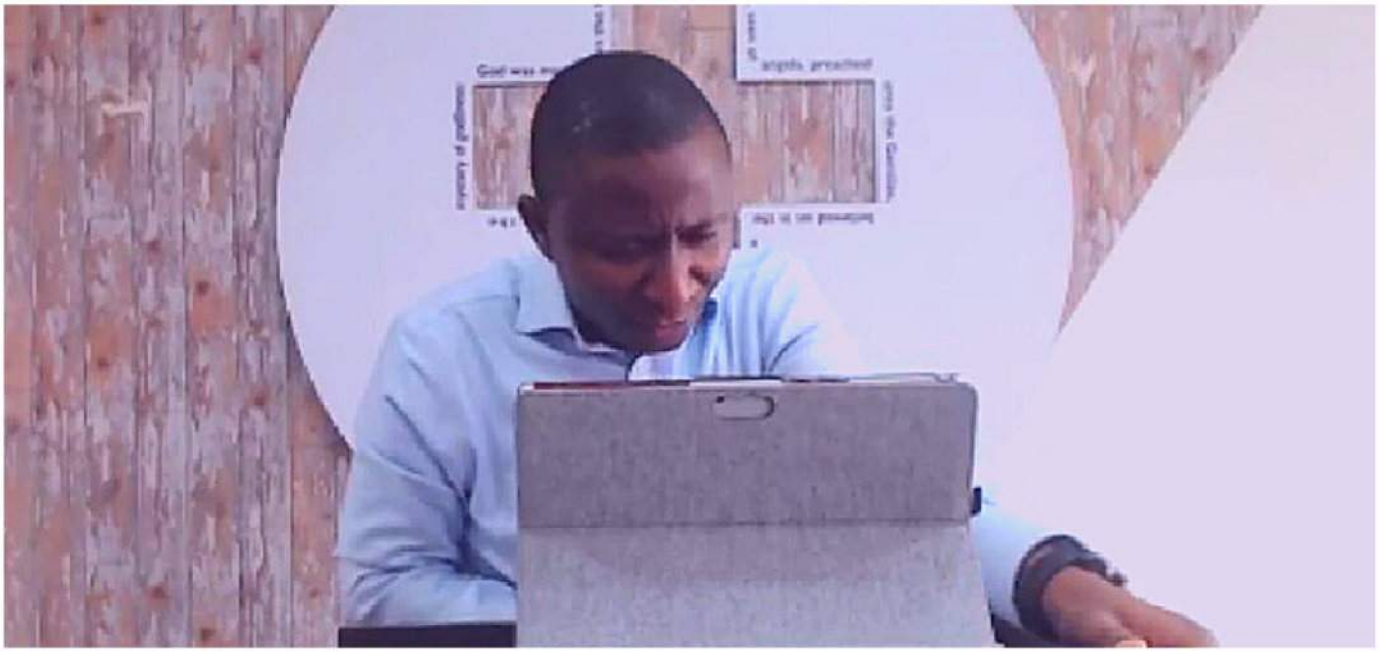
I had the honor of leading the Doctrinal Class and delivering two sermons during the Sunday service at Sovereign Grace Bible Church in Lagos, Nigeria. In the morning service, I provided an exposition of the book of Obadiah, delivering a sermon titled "God's Kingdom Unshaken." In the evening service, I preached a sermon titled "Be Still," based on Psalm 46.

KOGI STATE - INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL AND THEOLOGICAL TRAINING & EGBE REFORMED BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

I visited my alma mater, the Institute of Pastoral and Theological Training (IPTT), one of Nigeria's two Reformed Seminaries. Dean Olamide Falase guided me through the Administrative Building and the new guest house under construction. I enjoyed fellowship with seminary students and members of a new church plant, evoking memories of my missionary days in the town. The visit concluded with an exhortation from Scripture and a shared meal with fellow brethren.

LAGOS - CROWN REFORMED ASSEMBLY

I had the honor of both leading the Doctrinal Class and delivering the sermon during the Sunday service at Crown Reformed Assembly in Lagos, Nigeria. During the doctrinal class, we delved into the biblical theology of the Old Testament, exploring its profound teachings on the gospel narratives. Subsequently, in the Sunday service, I had the opportunity to share a sermon entitled "Delighting in the Lord," from Zephaniah 3:14–17.



CONCLUSION

Your generous support is the driving force behind our accomplishments. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for playing a pivotal role in the remarkable success of this mission trip. Your support enables us to provide churches with sound biblical resources, as well as train and equip men who will faithfully proclaim the true gospel of Christ. Thank you for your support.

The opportunities for church plants, conferences, workshops, and the education of God's people in sound doctrine are expanding as doors are being opened by the Lord. We've received an abundance of positive feedback, with pastors expressing a desire for us to replicate the same seminar-style conferences in their respective cities. Our desire is to see a sequence of comparable events throughout Nigeria.

There are current preparations underway for a conference in North-Western Nigeria. We ask that you pray for the planning process and the success of the conference, considering the heightened security concerns associated with Islamic terrorist and jihadist activities in this region of Nigeria.

I hope the opportunities highlighted in this report will inspire you to persist in your prayers and financial support for our mission to further the spreading of the true gospel of Christ in Nigeria. Your year-end **gift**, of any amount, will make a significant contribution to our goal of raising **$280,869.30** by December 31, 2023, to support our efforts in 2024. For a comprehensive breakdown of how these funds will be utilized, please click here. If you'd like to make a donation of any amount, please click on the link below.

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