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RENEWAL

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

This report chronicles our 2025 mission to Nigeria, under the theme '***Renewal***,' a word that captures both the hope we carried and the reality we witnessed. From the crowded streets of Lagos to the conflict-ridden villages of Plateau and Kaduna, we encountered a church under pressure yet not crushed; a people persecuted yet not abandoned.

By God's grace, we were able to minister to over 1,400 people, with approximately 1,000 of them being pastors, some serving on the frontlines of gospel work in Nigeria's most volatile regions. Each of them received an average of 15 biblical resources: study Bibles, gospel literature, and theological works to equip, encourage, and strengthen them for the work of ministry. The theme of our Pastors' Conference was "***Rightly Handling the Word of Truth***", equipping church leaders to proclaim and defend the gospel with clarity and conviction. The Believers' Gospel Conference carried the theme "***The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ***."

We saw again and again a great need for renewal. It is visible in the faces of pastors hungry for sound doctrine, in the quiet resolve of missionaries embedded among hostile tribes, and in the faithful churches pressing on where the world sees only ruin.

This mission was marked by delays, danger, and disruption, but also by clarity, conviction, and the unmistakable power of the gospel. What follows is not just a report of what we did, but a testimony of what God is doing.

SAVANNAH, GA TO ABUJA, NG - A PROVIDENTIAL DELAY

I left Savannah, Georgia, on Thursday, June 26. I arrived in Abuja, Nigeria, late on Friday, June 27, after a series of delays in Savannah and JFK airport, but none of my luggage arrived with me. They were left behind in Paris.

Saturday turned into a scramble for shoes, toiletries, and clothes for my preaching engagement the next morning. By God's providence, a local tailor crafted a traditional Nigerian outfit for me under 12 hours. The Lord provided, as He always does.

Meanwhile, our April book shipment faced its own delays in Lagos, South-West Nigeria. Once released, the materials were moved to a temporary warehouse in Lagos for sorting, then some were sent on a 24-hour journey to Gindiri, Plateau State, North-Central Nigeria, where our first conference would begin.

The airline delivered my luggage to Abuja airport seven days after my arrival while I was speaking at one of our conferences in a village in Northern Nigeria. A dear brother went and got my luggage and kept it for me.

The logistical difficulties, the danger, and even the delay of our resources are all part of God's wise and fatherly providence. The gospel of the kingdom advanced despite the troubles.

ABUJA - TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, June 29, I had the honor of preaching at Trinity Baptist Church, Abuja. My text was 2 Corinthians 13:11–14, and the message was titled "*A Trinitarian Blessing*."

I would ask that you pray for Trinity Baptist Church as they continue to faithfully preach the gospel in the nation's capital.

GINDIRI - PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Leaving Abuja on July 2, we traveled for five hours to Jos, stopped and spent the night before embarking on a two-hour journey to Gindiri Theological Seminary, the venue of our first conference, located in Gindiri village.

Gindiri is located in the Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, an area regularly targeted by Fulani herdsmen, armed bandits, and Islamic jihadists. As we drove into the region, our driver pointed out several villages that had been completely wiped out. The weight of this reality became even more evident during the Q&A session, where the most pressing and repeated questions centered on *"How should the church respond biblically to relentless violence, trauma, and persecution?"* They were not asking for comfort, but for courage.

Many of these men had traveled from dangerous areas and waited patiently to receive the word of God and the resources we brought.

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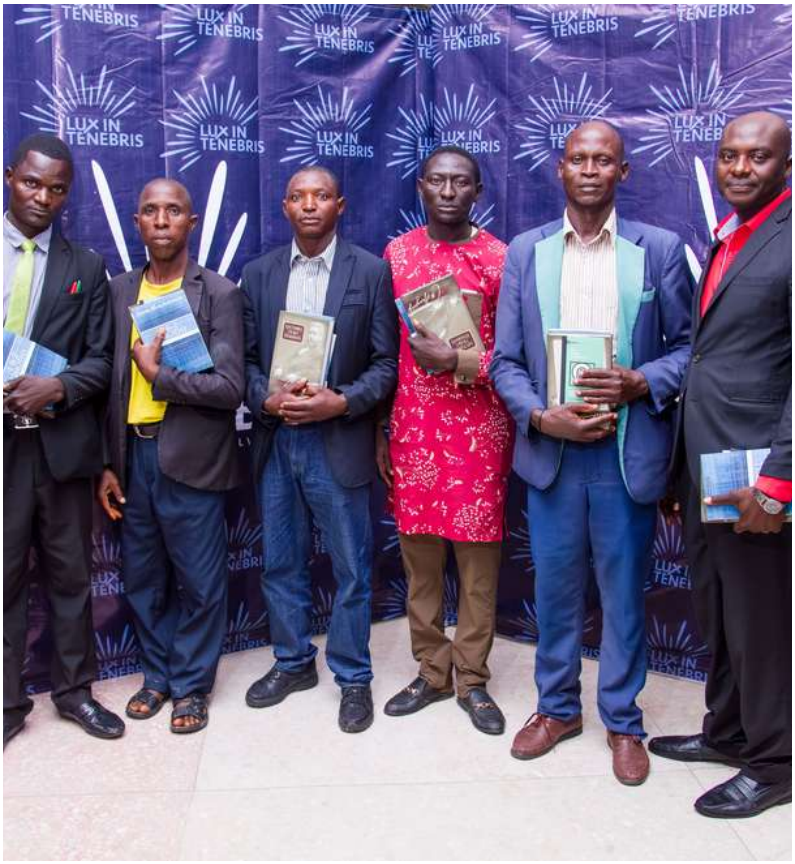

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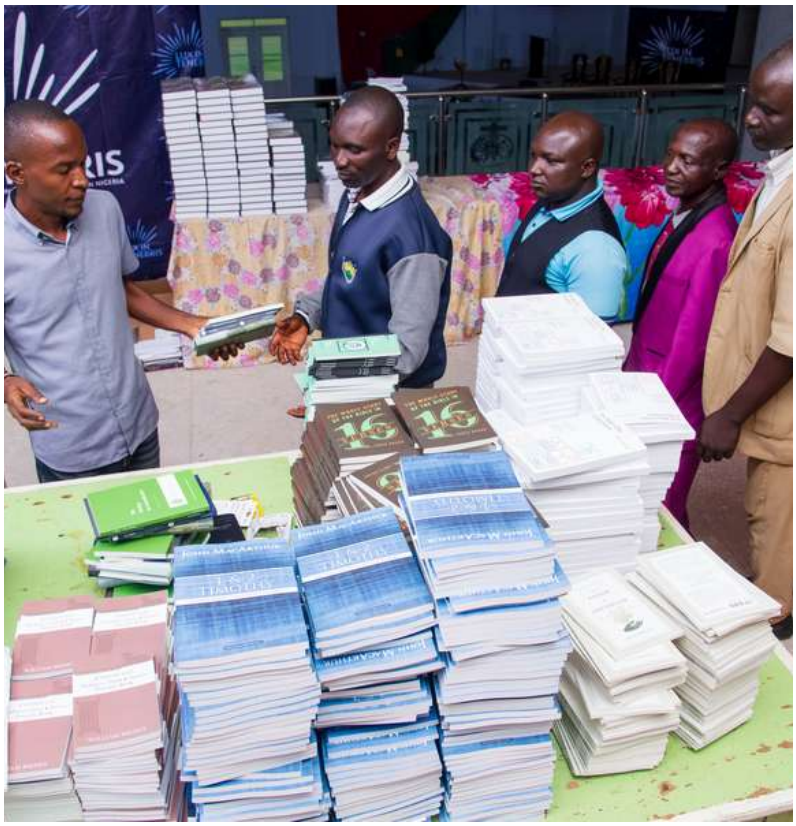

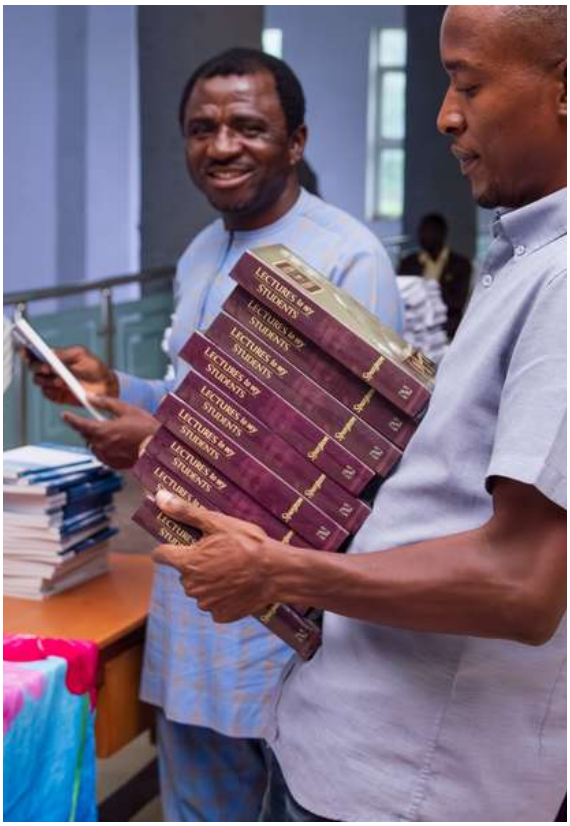

JOS - PASTORS' CONFERENCE

In Jos, our second pastors' conference continued under the same theme: "*Rightly Handling the Word of Truth*." We taught through three sessions on: ***Preaching***, ***Guarding Against Error***, and ***The Exclusivity of Christ***.

One pastor testified, "*We've never had anything like this before. In Jos, we often pay for conferences and books. But this time, we received truth and resources freely. It's a gift to our ministries*."

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KADUNA - LIGHTWALK MINISTRIES

Early on July 5, we traveled to Kaduna for LightWalk Ministries' Missionaries Retreat. As we passed deserted villages and heavily militarized checkpoints, the reality of Christian ministry in the north came into sharp focus. Over 3000 resources were distributed during the retreat

That Sunday, I preached a sermon titled "***Union With Christ***" from Romans 8. After the service, Pastor Jeremiah took us on a tour of their remarkable ministry facility. Here, the gospel is lived boldly. Former addicts, convicts, and outcasts are discipled, rehabilitated, and sent as missionaries, often back to the communities they once terrorized. Women missionaries are embedded among Muslim Hausa-Fulani women, sharing the gospel with quiet resolve.

Our Hausa translation of Paul Washer's "***The Gospel of Jesus Christ***" has become a vital tool in this mission.

Please pray for LightWalk Ministries as they shine the light of Christ in one of Nigeria's darkest regions.

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LAGOS - RADIO MINISTRY

It's always a delight to hit the studio with our missionary pastor and country director to record for the Radio Ministry of Sovereign Grace Bible Church.

This year, I had the privilege of recording two messages from Psalm 47, which will later be aired on the radio and on "***Biblical Catechism***", a podcast of Sovereign Grace Bible Church Media.

Every week, our Missionary Pastor Osagie Azeta records messages, and they're aired on the radio and on the Biblical Catechism podcast on Spotify.

LAGOS - GOSPEL CONFERENCE

Our Gospel Conference in Lagos faced unexpected changes due to a government-imposed curfew from 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM to conduct an impromptu local election. We had to shift our start time from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and shorten the schedule from six hours to just three.

We were expecting about 50 attendees due to the adjustment, but about 150 came, hungry for the Word. The theme was "***The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ***." What a joy it was to teach, exhort, and encourage believers in the heart of Nigeria's largest city.

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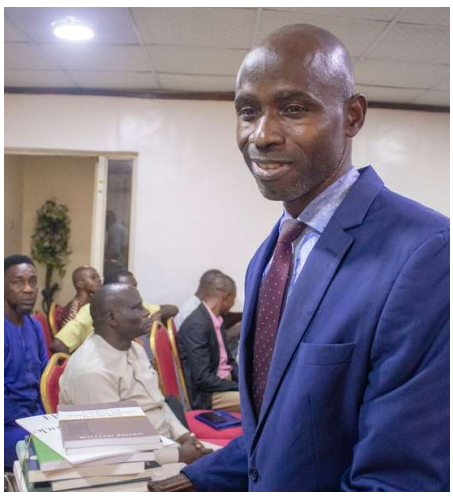
ABUJA - PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Our final stop was the Abuja Pastors' Conference, again under the theme "***Rightly Handling the Word of Truth.***" Four sessions were delivered on: ***Preaching***, ***Guarding Against Error***, ***Prayer***, and ***The Exclusivity of Christ***.

Being in the capital, the tone of the questions shifted; many focused on combating false teaching and contending for sound doctrine. Several pastors asked, "*When can you return? Can you come again next month?*" The desire for doctrinal clarity is rising.



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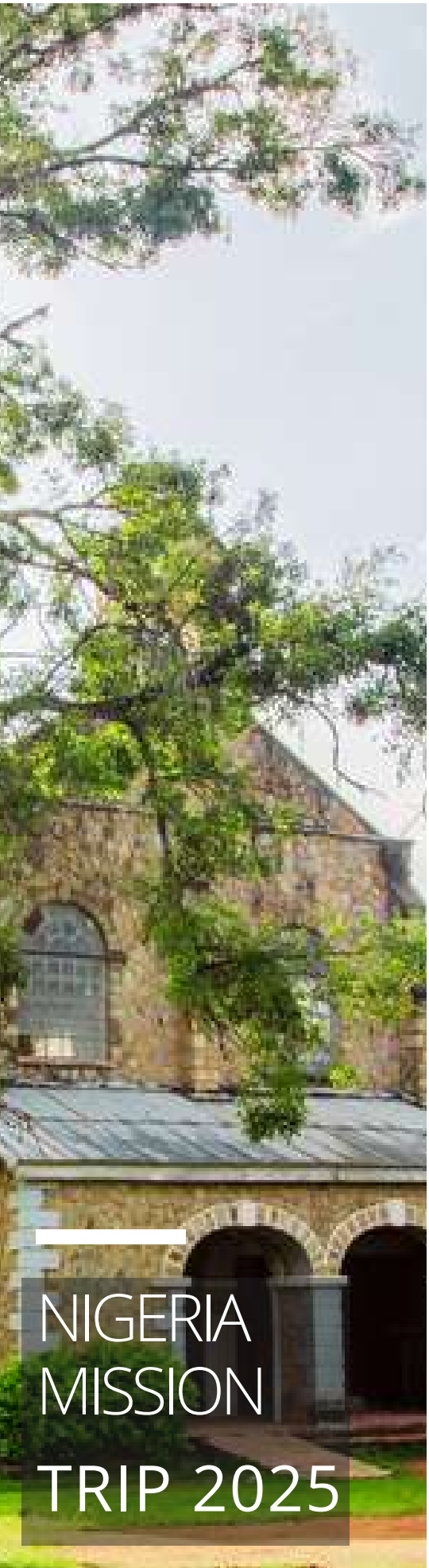

Closing Reflection: *"They Loved Not Their Lives…"*

This mission was not convenient. It was not safe. But it was deeply fruitful. As I rode the train from Kaduna to Abuja, my heart echoed the old chorus:

"*What a mighty God we serve, Heaven and earth adore Him, angels bow before Him…*"

I saw pastors willing to risk their lives for the truth. I met missionaries serving in enemy territory. I watched as books were clutched with smiled filled faces. I witnessed renewal—not cosmetic, but soul-deep, Spirit-wrought, Word-driven renewal.

None of this would be possible without your partnership—your prayers, your generosity, your commitment to the advancement of the gospel in hard places.

Thank you.

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