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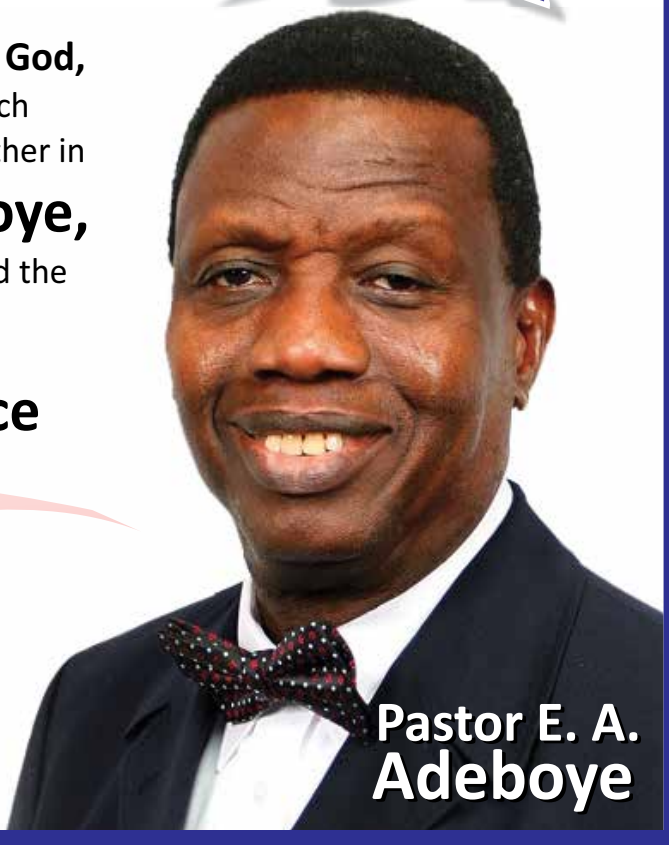
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celebrate with our mentor, coach and father in
the Lord, **Pastor E. A. Adeboye,**
on the occasion of his 74th birthday and the
30th anniversary
of the **Holy Ghost Service**

Theme:
The Winning Side

It is our prayer that God will visit His church in a special way as we converge for this meeting and it shall be a season of breakthroughs and divine restoration for all in Jesus name.




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Editorial Suite

30 Miraculous Years

Whichever way one looks at it, the Holy Ghost Service itself is a miracle. A miracle born by prayer and through a passionate desire of a Pastor for his congregation to be blessed.

The Holy Ghost Service is also a miracle and a confirmation of Ephesians 3:20 which speaks of our God as one who is not only willing to do as we ask but also able to perform far beyond what we think or desire.

If God merely gave the service in response to a desire for a congregation to be blessed, those who gathered for the first of its kind in March 1986 would have just shared tales of what God did. However, though the 7 days were powerful and historic, what God had been doing since then remain amazing.

One message that God certainly wants to pass around each time the story of the Holy Ghost Service is told is that He cares for the great and small, as well as the vital and mundane issues of our lives. That He could be interested in someone's birthday and He decided to give something as a birthday gift says much more about the God who cares and loves to give.

The Holy Ghost Service is actually God's way of working out plans to take RCCG to all nations as He promised.

As we celebrate the 30 years of the Holy Ghost Service with the theme: "The Winning Side", we must expect to experience God, the Winner at all times, to show up for us in new dimensions.

This edition is a special package filled with life enriching and transforming sermons, teachings and other write-ups.

Remain on the winning side.

Shalom.



Olaitan Olubiyi

The Secrets of Winners

—Pastor E. A. Adeboye



Every winner has a secret which many have attempted to explore in various ways. That is why there are many materials on secret recipe; secret formula and so on and so forth.

Winning in the race of life is not by luck or by chance. You need to discover the secrets for winning; otherwise, you will be tempted to assume that some are destined to win while others are destined to lose.

To win in life means to be successful. It is important to discover the secrets for success to avoid failure. Nothing happens in this world by accident. It is either you know how to win or face the risk of being a failure. The Bible says, *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"* Rom 8:31, 37.

God wants to expose the secrets of winners to us for a number of reasons. One, by right of redemption in Christ, we are not supposed to be failures. Two, only a few people have discovered the secrets for success in life while many more are struggling to survive.

Another reason that God wants us to know the secrets of winners is for His name to be glorified through the success of His children. He is not a God of failures because He does not fail. He wants us to know the secrets of winners that we may share in His success attribute.

GOD HAS SECRETS

The winner of all winners is the Al-



mighty God and He has secrets. He keeps His secrets close to His chest but He reveals them to those who fear Him. The fear of God qualifies a person to receive the secrets of the Almighty. *"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant"* Ps 25:14.

On your own, you cannot discover the secrets of God without His revelation. The interesting thing to note about God is that He is willing to reveal His secrets to those who want to be winners like Him. *"Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?"* Job 15:8.

The secrets of God are available to His children. If you are a stranger in the family of God, you cannot know His secrets until you reconcile with Him and become one of His children. The secrets of God are reserved for His children. *"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law"* Deut 29:29.

Before his trial that cost him everything he ever had, Job was a winner who attributed his success to knowing the secret of the Almighty which influenced his life and made his extraordinary success possible. *"As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;"* Job 29:4.

Job was a righteous man. God is well disposed to those who choose righteousness against wickedness. He reveals His secrets to the righteous. A life of unrighteousness blocks the reception of divine secrets, and where these secrets are not known, success is impossible. *"For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous"* Prov 3:32.

From the above reference, we find some of the factors which gave the saints of old access to the secrets of God. If you want to start enjoying success in life through knowing the secrets of God, you must follow their examples in righteousness and possessing the fear of God after becoming a member of His family.

DIVINE SUPPORT

Divine support is the foundation of all other secrets of winners. Other factors of success in life depend in it. This is the secret that is fundamental and common to all winners. You cannot succeed without divine support, no matter what you know about success principles. Divine support is the top secret of all winners. *"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain"* Ps 127:1.

The Bible illustrates this point with the idea of putting a building. As simple as it is for building engineers, construction professionals, masons and building contractors to build; the Bible says that without divine support, it is still impossible to build. What we know is not enough to succeed without God. God is described as the King of glory and glory is the opposite of defeat and failure. He is the Lord strong and mighty in battle. Therefore, if the King of glory supports you in a project, it can never fail. If the One strong and mighty in battle is on your side, you can never suffer defeat in the quest for success (Ps 24:7-10).

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WINNER'S ANCHOR

The basic anchor and confession of winners is *"without God, I can't win; with God, I can't lose."* This was the secret and confession of Apostle Paul which he told the Philippians. Two words from Paul said it all when he said: "I can…" "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil 4:13.

Christ as the source of strength makes it impossible for anyone to suffer defeat. Paul said he could do all things on account of Christ who supplied the strength for him to do all things. If you look back at the background of Paul as a lawyer, great scholar and exceptional religious zealot, you will understand that for that man to ascribe his success only to Christ is evidence that God is the secret of winners.

Human capacity is limited. Ordinarily, no man can do all things; but with Christ as a factor and source of all resources, a man can do all things like build a house when natural factors don't favour him to do so. He can become a managing director when human requirements don't qualify him. He can succeed in all examinations when his intellectual abilities and examination conditions don't promise success. He can defeat all devils when his experience in warfare is nothing to compare to the enemy's experience. Through Christ who supplies all resources, you can do all things.

WHEN GOD IS INVOLVED

Your success depends on who your supporter is. Politicians know this principle very well, that is why they seek the support of those that matter in an election. The moment they have a good support, they are confident to face the opposition. Even before election takes place, some can almost predict the result by assessing their support. The same thing happens spiritually. When Jesus is the supporter of your life, you may be considered young in age, small in stature and inexperienced in a field, yet your success is guaranteed.

As an aspirant spends the money donated by his supporters to campaign in

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an election, the resources of the Lord are at the disposal of anyone who makes Him his or her support. The meeting point of human inability and God's ability produces miracles through human agency.

Recently, I told one of my challengers that if he wanted to fight me, he should consider himself to have won the battle before starting it. I explained to him that as a person, I am weak and have nothing with which to defend myself. However, *"if it is my God you want to fight, you have lost before the battle begins,"* With God on your side, you can never loose. Just do the little you can and leave the rest to God Almighty. Until you discover the hand of God in the matter, you may be wondering what could make the fist of young David to kill a lion and a bear. This story reinforces the place of divine support in human life. The little effort you make supported by God, achieves success greater than the range of your age and value of your experience (1 Sam 17:34-35).

Here is the secret: the unbeatable strength of God flowed through the hands of David to kill the two dangerous animals. Physically, what could be seen were the weak hands of a youth who took the risk of facing the lion and the bear, but behind those feeble hands were the arms of the Everlasting God Isa 40:28-29.

David slang a stone at Goliath. In warfare, one of the lessons any warrior must learn is how to dodge the enemy's weapon. Believers in Christ have a shield of faith to defend them against the weapons of the enemy. As the champion of the Philistines, Goliath had enough military experience to know how to dodge weapons in battle but the invisible hands of God held his head straight in position for David's stone to hit him)1 Sam 17:49-51).

The wisdom and experience of the enemy can't deliver him in battle when God is on your side. Goliath saw the stone flying speedily towards him, but he could not dodge it because God was fighting against him through David (Ex 14:21-28).

All that Moses had to do was to lift his hand against the Red Sea and God, his supporter, sent an east wind to part the waters. It did not appear as anything sensible to lift a rod against a barrier like the Red Sea as Moses did, but with God on his side, what would take engineers a long time to do, took him a few seconds.

It was recorded that Moses parted the Red Sea. Moses was merely an instrument the Almighty used to remove the barrier before His people. The civilization of those days might not have gotten to the point of constructing a bridge over a sea but God make it possible for a man to do beyond the limit of the technology of his age.

Barriers don't wait before a man who is supported by God. They move out of the way as soon as God swings into action. To judge by expertise and knowledge, Moses was not suitable to divide a sea because he



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was neither an engineer nor a construction worker. He was a shepherd in exile whom God called to lead His people to the Promised Land.

From the day God called him, Moses began to enjoy divine support. He could face Pharaoh and the magicians of Egypt to demand the freedom of Israel. Ordinarily, nobody dared to challenge the authority of Egypt over Israel without being killed, but with God on his side, even death gave way for him.

DANGEROUS IMITATION

You can't wake up one day and begin to challenge the devil and his demons without God on your side. It is impossible for any human being to demand freedom for others from the custody of the enemies if God is not with the person. Who are we to face witches and wizards and other agents of darkness if not for God on our side? The Bible records that the sons of Sceva who attempted to cast out demons like Paul did, suffered great assault. When you don't know the secret of success of a person, it is dangerous to imitate him. *"Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?"* Acts 19:13-15.

Demons asked these boys *"who are you?"* Challenges would ask a similar question when God is not the supporter of those facing them. Sicknesses and diseases would question medical science and defy solution when God is not the healer. However, with God as supporter, all things are possible. God supported Moses to break an impossible barrier. He supported David to overcome an unbeatable enemy. The Almighty supported the business of Job to make him the richest man of his time. He supported Paul to make it possible for him to do all things in advancing the gospel of the kingdom. Divine support is the number one secret of winners. To win depends on your relationship with the Almighty God who alone can do all things.

WINNERS PLEASE GOD

Winners do everything to please God. Knowing that their success depends on Him, they do everything to please Him every other thing is secondary to them. The pleasure of God is what motivates them to do whatever they do. The moment they are sure that God is pleased with a particular thing they want to do, no matter how impossible it may seem, they just go ahead and do it and they succeed.

If somebody is unhappy with you and God is pleased with you, that is the person's headache. If anybody wants to fight me when I am doing what pleases God, all I have to do is to move out of the way for God to deal with the situation. Winners don't defend themselves because they leave everything to God whom they please.

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THEY WALK BY FAITH

How do winners please God? Winners are men of faith. They know that without faith, it is impossible to please God. They live by faith and operate in faith. Everything they do is based on faith in God and faith towards God. They please God by faith. *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"* **Heb 11:6.**

The opposite of walking by faith is walking by sight. Winners please God by choosing not to walk by sight. They are moved by the invisible thing their eyes of faith see. No matter how impossible the physical circumstances may make the operation of their faith, they keep walking by faith until success is achieved.

Winners have a starting point of faith when they first believed God and surrendered all to Him. From that point, they began to walk by faith because everything God wants to do through them requires faith to accomplish. Faith is simply believing the word of God and leaving Him to perform it.

Winners are champions in the school of faith. When God said, *"Let there be light"*, there was light. So, winners take the word of God as it is. When He speaks to them; they act on the word without questioning Him in doubt.

Have you ever felt bad when your ability was undermined? That is how God feels when we doubt His word. The angel Gabriel who took a good message to Zechariah was angry with the old man when he doubted the word of God.

The angel told him *"I am Gabriel; I stand in the presence of God. How dare you doubt the word of the Almighty?"* Even though he came with a good message, the angel left the man with some degree of punishment by making him to temporarily lose the ability to speak and hear.

Unbelief and doubt undermine the infinite abilities of God. They make Him feel like He is below whom He claims to be. Many times when men doubt Him, God acts like *"Show me who is greater than I am if there is any."* Winners don't joke with the word of God because they know He is not a talkative.

"All things are possible to him that believes. Success is possible. Progress is possible. Breakthrough is possible. Fruitfulness is possible. Prosperity is possible. Practical holiness in an unholy world is possible. All things are possible to him who believes"

It is enough for us to believe God even when He speaks once on an issue. Where He lays emphasis on what He says by repeating it or using qualifiers like *"Verily, verily; assuredly; of a truth; hear me; I, even I, and so on and so forth,"* we owe a double responsibility to believe and act on His word.

It is a manifestation of grace from God to speak twice on an issue. And where He speaks three times on the same issue, His amazing grace is at work. An element of His anger could be perceived when He is trying to overcome the unbelief and doubt of men by speaking repeatedly on an issue.

Four times in the whole Bible, God said the just shall live by faith. Winners read that for the first time and they believe God. When they come across the same word the second time, third and fourth time, they become afraid and believe God with all their hearts.

TRIUMPH THROUGH FAITH

You could put the expression *"The just shall live by faith"* in another way as *"The winners shall live by faith."* Winners are just. Job was a winner and he was a righteous man. To be righteous is to be just *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* 2 Cor. 5:7.

Paul was a master winner. He confessed the secret of winners in the above scripture that they walk by faith and not by sight. Righteousness and faith are inseparable in the life of winners. If you claim to be a winner without the righteousness of God in your life, you are the greatest loser. Jesus said it amounts to the greatest loss for the soul to suffer damnation after gaining the whole world. Jesus said unto him, *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"* **Mark 9:23.**

Jesus threw the option to have faith and win open to everyone. Don't see the deficiency in your career as a barrier. Faith has translated the poor into rich men and women. By faith, some have won the battle over failure in business and other areas of their lives. Through faith, weakness has turned into strength and fears have given way to conquests of faith. As you are, the only deficiency in your life is your lack of faith; nothing more.

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Faith in God makes it possible for you to have whatever you say. Winners speak and their words are performed because they believe their confessions. God is willing to reveal the secrets of success to the people who want to be winners as He is **(Mark 11:22-23).**

Jesus cursed a barren tree and it withered away. The disciples felt that it was an exploit only the Messiah could perform but Jesus proved them wrong. He said with faith, their words could be as effective as His. Why don't you begin to demonstrate your faith by speaking against fruitlessness in every area of your life? You could receive anything by faith, do an exploit of faith, speak the word of faith or reach out with a touch of faith as the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was made whole **(Mark 5:25-34).**

She got victory over the continuous affliction of sickness, continuous loss of blood and continuous waste of resources. She was a winner over an affliction for which no medical science could provide a solution. She got victory over barrenness; victory over her inability to mix freely with people. She became an all-round winner.


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It is possible to live a life that is free of diseases and sicknesses and not only that, but a life where one looks much younger than his or her age. It is written in the book of Psalms 103:5, "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle." The good things (food and water) given to mankind by GOD is sufficient to satisfy him, keep him youthful always and free of diseases and sicknesses. The Scripture says man's youth is to be renewed like the eagle. The eagle is known to cast off its old feathers and receive new ones as it grows older. It looks youthful, even in old age because of this ability to molt. It is said that the eagle has lived to be 100 years in captivity. Even though man does not molt, the Scripture is telling us that it is possible for man to look youthful in old age. This is if man would keep being satisfied with the good things given by GOD.

What are these good things?
They are none other than the diet recommended in Genesis 1: 29, "And GOD said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (food)." The good things given to man by GOD for his nutrient satisfaction and health needs are vegetables, herbs, fruits, seeds, whole grains, nuts and the oils from them. Why then is man afflicted by diseases and sicknesses? The answer is that man has disobeyed GOD, man has sinned and these sicknesses and diseases are the consequences of his sin. The Bible says the wages of sin is death. Believe it or not, the food that he eats, which is different from the recommendation in Genesis 1: 29, is killing man as often as he eats it. Man is dying daily because he has sinned against GOD in eating things that are contrary to GOD'S standard. You may say that it is expected that as man grows old, he should be approaching death. This is true, but, at what cost? What is man's quality of life like? A man who is diagnosed of having hypertension, begins to die from that moment on. He goes to see his doctor every 2 or 3 months regularly to be told the same story - the blood pressure is under control, continue with your medication and see me in 3 months. In other words, the blood pressure which will eventually be the cause of his death is always there, you will never be rid of it or healed and one day, sooner or later, it will take your life. Man is therefore living short and dying long; living for 25 years and dying for 60 years. On the contrary, according to the Creator's plan, man should be living long and dying short, looking young in old age. It should be said of man that he died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 96 years. The question that usually follows is, was he sick? The answer should always be, no, he was not sick.



The Minister and his/her health - Part 2

To live in a state of wellness, it is pertinent to look closely at one's lifestyle, vis-à-vis the good things with which GOD has satisfied our mouths. How many people actually eat food with the intention of maintaining a healthy lifestyle? In my opinion, very few. Paying attention to what one drinks or eats is unavoidable if you must live healthy. Also, looking closely at raw vegetables, fruits, seeds, nuts and grains that make up the diet for staying healthy, you will find out that they are loaded with vitamins and minerals, which GOD in all His wisdom has put in them for our wellness. The Bible tells us that GOD created man from the dust of the earth and scientists have discovered that the mineral content of the human body is very closely related to that of the earth. The mineral composition of unrefined sea salt for instance, is also found to be equal to the mineral composition of the human body, including a lot of the trace elements. The earth can therefore be viewed as a big reservoir of these minerals for the human body; for the replacement of deficient ones or such as have been used up. GOD in His wisdom passes the minerals and nutrients to man through the plants and as this happens toxins and other harmful products that could give rise to side effects is eliminated.

There is an optimum level of all the minerals in the body that should keep the body in a state of wellness and total absence of diseases. This is a level that supports the immune system and helps it to fight against disease-causing organisms and to efficiently get rid of foreign bodies that find their way into the human body. This state is what I have described before as alkaline, a state that supports wellness and life. Early, after GOD created man, He gave him what I always call the Genesis 1:29 Diet, a diet that supports life [a blessing to man]. However like everything else, man was not satisfied with what GOD gave him. He

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PARENTING IN THE INTERNET AGE

Raising children in today's cyber world calls for skills that require every parent to know how to navigate through the online social networking sites. Not to have these skills and required knowledge would be highly irresponsible for any twenty-first century parent. What to do!

¬ ¬ ¬ ¬ ¬You may ask, it is much better to communicate than try to control, because the truth is "Parental control" is a bit of misnomer when children know how to get around the monitoring and break parental controls easily. Parents must not cut off the children with punitive measures, but rather, take time to teach them how to use the internet responsibly and safely; and how to express themselves appropriately.

Parents must take responsibility for teaching good cyber citizenship even though we are not natural born cyber citizens, we are immigrants granted resident permit by our parenting status so we must take the time to learn. Parents who think they know everything no longer work in the 21st century. Any adult under such delusion is actually suffering a total disconnect from present day realities. Parents need to learn from their kids and ask questions. It is very important, that we teach digital literacy- how to be safe online, what information can be put out on social media and above all else, children must learn to hold discussions with their parents about what they are doing online, on the phone etc.

To help parents along in their efforts to be internet culture relevant, the following discussion is on age appropriate guidelines for use with children. Please note that there are simple guidelines to be supported with violent prayers. Lam 2:19

Age-based guidelines

Tips for 2-10 year olds

1. It is never too early to foster open and positive communication with children. It is a good idea to talk with them about computers/ telephones etc and to stay open to their questions and curiosity.
2. At this age, always sit with your children when they are online or using the computer/phone to play games.
3. Set clear rules in your house for internet use. Make sure these rules are well known and understood by the children and all others in the house. Relatives/guests/house-helps can be very divisive if you do not carry them along.
4. Ensure and insist that your children do not share personal information such as real names, address, phone number or password with people they meet online.
5. Any site that encourages children to submit their names to personalize the web content, should either be avoided or parents should help the children create online nicknames that do not give away personal information.
6. Use family safety tools to create appropriate profile for each family member and to filter the internet. Use the pop-up blocker built into the Internet Explorer to protect children from offensive pop-up windows.
7. Finally, all family members should act as role models for young children who are just starting to use the internet.

Ages 11- 14

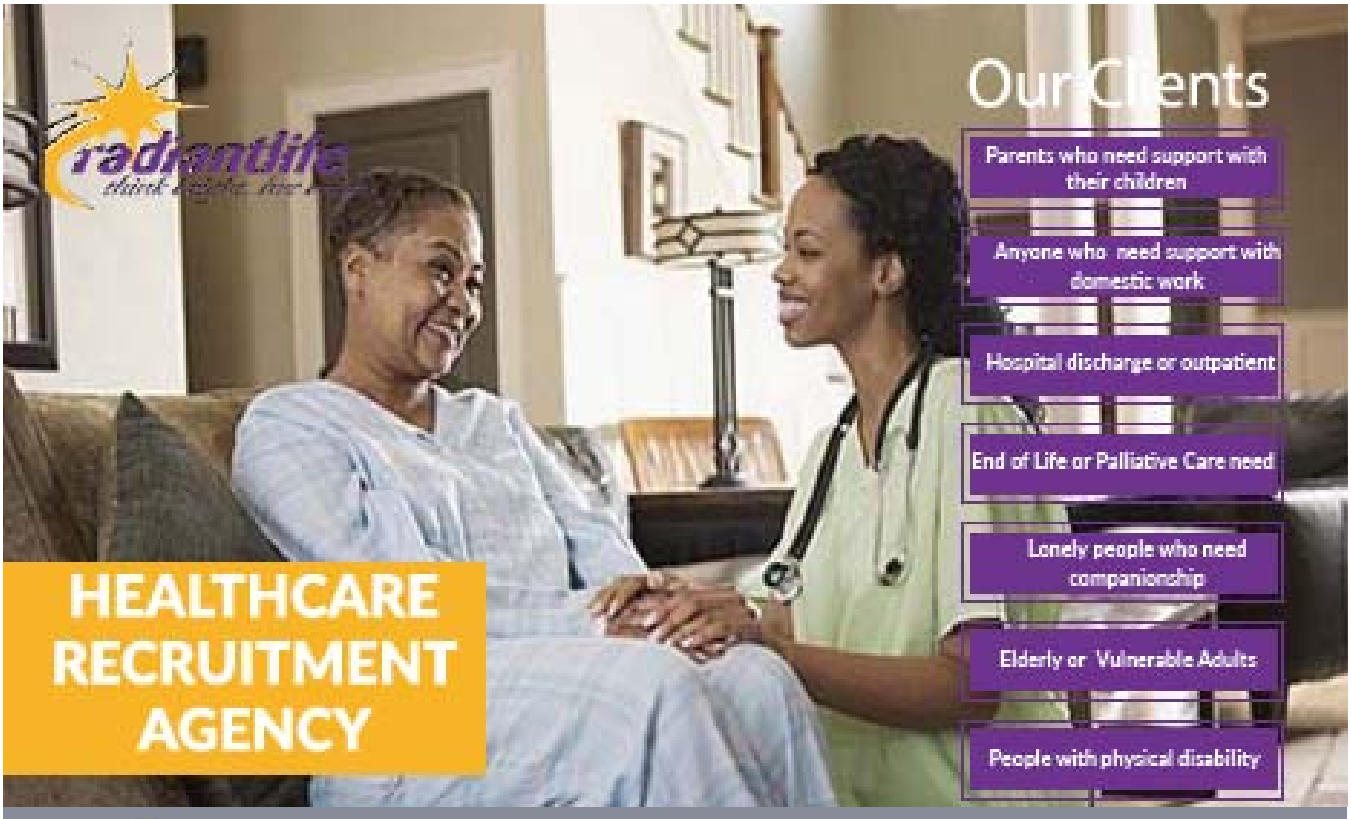
They still require supervision and monitoring of their internet use to help ensure that they are not exposed to inappropriate materials.

Guidelines 1-7 also apply to this age group and, includes these:-

8. Keep internet-connected computers or laptops in an open area where you can easily supervise your children's activities. Never allow computers or laptops/internet accessible phones with children in their rooms.
9. Encourage your children to tell you if something or someone online makes them feel uncomfortable or

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Her. Excellency,(Mrs.) Dolapo Osinbajo (left), wife of the Vice President of Nigeria with Pastor (Mrs.) Adeboye



The Esthers

Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye, the visionary of, Feast of Esther, an annual conference organized for wives of General Overseers, Bishops and female Heads of Ministries, challenged the participants at this year's event that a global vision starts with an individual, 'you can go global in anything God has given you to do.' She said

Speaking on, ***The Church of God and Global vision,*** during the 3-day feast held at the Youth Centre, Redemption Camp, from February 17th-19th, 2016, the convener admonished the female leaders to have achievable goals and stated that, 'no vision, no goal and a limited vision will result to limited blessings'

The guest speaker, Bishop David Ibiyeomie of, Salvation Ministries, Nigeria, told the participants that, it is only a quality decision in action that will make an individual great and not just attending great meeting alone. Stating that the church starts with them, he told the participants that it is what they make themselves to be that the women in the church will follow after. He therefore urged them to be the change they want to see, because, 'until you change, you can't see changes in other women'

Other speakers include Pastor (Mrs.) Gloria Olumide, who handled Church of God and follow up where she stressed that anyone who is being followed up must be pampered, nourished and cherished in order to survive. Rev. Adeogo Obed of Glory Tabernacle, Ibadan spoke on the church of God and Discipleship while Rev. Mary McCauley took, the church of God and the next generation.

Drawing from his wealth of experience, Pastor Idowu Iluyomade, the Pastor in charge of RCCG region 20, took time to explain the mind of God on, the Church and Christian Social Responsibility (CSR) and stated how vital it is with adequate references to the various CSR embarked upon by the region. Marital Health and the church was not left out as Rev. (Mrs.) Adeyinka Badejo of Dew of Heaven ministries said, patience, responsibility, being purposeful, having good manners and not status is needed for a healthy home.



Pastor E.A. Adeboye



Bishop David Ibiyeomie



Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye welcoming some of the participants

The combination of Pastors J.F. Odesola and Wale Adefarasin who handled; the church and administration and the church and communication respectively were teachings of great insights.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye also took time to speak to the female leaders to be a church without spot as he spoke from Ephesians 5:25-30. He said no matter the good works a person does, a single spot will destroy it. He advised all to cry to God because attaining perfection is humanly difficult.

The well attended conference was timely and well planned as it met the needs of the leaders who are expected to go and pour all they learnt into their congregation in various countries and states in Nigeria.

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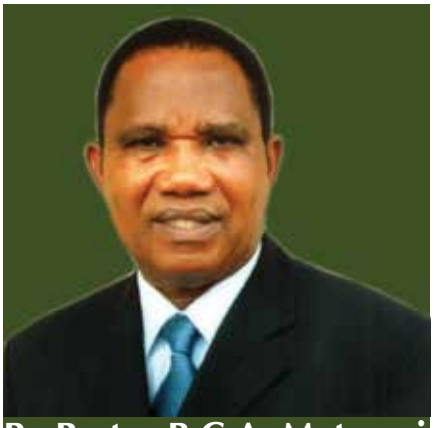
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THE SHEPHERD AND THE HIRELING: SHARP CONTRASTS

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The Shepherd is a man whom the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, sets over the congregation as in Numbers 27:16. He directs and guides the sheep, and takes care of them. He carries the prophetic description of a Priest, denoting sacrifice, as in Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31; a king and ruler, as in Ezekiel 37:24; Matthew 2:6; and a teacher as in Isaiah 40: 10-11. The term "Shepherd" in the Bible, is descriptive of: God, in Psalm 78: 52-53: Christ, in Hebrews 13: 20; Joshua, in Numbers 27: 16-23; David, in 2 Samuel 5:2; the Judges, in 1 Chronicles 17:6; National Leaders, in Jeremiah 49:19; Jewish Leaders, in Matthew 9:36; Church Elders, in 1 Peter 5:2, and Cyrus, in Isaiah 44: 28. If the Shepherd happens to be smitten, the sheep become scattered instantly. The Shepherd feeds the flock (1 Chronicles 4: 39-41), gathers them with his arm and carries them in his bosom, even as he also leads those that are with young gently. For example, in the event that the Shepherd who has a flock of 100 sheep misses only one of them, he leaves the remaining 99 sheep in a safe location and searches/combs the entire area until the missing one is found. Then he restores the "lost and found" sheep, as in Ezekiel 34:12-16; Luke 15: 4-5.

A true Shepherd is devoted in service unto the Master--Jesus, for which he receives divine increase and rewards from above accordingly. Other duties of the Shepherd recorded in the Scriptures include: defending the sheep (1 Samuel 17: 34-36); giving them water as needed (Genesis 29: 2-10); giving them rest (Jeremiah 33:12); numbering the sheep (Jeremiah 33: 13); knowing the sheep, and naming them and calling them by name (John 10: 3-5).

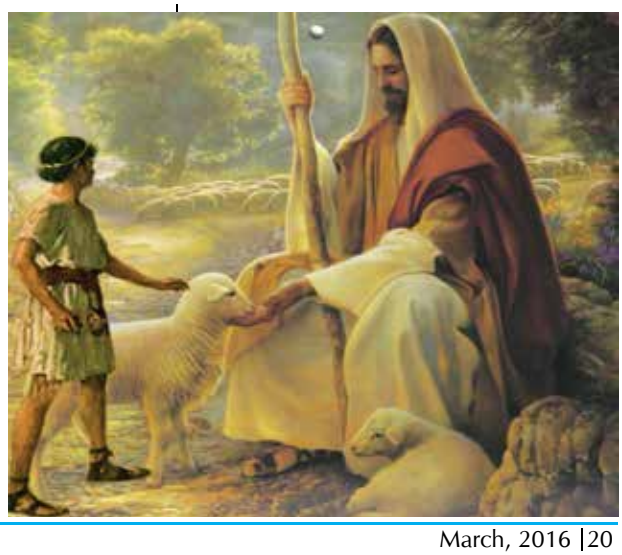
The Bible calls Jesus, The Good Shepherd (Isaiah 40: 10-11; John 10: 11, 14); The Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20); The Gentle Shepherd (Isaiah 40:11), and One who Separates the Sheep from the Goats (Matthew 25: 31-46). The Good Shepherd is also described as: faithful (Genesis 31: 38-40); believing (Luke 2: 8-20); fearless (1 Samuel 17: 34-36); considerate (Genesis 33: 13-14), and unselfish (Luke 15: 3-6).

WHAT ABOUT THE HIRELING?

The Shepherd as above can be contrasted with the Hireling, so as to make the differences between both of them clear. The English Dictionary defines the word "Hireling" simply as someone whose services can be hired. The word "Hire" connotes "Wages." Thus, to hire a Person is to obtain or allow the use of his services in return for some fixed payment. Other items could also be hired such as: a Car, a Horse, a Concert Hall, a Domestic Servant, even a Mercenary under unusual conditions, all for a fixed pay, and no incremental raise. Thus the Hireling is a mere "Recruit" of some sort.

In the Scriptures, the "Bad Shepherd" is described as: unfaithful (Ezekiel 34: 1-10); unbelieving (Jeremiah 50:6); cowardly (John 10: 12-13); ruthless (Exodus 2: 17, 19), and selfish (Isaiah 56: 11-12). Thus the Bad Shepherd can be equated with the Hireling or "Common Labourer" who is usually anxious to see the close of work for the day (Job 7: 1-2), believing that, whether he really works hard enough or not for his daily wages, he will get paid in full, all the same. But the Shepherd is characterized as: faithful, believing, considerate, unselfish, industrious, fearless etc., the Hireling is known to be clearly unfaithful and disobedient (Ezekiel 34: 1-10); unbelieving (Jeremiah 50:6); inconsiderate and ruthless (Exodus 2: 17, 19); selfish (Isaiah 56: 11-12); and indolent and cowardly (John 10: 12- 13). The Hireling tends to neglect the sheep and care less; and thereby prey upon the sheep instead of taking care of them tenderly, feeding them, watering them, and defending and protecting them. Moreover, he tends to be subject to oppression, as in Malachi 3: 5; and guilty of neglect (John 10: 12-13). According to Job 14: 6, the Hireling is figurative of man's life, in that whoever is unfaithful, unfruitful, inconsiderate, ruthless, etc., tends to be weakened in strength before his due time, and he may not recover, meaning that his days are filled with vanity, consequently he is a burden to himself, and his days are shortened eventually (Job 7: 16, 19-20; Psalm 39: 13; Psalm 102: 24).

CONCLUSION: As Ministers and Priests, we are enjoined to be like Jesus, bear fruits, and serve as His witnesses (Proverbs 11:30; Acts 26:22). Also, we are to keep the sanctuary (Numbers 3:38), keep the lamp burning continually (Exodus 27: 21-22), offer acceptable sacrifices (Leviticus 1: 1-17; 1 Peter 2: 5; Romans 12:1), and bless the People continually (Numbers 6: 23-27). Lastly, our Ministry should be characterized by deeds of kindness, and filled with praise and good works, as in Philippians 4: 18 and Hebrews 13: 15-16. GLORY!



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2:30 AM	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**
3:00 AM	**JOURNAL**	**JOURNAL**	**JOURNAL**	**JOURNAL**
3:30 AM	**EURO MAXX**	**EURO MAXX**	**EURO MAXX**	**EURO MAXX**
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5:30 AM	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**	**Redemption Way**
6:00 AM	**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**	**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**	**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**	**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**
6:30 AM	**Open Heavens**	**Open Heavens**	**Open Heavens**	**Open Heavens**
7:00 AM	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**
7:30 AM	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**
8:00 AM	**Open heavens (Rpt)**	**Open heavens (Rpt)**	Hearken Unto Me	Hearken unto me on the Island (Rpt)
8:30 AM	**700 CLUB NIG**	**VOICE OF PROPHESY**	Hearken Unto Me	Hearken unto me on the Island (Rpt)
9:00 AM	**DW-TV**	**DW-TV**	Hearken Unto Me	Hearken unto me on the Island (Rpt)
9:30 AM	**7TH STREET THEATRE**	**ANOTHER LIFE**	Hearken Unto Me	Hearken unto me on the Island (Rpt)
10:00 AM	**SPRINGS OF LIFE**	**FAMILY LINE**	**SPRINGS OF LIFE**	**HEALTHY LIVING**
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12:00 PM	**Turning Point**	**GOSPEL OF PHOTOGRAPHY**	**LIVING THE LIFE**	ONE CUBED NAIJA
12:30 PM	**Teens' Open heavens**	**Teens' Open heavens**	**Teens' Open heavens**	**Teens' Open heavens**

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Time
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SWORD OF THE SPIRIT	SWORD OF THE SPIRIT	SWORD OF THE SPIRIT	6:00 AM
Open Heavens	Hearken Unto Me	700 CLUB INTL (Rpt)	6:30 AM
DW-TV	Hearken Unto Me	DW-TV	7:00 AM
DW-TV	Hearken Unto Me	DW-TV	7:30 AM
Open heavens (Rpt)	Hearken Unto Me	Cartoons	8:00 AM
Turning Point (Rpt)	BELIEVERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH	LIVING THE LIFE (Rpt)	8:30 AM
DW-TV	DW-TV	Resurrection Hour (Rpt)	9:00 AM
Dove Music	DW-TV	Resurrection Hour (Rpt)	9:30 AM
SPRINGS OF LIFE	Open Heavens	Open Heavens	10:00 AM
SPRINGS OF LIFE	Dove Music	Dove Music	10:30 AM
Redemption Way	Redemption Way	Redemption Way	11:00 AM
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Happy Birthday

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HEARTY CHEERS!

to



Our Dear Daddy, you are special to us in several ways; your life is like a mirror through which many see our Lord Jesus and we are glad that God has graciously kept you to witness your **74TH BIRTHDAY.**

We are also grateful to Him that the

HOLY GHOST SERVICE IS 30.

We pray for more fruitful years for you in the land of the living and as your days are, so shall your strength be in Jesus name.



PASTOR & PASTOR (MRS.) J.F ODESOLA
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Signed: THE THRONE OF GRACE

RCCG, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, EBUTE-METTA, LAGOS.

ADEBOYE ABANDONED PERSONAL AMBITION —TOMORI

BUKONLA AKINWANDE



Professor Oyewale Tomori, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Redeemer's University (RUN) has disclosed that the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor E. A. Adeboye is a successful vision carrier like Enoch and Noah because he abandoned all personal ambition after he gave his life to Christ.

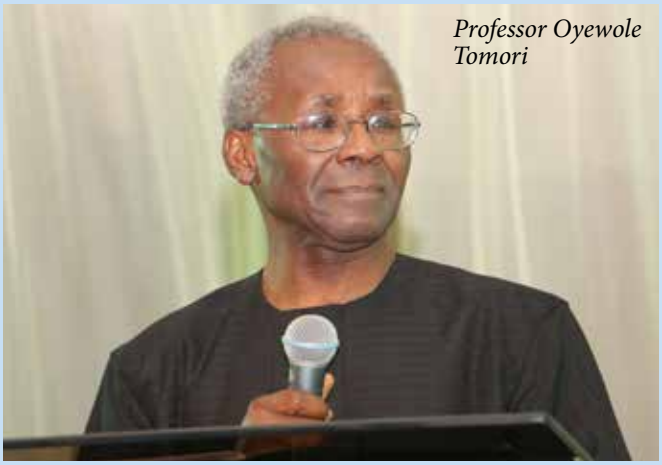
This disclosure was made at the second annual public lecture series tagged, Vision and Vision Carriers organized by Triumphant Elders Consultative Forum of RCCG to commemorate the 74th birthday of Pastor E. A. Adeboye at Haven Events Centre, Ikeja, on, February 3rd, 2016.

Hammering on the word vision, Prof. Tomori said, individuals, organizations and nations should have a vision. He said, 'without vision, RCCG will not be where it is today and we need vision carriers to carry RCCG forward and Nigeria will perish spiritually without vision and vision carriers.'

With reference to the Bible, he took time to explain that God almighty, the creator of heaven and earth is a visionary who took time to create diverse animals, insects etc and He is so unique in His creative work that the human nose of each individual is different.

Not mincing words, Prof. Tomori said, vision carriers suffer. He said Jesus' sweat was like blood because he was a carrier of the vision of everlasting life. As a result, he enjoined all to focus on their vision, stick to it to the end irrespective of any distraction and have faith because vision and faith goes together.

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Professor Oyewole Tomori

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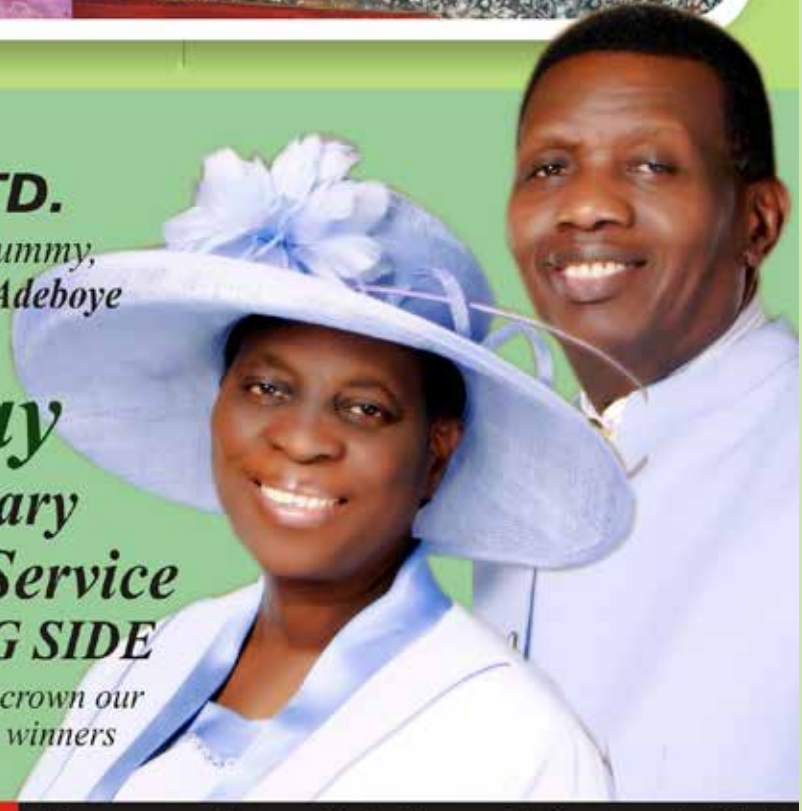
rejoice with our Daddy and Mummy,
Pastor and Pastor (Mrs.) E. A. Adeboye
on daddy's

74th birthday

and the ***30th anniversary***
of the ***Holy Ghost Service***

THEME: THE WINNING SIDE

We pray that the Almighty God will crown our efforts with success and we shall be winners in Jesus name.



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It is our prayer that our God will open widely unto us the Flood Gate and we shall be soaked with HIS blessing in Jesus name.

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Touching lives through CSR

As part of giving back to humanity, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Lagos Province 2, embarked on several Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects at different times in 2015/2016.

Formal education was brought to Oke-Ayo Village in Alapadi community, the outskirt of Lisa village, Ogun State through the establishment of the first and only primary school in the community.

The village, which was in the news some years ago due to the crash of the ill-fated Bellview aircraft which claimed many lives, was remembered and a block of four classrooms, staff room, toilets, water supply system from a well sunk by the Church and an overhead tank into which the water is pumped from time to time was provided by the province.



The church also pays teachers' salaries, provides books, stationery and uniforms for more than 100 pupils in the school; the work is ongoing as the population of pupils keeps increasing and there is need for an additional block of classrooms.

Skill Acquisition Programme

A three-week (free) skill acquisition programme was organized by Cornerstone Parish, Ogba in October 2015 with 264 participants, from different churches and the community who benefitted from the training in vocational skills in Cake making, Shoe making, Bag Making, Hair Dressing, Bead making etc. Some of these participants are





WATER FOR LIFE PROJECT

The Women Ministry of the Province under the leadership of the wife of the Pastor in charge of Province, Pastor (Mrs.) Folake Yemi-Lebi commissioned the laudable Water for Life Project at Odo-Eran Plank Market, Ogba, Lagos, on November 19th, 2015, as part of their annual women programme (Hadassah). The borehole was sunk for the use of the teeming population in the market who had been without a regular source of clean water for decades.

... Lagos Province 2 Model



Donation of Hospital Equipment to Massey Street Children's Hospital, Lagos

Through its women ministry, the Province donated suction machines to Massey Street Children's Hospital, Lagos Island in order to compliment government efforts towards better healthcare delivery in Lagos State. The pieces of equipment donated on November 18th, 2015, were received on behalf of the Chief Medical Director of the hospital by the Public Relations Officer of the hospital and other senior members of staff. The donation was part of the activities of the Province's annual women conference tagged, 'Hadassah Women Conference.'

Magboro Special Outreach





Graceland Parish, under the Province held a special outreach on January 16th, 2016, at Magboro Community High School premises in Akeran, Ogun State.

The outreach featured free medical tests and treatments, distribution of food items, clothes and shoes and an open-air crusade which attracted hundreds of residents of all age groups and religious groups. Ministering in Yoruba language was Pastor Isiaka Lukman from Oyo Province 7 on the theme "WEEP NOT." A total of 78 people received Christ as their Lord and they were handed over to Place of Wonders Parish for follow-up.





Greetings from **OGUN PROVINCE 7 SCHOOLS, ILARO**

The Management, Staff, Students and Pupils of;

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PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE @ 74

Daddy, your upward movement has just began; you will see better days and it will be well with you in Jesus name.

We glorify God for your life Daddy

The Minister and his/her...

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decided to process and refine what GOD gave. Unknown to man, he was adding curses and death to the diet GOD most graciously gave him, to support his life here on planet earth. The whole idea of processing the raw living food of Genesis 1:29, was to extend the shelf life of the food, make it sweeter, more attractive to the eyes and to attract more money. This is done by adding chemical preservatives, bleaching agents, colourings and other additives which together bring in a load of chemicals and heavy metals into the body. As I stated above, GOD, had already passed these nutrients through a natural refining process making them safe for human consumption. As if that was not enough, daily in our kitchen we add death to the food that we eat by cooking and over-cooking them. All of these processes together rid the raw living food of important vitamins, minerals, fiber, antioxidants, enzymes, phytonutrients and trace elements. What is left is food with high glycaemic indices [able to cause type 2 diabetes], devoid of all that is mentioned above. In eating this kind of food, the foundation for the onset of all kinds of diseases is set, at an early age. Let me repeat this statement I have made in the past: Whatever goes through the mouth is what causes diseases in man. If you eat the right food, it will give you life, while the wrong food will cause disease, decay and death. The right food include the raw vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, seeds and their oils, which are full of vitamins, minerals, enzymes, fiber, phytonutrients, antioxidants and trace elements. These foods do not put a burden on the digestive system; instead they support the digestive functions of the intestines. For instance, because of their high fiber content, they speed up the passage of fecal matter through the colon and as they do so, they also cleanse the intestines. Put together therefore, these good, living foods which support life do actually prevent the occurrence of diseases by preventing the buildup of waste matter in the intestines that release acid into the circulation. Furthermore, because of their high vitamin [antioxidant] content, they readily overwhelm and neutralize the free radicals in the body and damage to the cells and tissues becomes reduced to the barest minimum, if not completely eliminated.

In our next edition, we shall be looking at common causes, sudden death in man (including ministers of GOD) and how to prevent them.



WIM challenges female ministers to live in His fullness

BY BUKONLA AKINWANDE


Women in attendance


Pastor E.A. Adeboye


Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye Ministering


Pastor (Mrs.) Oretayo Adetola, displaying one of the books written by Pastor (Mrs.) Adeboye

The 19th edition of the Women In Ministry (WIM) Conference was indeed a time to sharpen the iron of the female ministers in the Redeemed Christian Church of God as they were challenged to live in His fullness bearing in mind that they are serving in the Lord's vineyard.

Speaking to the women on, In His Fullness, in the first leg of the conference which held at Redemption Camp from February 12th-13th, 2016, the convener, Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye, urged them to guard their loins and be strong and unmoveable for God. She challenged her co-labourers on the need to be full of power, love, obedience and hard work.

Furthermore, she encouraged the ministers to live under the lordship of Jesus because that is the simple meaning of living in His fullness. Also, they were to live in His strength, peace, love etc.

The talk on Egonomics and women health by Abiola Bada, a Physiotherapist from Lagos University Teaching Hospital, (LUTH) was a turning point at the conference as Bada, through the paper presentation on body economics urged the women not to do things that will harm their body. Speaking on many reasons for back ache, she encouraged the participants to do away with putting on, high heel shoes that are dangerous to them and also taught many on how to sit or stand in a correct posture while in the office or engaged in house chores.

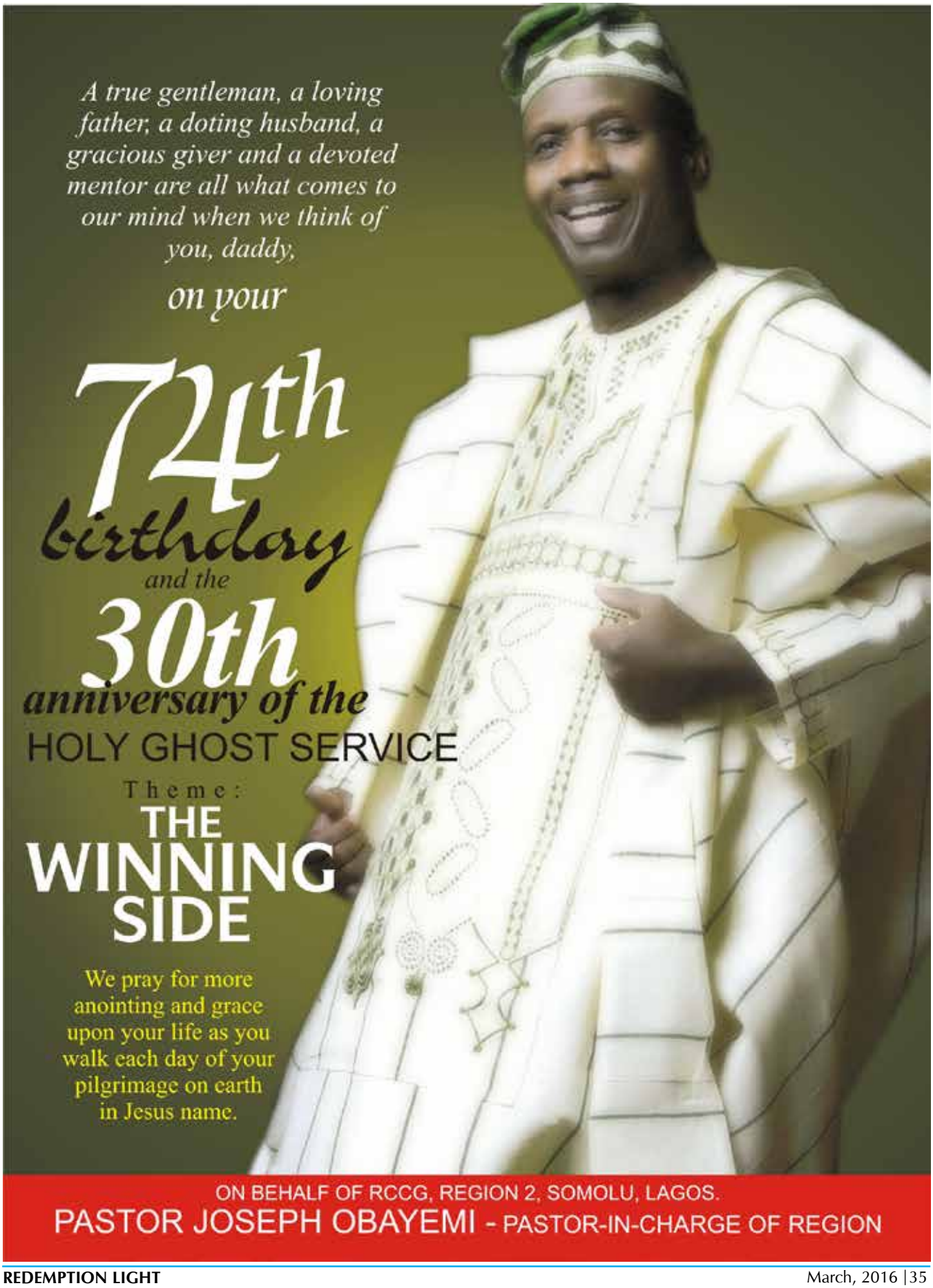
Pastor (Mrs.) Folake Yemi-Lebi, wife of the Pastor in charge of RCCG Lagos Province 2 challenged the women to participate actively in evangelism by investing massively in it while Pastor (Mrs.) Bisi Bamigbade urged the women to, Still Be strong in His Fullness as she taught them to turn every disappointment to an opportunity to pray ceaselessly. Pastor (Mrs.) Olayinka Temitope, wife of the Pastor in charge of region 3, spoke extensively on the glory of His fullness

The General Overseer of RCCG, Pastor E. A. Adeboye also graced the conference to tell the participants that God does everything in full, but stressed that the women should appreciate the mercy of God and be merciful to sinners, their husbands and also encourage the young ones in the ministry.

The participants were opportune to get highly subsidized medical treatments for N500 which was courtesy of Pastor (Mrs.) Adeboye.

Other highlights include, intercessory prayers, answers to various questions bothering the hearts of many, soul lifting song ministration from provinces and regions and a beautiful opening ceremony by Region 20


Senior Female Ministers


A true gentleman, a loving father, a doting husband, a gracious giver and a devoted mentor are all what comes to our mind when we think of you, daddy,
on your
74th birthday
and the
30th anniversary of the
HOLY GHOST SERVICE
Theme:
THE WINNING SIDE
We pray for more anointing and grace upon your life as you walk each day of your pilgrimage on earth in Jesus name.
ON BEHALF OF RCCG, REGION 2, SOMOLU, LAGOS.
PASTOR JOSEPH OBAYEMI - PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF REGION

Adeboye abandoned personal…

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Going down memory lane, he said, Pa Josiah Akindayomi was the recipient and carrier of the RCCG vision and Pastor E. A. Adeboye has been a successful vision carrier like Abraham who did not deny God anything; even his son.

Being the pioneer Vice Chancellor of RUN, he did not fail to challenge his listeners to rise up and build the University so that it would be what it should be. He also commended the RCCG for her various humanitarian work.

Coincidentally, February 3rd, 2016, also marked the 70th birthday of Prof.







Tomori and knowing Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye for who she is, the birthday was celebrated for the guest speaker right there in the hall.

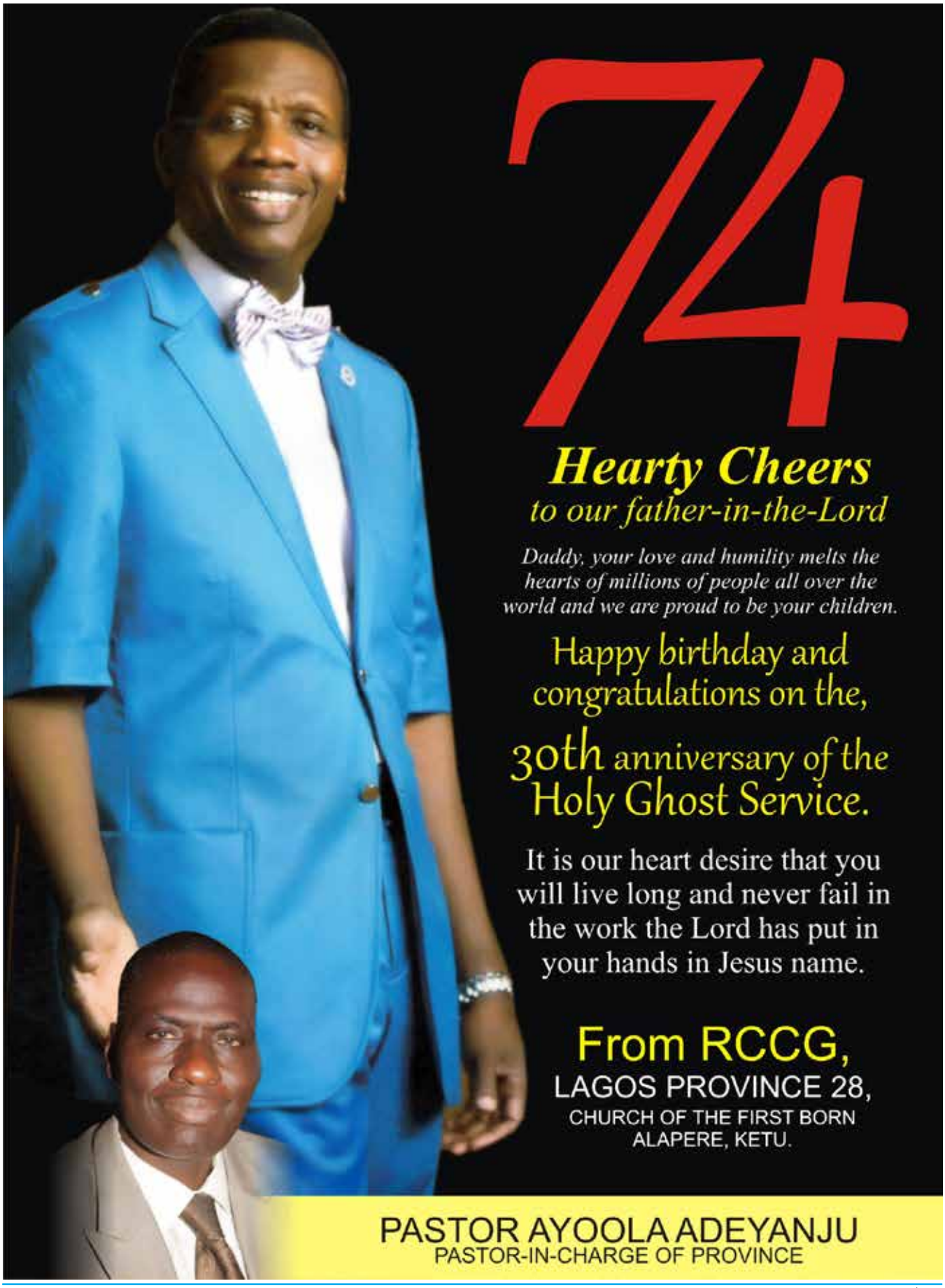
Pastor (Mrs.) Adeboye who stood in for Pastor Adeboye thanked the elders for the event and challenged the younger ones to learn from them.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye appreciated all for coming through a recorded message and disclosed that he could not be present because he had to be God's presence. Present at the lecture were Pastor Bukola Jinadu, the representative of the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, Eng. Olulade Mosunmola who stood in for the wife of the Lagos State Governor, Prof. Bolaji Akinyemi and many dignitaries.

CHANGE OF NAME



Formerly known **as Elizabeth Abiodun Aro.** Now, Which to be known and addressed as **Elizabeth Abiodun Ebosele.**


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Hearty Cheers
to our father-in-the-Lord
Daddy, your love and humility melts the hearts of millions of people all over the world and we are proud to be your children.
Happy birthday and congratulations on the,
30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost Service.
It is our heart desire that you will live long and never fail in the work the Lord has put in your hands in Jesus name.
From RCCG,
LAGOS PROVINCE 28,
CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN
ALAPERE, KETU.
PASTOR AYOOLA ADEYANJU
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE

Celebrating our father @ 74

The entire
Lagos Province 52 family
wish to felicitate with our coach,

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

as he clocks 74 and the

Holy Ghost service turns 30

Theme:

THE WINNING SIDE

Daddy, we pray that God's strength will continue to be yours as you grow each day. You will not die on the wayside and you will live long to witness many more years in Jesus name.



Pastor E. A. Adeboye



Pastor Olaitan Olubiyi
Pastor-in-charge of Province



Pastor Eric Akinsami
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



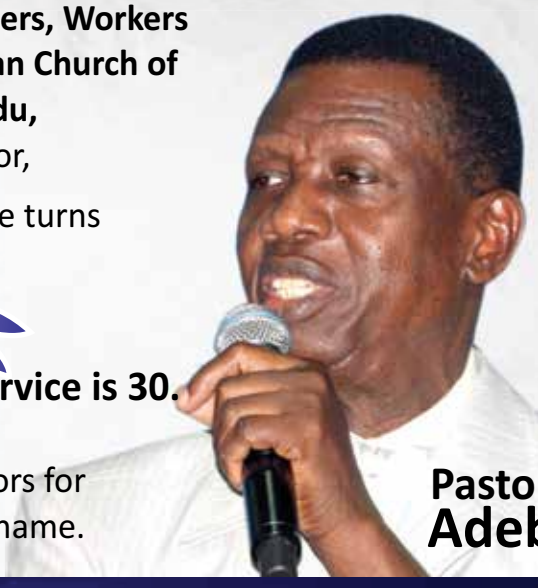
Pastor John Oluyamoju
Assistant Pastor in charge of Province (CSR)

The Pastor-in-Charge of Province, Ministers, Workers and Members of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Lagos Province 63, Ikorodu,
heartily rejoice with our mentor,
Pastor E. A. Adeboye as he turns

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We also rejoice that the **Holy Ghost service is 30.**

Daddy, we pray for more open doors for the Kingdom assignment in Jesus name.





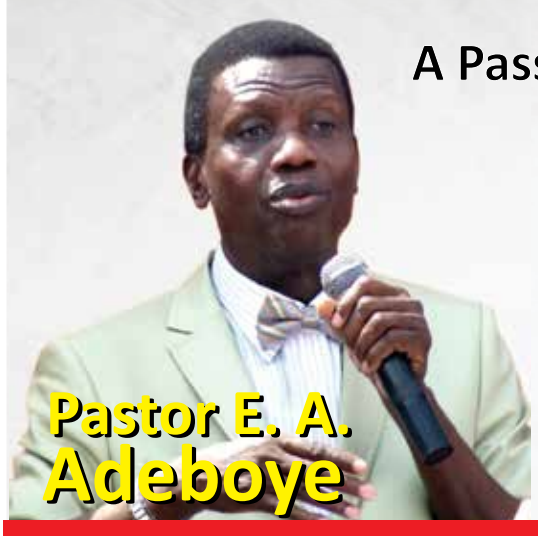
PASTOR KAYODE AJANI
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR A. EMMANUEL JOSHUA
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR AGBOOLA OLUKAYODE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)



A Passionate Soul Winner Turns 74

DADDY, we celebrate the goodness of God in your life and we thank Him for giving us a leader with a great passion for lost souls. As you turn
74 and we mark 30 years of the Holy Ghost service,

we pray that God's favour, blessings and mercy shall continually be yours in Jesus name.

RCCG OYO PROVINCE 6, OLD IFE ROAD, IBADAN



PASTOR AYO ARIJE
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR OLUSONA IDOWU
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR (MRS.) DAYO AKINRINDE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

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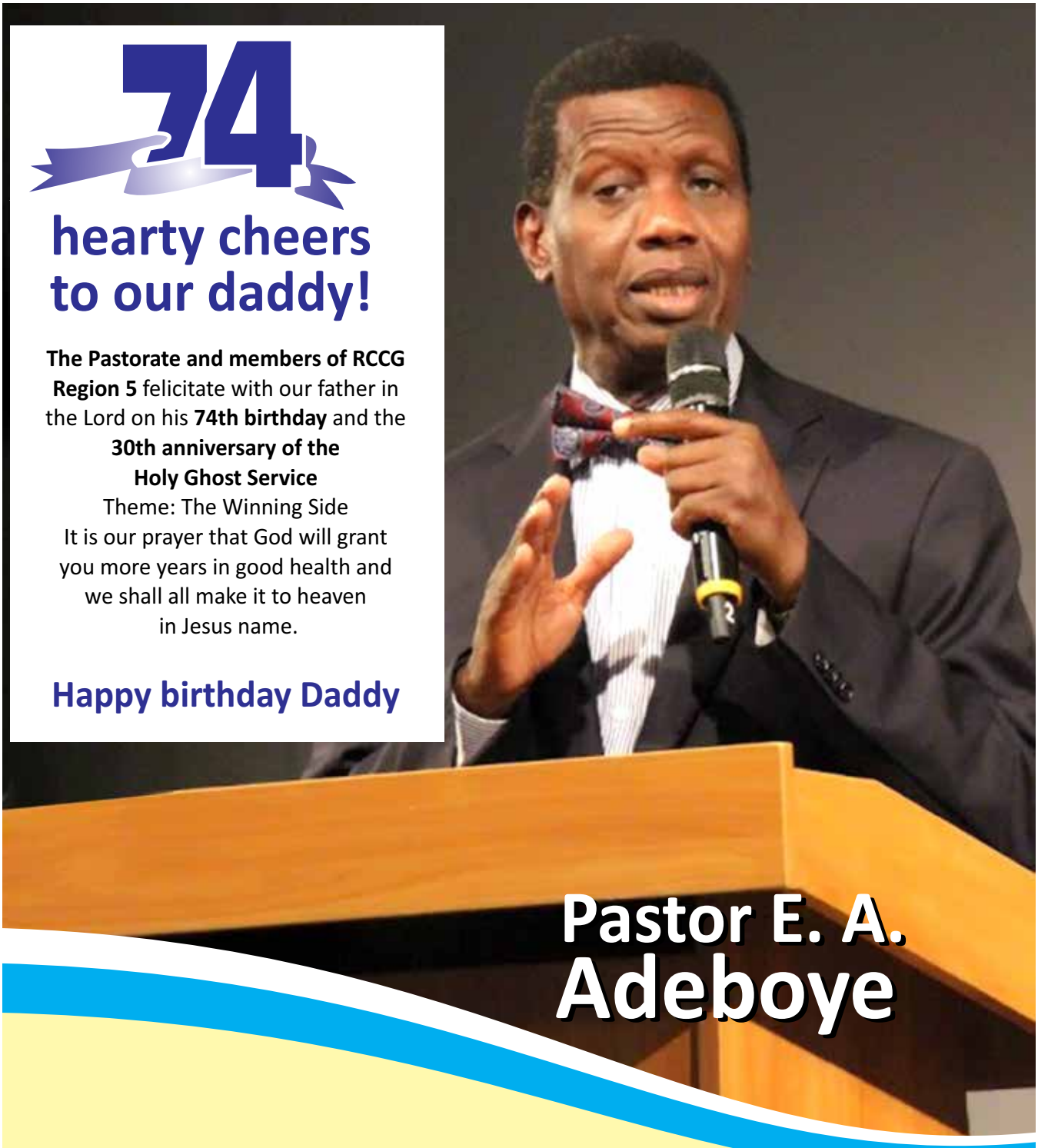
hearty cheers to our daddy!

The Pastorate and members of RCCG Region 5 felicitate with our father in the Lord on his **74th birthday** and the **30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost Service**

Theme: The Winning Side

It is our prayer that God will grant you more years in good health and we shall all make it to heaven in Jesus name.

Happy birthday Daddy



Pastor E. A. Adeboye



PASTOR AND PASTOR (MRS.)BELEMINA OBUNGE
Pastor-in-Charge of Region 5

A General Clocks

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Daddy, we thank God for the special grace of God upon you and we rejoice with you as you celebrate your **74th birthday and the 30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost service**

We pray that the anointing of God upon your life will never diminish, you will finish strong and together we shall reign with our King.

Happy birthday



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

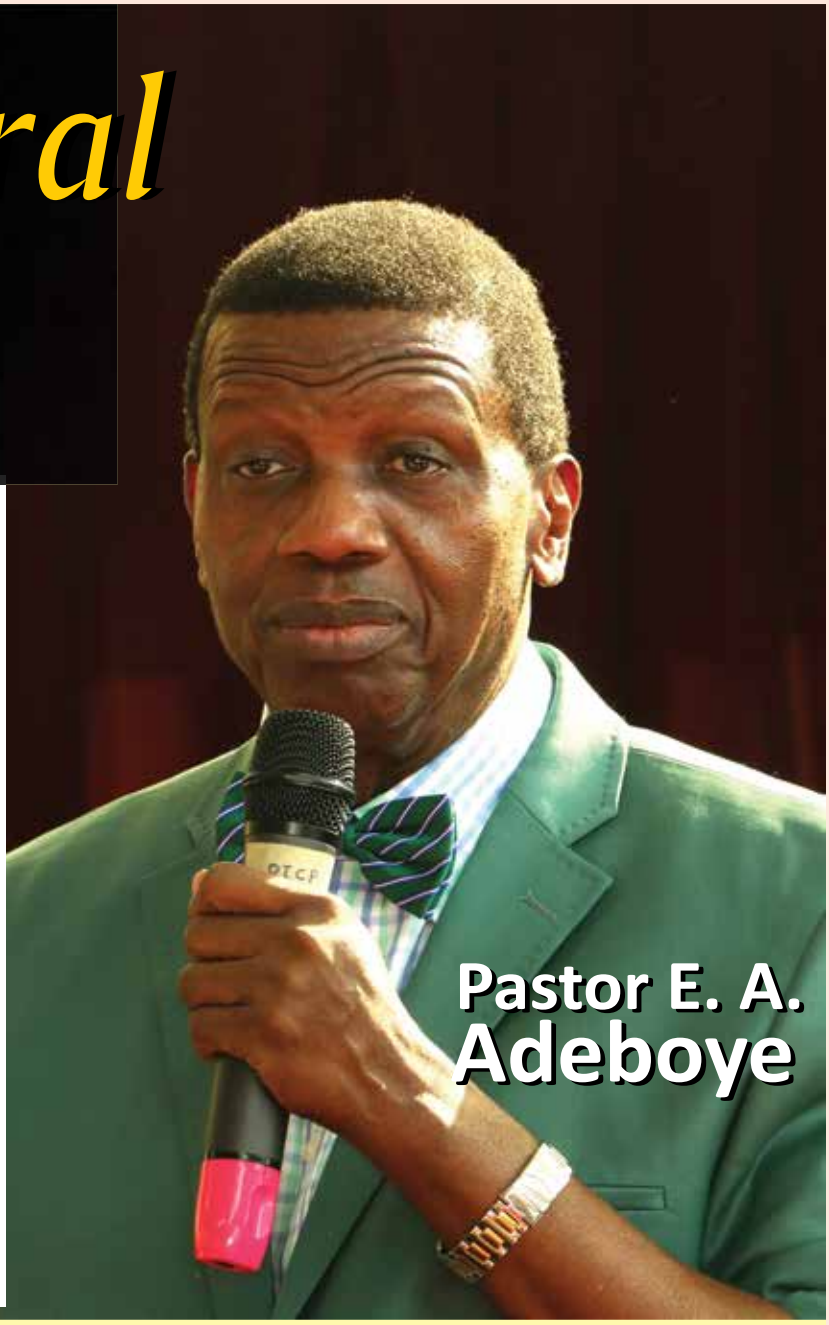


From Region 1 Family

PASTOR J.F ODESOLA

Pastor-in-charge of Region

A general @ 74



The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Lagos Province 11, felicitates with our father in the Lord,

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

as he clocks 74 and we mark the 30th anniversary of the

Holy Ghost Service.

It is our prayer that God will continue to use you to bring joy to the world as long as you live in Jesus name.



PASTOR ADEBISI SUNMONU
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR OLALEKAN YUSUF
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR BAYO OLUGBEMI
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

Daddy, you have taught us to fear God, study the scriptures and to do great exploits for the Lord. As you mark your

74th Birthday

we join millions of RCCG members to wish you more of God's favour and promotion. We also thank God for the 30th anniversary of the

Holy Ghost Service

May God show up for us in His miraculous ways in Jesus name.



Pastor E. A. Adeboye



PASTOR B. AJAYEOBA
Pastor-in-charge of Province
RCCG LAGOS PROVINCE 37, DOPEMU

ADEBOYE DEDICATES CLASSROOMS, MATERNITY CENTRE IN ADAMAWA



Dedication of RCCG 7,New Scretariat, Children Auditorium and Maternity Centre



Dedication of Ne block of classrooms in Redeemer's Basic School, Koma

The Mother-in-Israel, Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye was in Yola, Adamawa State from January 19th—22nd, 2016, to visit the brethren and dedicate some projects which she started some years ago.

The visit drew hundreds of souls to the Lord as Pastor (Mrs.) Adeboye ministered on, God's Mercies during the welcome service organized for her. After the service, the she dedicated, the newly constructed building housing the Regional Secretariat, Maternity Center and Children Auditorium.

She also visited the Redeemer's Basic School (RBS) Koma and the Redeemer's International Secondary School (RISS) Jambutu-Yola where she laid the foundation of a Science Laboratory and dedicated a block of four classrooms, new Hummer Bus and Hillux Jeep newly bought for the school by her.

Before she left, she ministered at Royal Parish, Damilu-Yola, Adamawa Provincial Headquarters in a programme tagged, Divine Encounter. It was a time of divine visitation for the Church, as many souls bowed to Jesus Christ and many received their miracles during the programme.

Senior Pastors, Ministers, Workers and members of region 7 were on ground to grace the events.



Mummy G.O and Pastor and Pastor(Mrs.) Jimi Ajibade Pastor-in-Charge of Region 7, Adamawa



Visit to Seriki of Koma Land







Mummy G.O flanked by students, staff and dignatories of Redeemers Basic School, Koma.

Our mentor is 74

All of us from the RCCG, Lagos Province 3, join other Redeemites worldwide to appreciate the goodness of God in the life of our father in the Lord, Pastor E.A. Adeboye.

You are an exemplary, loving, caring and dedicated father and leader. We are really proud of you and we wish you many more years in good health and prosperity.

Happy 74th birthday to our mentor and congratulations on the success of the

Holy Ghost Service @30!



PASTOR TOYIN OLUGBEMI
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (ADMIN)

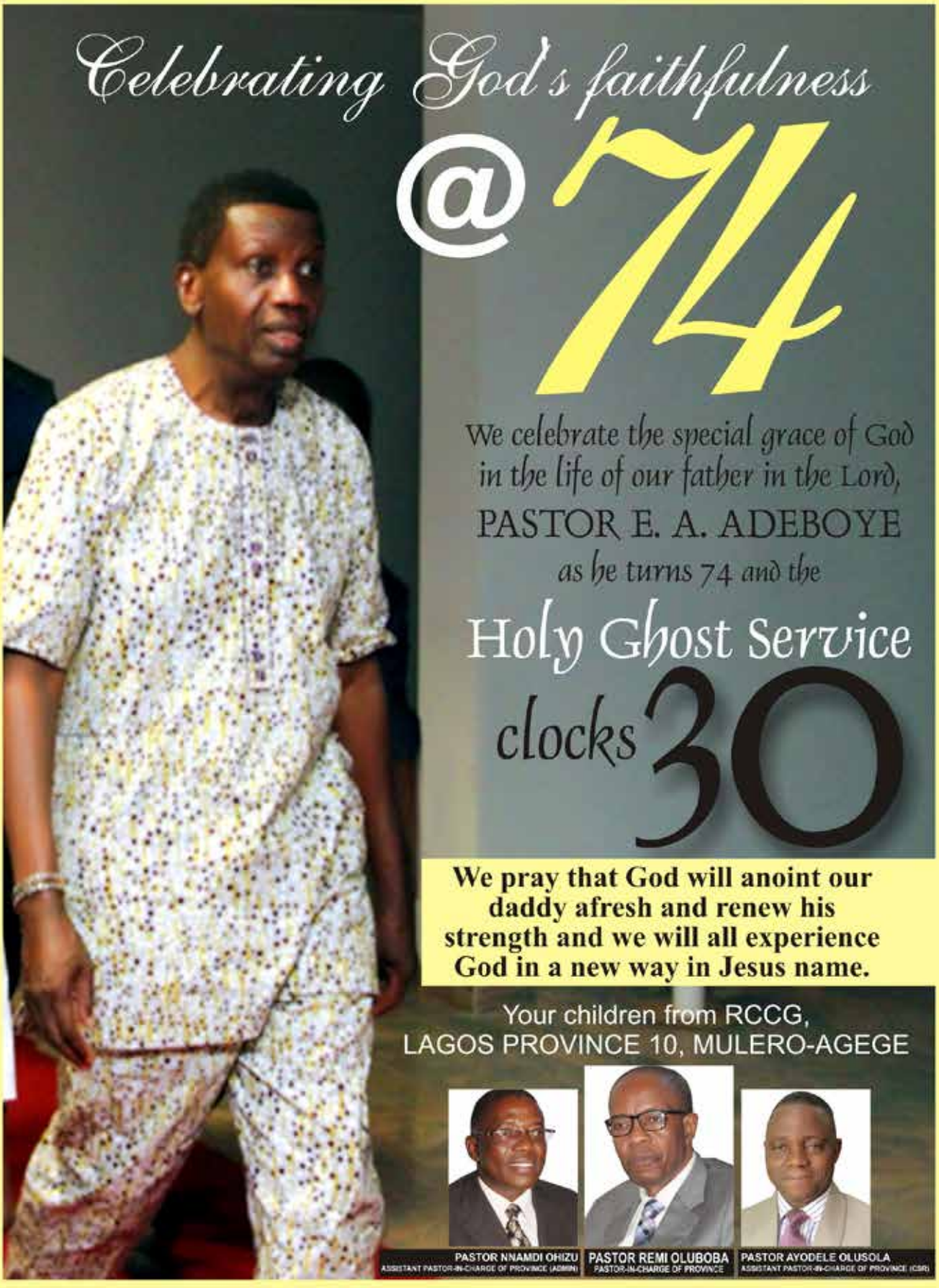


PASTOR UKAIWE AUSTIN
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE



PASTOR AGARA B. OLUSEGUN
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (CSR)




Celebrating God's faithfulness
@74
We celebrate the special grace of God
in the life of our father in the Lord,
PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE
as he turns 74 and the
Holy Ghost Service
clocks 30
We pray that God will anoint our
daddy afresh and renew his
strength and we will all experience
God in a new way in Jesus name.
Your children from RCCG,
LAGOS PROVINCE 10, MULERO-AGEGE
PASTOR NNAMDI OHIZU
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (ADMIN)
PASTOR REMI OLUBOBA
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE
PASTOR AYODELE OLUSOLA
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (CSR)

The Director-General, staff and members of the Directorate of Christian Education of the Redeemed Christian Church of God
Congratulate our Coach as he clocks

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We also celebrate with millions of worshippers on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the

Holy Ghost Service

THEME:

THE WINNING SIDE

Daddy, just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, the Almighty God shall continue to be your covering in Jesus name.



PASTOR I. O ABATAN





Holy Ghost Service –The Miracle That Gave Birth To The Miraculous

OLAITAN OLUBIYI

It's been 30 years since the first gathering in what is now known as the Holy Ghost Service.

In the beginning it was small, though to the participants at that maiden edition, it was such a multitude. They met for 7 days and each new day was better and much more powerful than the day before. That was in March 1986 when a heartfelt desire for Divine Solution to the myriad of human challenges in the lives of the worshippers made Pastor E. A. Adeboye to call for a 7-day Holy Ghost Service at the Headquarters in Ebute-Metta. The meeting itself was not pre-meditated

Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye was busy at his desk one day preparing the Church's Sunday School lessons when he suddenly heard God ask him what he would want for his birthday which was approaching then. Before the time, according to the General Overseer, he was not thinking of his birthday as he had not always been a birthday conscious person, at least since his salvation. Though amazed at how God could be interested in his birthday, he responded to the Divine question by requesting that God blesses everyone in his congregation with at least a miracle to mark his birthday. The Almighty God then gave him an instruction to gather the people for a service. In 1986, for 7 days, about 2000 people gathered at the Church Headquarters in Ebute-Metta for what many people later described as a miracle-summit.

The heavens were opened and the power of God came down mightily as the people experienced God in many unusual ways. That was the beginning. The size of the Church Headquarters in Lagos was glaringly incapable of coping with the multitude and, in the following year, the programme had to be moved to the Redemption Camp. A multitude from various denominations, including people who had not known Jesus, began to troop to the programme and God continued to confirm His presence through miracles and salvation of souls. Today, the programme now christened the Holy Ghost Service, is a forum for a harvest of souls into God's kingdom.

The Service soon became a monthly gathering holding on the first Friday of every month. It is a programme where the word of God is shared in a focused and indepth, yet refreshing way with quality time spent in praise and worship as well as in praying. There is always a time for pastoral ministration and laying-on of hands on people who desired it. At the Holy Ghost Service, there is never a dull moment as the power of God is constantly at work breaking bounds, healing

the sick and transforming situations. From that little beginning, God has made the Holy Ghost Service to become a global affair with almost every country seeking for an opportunity to host one.

God is indeed a God of purpose. He knew what He wanted to do even from the beginning. In 1994, a new phase evolved in the history of the Holy Ghost Service with the holding of the service outside the Redemption Camp in addition to the one that holds on the first Friday of every month. Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos, hosted the first Holy Ghost Service outside the Redemption Camp in February 1996 and the theme was "The Battle of the Gods." The Holy Ghost Service outside Nigeria christened **"Festival of Life"** first took place in London in 1994. Other cities in Nigeria, including campuses of tertiary institutions have also played hosts to the Holy Ghost Service. In the United States of America, Holy Ghost Service holds every year in the Washington Metroplex, and at the Redemption Camp in Greenville, Dallas Texas. Canada hosts the service in June. Several other countries that have had the opportunity of hosting the programme include Israel, South Africa, China, Germany, United Arab Emirate and many more.

Everywhere the Holy Ghost Service takes place; God is always present manifesting His power in the lives of His people.

At various points in the service, whether during worship time, or while the sermon is on, God is always making known the wonders being performed in people's lives. The moment Pastor Adeboye makes a sudden break from whatever he could be doing during the service, and says, "Thank you Jesus,… My Father says…" the people often go wild with joy for they know that God had done something new in their midst. Indeed such moments have brought great deliverance into many people's lives. A lot of people have received unimaginable touch of God through the ministrations at the Holy Ghost Service.

A man once testified that he discovered a rise in his height, after attending one Holy Ghost Service. According to him, while the Service was on one night, there was an occurrence at the front of the altar where people on wheel-chairs were staying. A miracle had happened and some of the people who were carried in to the auditorium had received strength in their bones and they were jumping and shouting for joy everywhere. Many worshippers thronged to the front and others climbed their seats to have a glimpse of what was happening. This man too climbed his seat but because of his height, he could not match the taller ones, so he couldn't see far. According to him, he then expressed a wish to be taller. It was a mere desire in his heart. He did not know that God saw it and took note. Just about the time, Pastor Adeboye through Divine Word of Knowledge said that there was someone in the multitude who desired to grow taller, God said He had done it. What he discovered later marveled him. The trouser he wore to the service had become too short for him by a few inches, his height had increased. Talk of a physical miracle. This shook him so much and the fear of the Lord overwhelmed him.

Talking of the miracles at the Holy Ghost Service would make many shiver at the awesomeness of God. Every service gives new revelation of God as real and true as some of the testimonies reveal.



The story of the Holy Ghost Service is really a story of God's Divine moves healing bodies and lives, setting the captives free and transforming situations and experiences.

Pastor Julius Akindele, a retired Assistant General Overseer served as Personal Secretary to the Founder/General Superintendent of the Church, late Rev. Josiah Olufemi Akindayomi. He was also the first Personal Secretary to the General Overseer, Pastor E. A. Adeboye. He gave some insight into the early days of the Holy Ghost Service.

According to him, the Holy Ghost Service was God's own idea and in a way, it was God's way of taking the Church into the fullness of the covenant-plan for it. *"The first Holy Ghost Service was awesome. I mean, we had never seen anything like it before."*

Pastor Akindele recalled that in the twilight of the life of the Founder, he had said that *"the leader of tomorrow will take this Church to the next level saying that the manifestation of God's power would be more."*

The first Holy Ghost Service lasted seven days and it was awesome because before we knew it, in the evenings, people would gather because they were getting results, solutions to problems and answers to prayers. People that had been sick for a long time got healed. Information began to go round and it was a new dimension in the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

I want to thank God for what Papa Akindayomi said that *"once this future leader takes over from me, there will be expansion and explosion"* but how God would do it we did not know at that point in time because people did not even know much about the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

Through the Holy Ghost Service, God publicised His Church and created for the Church so much awareness which has made the RCCG what it is today.

We thank God for giving Pastor E. A. Adeboye to the RCCG and for the gift of the Holy Ghost Service. The Church has never been the same since the first gathering in March 1986. Year to year, even till now, the Holy Ghost Service has remained a platform for God to do the miraculous far beyond the imaginations of men.



Betray Your Betrayer (Part 1)

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I want to begin to touch on a subject I know we are all, perhaps, familiar with but which requires that we put ourselves in constant reminder of it. In medical science there is a group of disease generally labeled as silent killers. They start in such unnoticeable and benign way in the human body but quietly over time do enough damage before becoming noticeable and virulent. As a matter of fact, their consequences can be fatal. However, if detected and adequate measures are taken on time, they can be silenced forever and the victim can live his/her life time out in good health. In the same token, I believe there are also spiritual silent killers and all humans are equally exposed. I call this spiritual silent killer - "The Betrayer" because of the modus operandi of its operation. But thanks be to God, you do not have to be a victim, you can actually take the betrayer out of your life before he succeeds in taking you out of the race to eternity.

What does it mean to betray? To betray, according to the Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary, means to give away, make known or sell treacherously. The betrayer therefore, is that person or thing that can give you away, make you known or sell you to your enemy.

There was an account concerning David in 1Chronicles 12:17. The Bible says "And David went out to meet them and answered and said if ye come peaceably to help my heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it."

The above scripture tells of a time when some Benjamites came to David where he was hiding away from his arch enemy Saul. He was wondering whether these people came in order to give him away to Saul. If it had been so perhaps that would have meant the end of his dream of one day becoming the king in Israel.

There is a betrayer whose main objective is to frustrate and eventually abort your destiny in God. This betrayer appears in different shades and colors, bearing different names and nomenclature at different times and in different places. It is different for individuals and at times varies from culture to culture and civilization to civilization. However, it has one generic name called SIN.

It was this same betrayer that aborted the promising ministry of a prophet-in-training called Gehazi. In Gehazi's life, the betrayer was called Covetousness (2 Kings 5:20-27). In the life of Samson (a man anointed from his mother's womb), it was called sexual Immorality (Judges 16:18-30). By the time he finished with Samson, he had lost his anointing, two eyes and his exalted position as a judge in Israel. He has no respect for age, position or anointing. Whosoever accommodates him will be betrayed in due course. It is only a matter of time; he does not have an eternal friend. In Naaman's life it was called Pride. But for the young Hebrew maid, it would have robbed the army general of his healing.

Given its pervasive and destructive abilities, we shall be taking a very critical look at the nature of the betrayer so that you and I will recognize it better and know how to handle it whenever it manifests. To clearly illustrate this, we shall be taking our study from the experience of our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ, with His betrayer in Luke 6:12-16. In these verses of the scripture, the Bible says - "One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartolomew, Mathew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called zealot), Judas (son of James) and Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed Him)" (NLT)

Let us start by considering the nature of the betrayer.

He is a product of choice: It must be noted that in Luke 6:12-16, Jesus chose Judas deliberately. From the very beginning, God gave the power to choose to human kind. In Gen 3:6, the first scenario of choice was presented by the father of Mr. SIN (the devil) to our fore-father Adam in the Garden of Eden. The choice was to either obey God or disobey Him but, unfortunately, he chose the latter. Since that time, every man born of a woman makes that choice through Adam (Rom 3:23). Man was made pure and holy with only one desire; to please God. However, when he chose the betrayer, his nature entered into him and man has since become a victim of his choice. In addition to this original choice, man has equally made a choice of the betrayer over the period through societal influences and other environmental factors. For instance, a young innocent man who just gained admission into the higher institution and, who unfortunately finds himself in the midst of peers that are wayward and unserious with their academics; it is only a matter of time (if he continues in this relationship) before he will be part of one or both of these evils. Beloved, do you know that the choice to continue to follow Jesus in spite of the horrible pressures of sin in our generation is entirely yours? Knowing that the devil has been judged already, there

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ITCHING IN THE BODY BOWS TO GOD

A prophecy came through Pastor Adeboye during the January Holy Ghost service that someone was experiencing itching all over her body but the Lord said He has healed the fellow. To the glory of God, since that day, the itching I was experiencing disappeared.

Dcns. Mercy Adeniran

Cancer gone

I was diagnosed of cancer in February 2015. I travelled to London and had a successful operation. I did hysterectomy operation and after three sessions of chemotherapy, I was very weak and tired and I lost all my hair. God brought Pastor E. A. Adeboye to London around that time. Though I was told I would do eight sessions, but after Pastor Adeboye prayed for me, the hospital said I did not need more chemotherapy because there was no more cancer in my body.

–Abiola Ige

I AM NOW A LECTURER - ILESANMI

I thank God for the salvation of my soul. In April 2015, I applied for a lecturing Job in a Federal University and got the letter of interview a week before our Convention and I was bothered about what the interview questions would be. During the Friday Holy Ghost Service of last year's Convention, God gave a Word of Prophecy through Pastor E. A. Adeboye and he said, " The Lord said you will win convincely" and I claimed the prophecy. Behold, after five interviews for the same job, I was employed on January 12th, 2016, (the 2nd day of our Fasting and Prayers.) PRAISE GOD!

STEPHEN ILESANMI

God touched my ear –Olaiya

I attended the University of Lagos Holy Ghost Service and God touched my ear that has been malfunctioning before then. I can now hear clearly to the glory of God.

Sis. Florence Olaiya



EXPLORING THE KEY TO ADEBOYE'S BREAKTHROUGH

The General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye, turned 74 on 2nd March, 2016. He has become a world figure and has accomplished so much. He was listed by the influential Time Magazine in 2008 as one of the 50 people in the world who has made a definitive impact. He has also been honoured by many people and awarded honorary degrees by Universities throughout the world including the University of Ibadan, Nigeria's oldest University which he did not attend, the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife where he obtained his first degree having fled the University of Nigeria as civil war threatened in 1967, as well as the University of Lagos, his alma mater as graduate student and where he also taught. He is sought out by Presidents, world leaders and those ordained by him as Pastors of his Church amongst whom are a Vice President of one of the most populous countries in the world, a Chief Justice of one of the most powerful countries of the world and a Chief Justice of one of the most active Islamic republics of the world. He has also taken his little known Church from its small location in South West Nigeria to over 180 countries of the world.

So much has been written about him in books, articles in scholarly journals and theses and dissertations all over the world. He himself has also written much, telling the story of his life in sermons, messages and various platforms presented by the myriad of opportunities offered him globally. Yet the man of God is of a humble birth. His parents were so poor that the poor people of his village called them poor; and when his father bought an umbrella, the entire village called on the family for celebration. He was almost sent away from Ilesha Grammar School because his parents could not pay the School fees when due and it was only the miraculous intervention of the Principal that kept him until he completed his secondary education. He later proceeded to the University of Nigeria where scholarship provision was made for those interested in sports. So he became a



sports man by force and a boxer by greater force in order to have access to food, fees and accommodation.

Having been denied a scholarship for postgraduate studies by a panel where the chairman asked him a question in geography when he applied for scholarship in Mathematics when he gently reminded the man who was half awake that his application was for scholarship in Mathematics, he settled down to do his studies in Nigeria.

The question that should remain of great interest to all is how the young man who began with considerable disadvantage in life has been able to reach the height of professional and personal life and acquire such tremendous power and influence? How has he been able to cope with the issues of meeting his minimum needs; what to eat and what to drink, where to live and how to raise his family? How has he been able to plant Churches and expand the membership of the RCCG from just a tiny section in South Western Nigeria to over 180 countries within a period of just about four decades? In other words, what has been the secret that has catapulted the poor man to prosperity in every domain and made him a global champion and a blessing to many?

There have been many interpretations to the astronomical rise of the village boy to global prominence. When carefully considered, all the explanations are plausible. For example, some attribute his success to his determination to succeed, defying all obstacles and rejecting all distractions. Some have pointed to his fervency to serve the Lord, abandoning his dream of becoming the youngest Vice-Chancellor of a University for the role of a Pastor of a little-known Christian ministry in Lagos. Some draw attention to his obedience to whatever comes from the Lord. Yet some explain that he is sustained by the grace of God that continues to make him succeed in whatever he lays his hands on. Some say that he is favoured by the God of mercy who has decided to select him for a mission and fulfilment of his destiny. It is possible to explain his achievements by the quality of his giving and his moving compassion for others. Yet, some believe that his fortunes have been influenced by his choice of a godly woman of virtue who continually seeks the face of the Lord for the success of her husband.

It is easy to accept the explanation that the hand of God has remained in his life, and He has helped the young Pastor to fight all his battles and given him victory. Thus, all evil forces, known and unknown to him have been subdued and frustrated without him fighting the battle. In the process, the

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Holy Ghost Service: A Conduit Of The Miraculous

BUKONLA AKINWANDE

The birth of the Holy Ghost service 30 years ago started with a simple request from God to, Pastor E. A. Adeboye, when He asked him what he wanted for His birthday as he was busy preparing the Sunday school manual in United Kingdom. In a quick response to the request from God, the man of God said, 'I want you to give each member of my church a miracle.' With that, God told him to gather all the church members together for a service to be known as Holy Ghost service and He would do what he requested for.

Since that first power packed meeting at RCCG headquarters, Ebute Metta, Lagos, in 1986, the Holy Ghost service has been characterized by diverse healing and miracles from the God of wonders. Irrespective of where the Holy Ghost service is held; either on the campus, at the stadium, a square, hall or even within or outside Nigeria, the service is always trailed with testimonies of healing and miracles from the participants who are physically present or those who connect to the service, via radio, television or internet.



Mrs. Senami Lukula



Sis. Okungbowa Christianah



Worshippers

These miraculous experiences are often received through a word of knowledge given by God through Pastor Adeboye or a contact with the presence of God during sermons or praises and worship. Often times, God has poured His presence on His children through the dresses they wore to the venue of the Holy Ghost service or through handkerchiefs which is often used to do the unbelievable.

At the campus Holy Ghost service held at the University of Lagos on January 29th, 2016, Florence Olaiya got the required healing for her ear at the venue of the Programme, she said, God touched my ear that has been malfunctioning when I attended the Unilag Holy Ghost Service; I can now hear clearly to the glory of God.'

During the January 2016 Holy Ghost service held at the Redemption camp, God gave a word of knowledge through Pastor Adeboye that somebody's heart was burning like fire but that He has quenched it. Dcns. Okungbowa disclosed that instantly, something came out of her chest and that was the end of heart burn for her.

Mrs. Senami Lukula had a delay in child birth for five years, but in February 2009 while watching the monthly Holy Ghost service on the internet, she heard the testimony of some brethren which she keyed into and asked God for an answer to her request for a child. God heard her cry and she was delivered of a baby boy in 2010 and a baby girl in 2011.

Mrs. Fehintola Salami had a peculiar challenge of continuous flow of breast milk even after her children are weaned. At the hospital, the doctor said statistics revealed that a few out of 100 women experience this anomaly and placed her on medication. During one of the Holy Ghost services, Pastor Adeboye spoke on creative miracles and she claimed it and told God that she did not want to remain on medication. God answered her and set her free from that anomaly.

Sometime in year 2012, a footballer, Chinedu Kingsley Ezeahi, came down with tuberculosis but his uncle brought him to one of the Holy Ghost services for children at the Redemption Camp where Pastor Adeboye through a word of knowledge spoke about his case and God healed him completely.

God has met the needs of His children through the Holy Ghost service and we believe many testimonies are yet to come.



GOD'S AMBASSADOR

turns 74

DADDY E. A. ADEBOYE,
your children from the RCCG, Lagos Province 53, Nuru-Oniwo, Surulere

celebrate the light of God in you on the occasion of your 74th Birthday and the

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST SERVICE

THEME:

The Winning Side



Pastor Obembe Olayiwola
Assistant Pastor-in-Charge of Province (Admin)



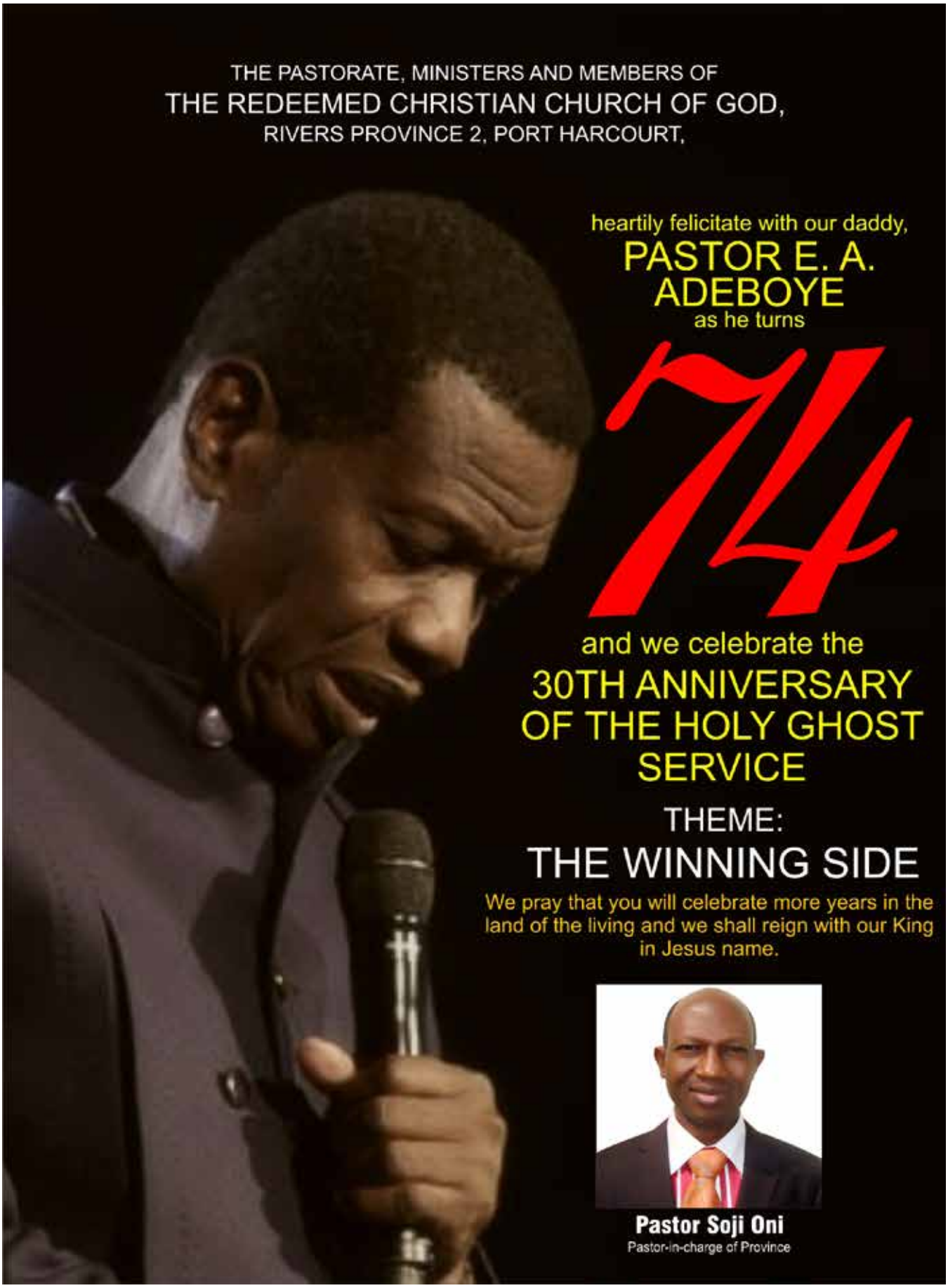
Pastor Tunde Dania
Pastor-in-Charge of Province



Pastor Daramola Bode James
Assistant Pastor-in-Charge of Province (CSR)

We pray that God will continue to give you sound health to carry on with the awesome assignment placed in your hands.

Happy birthday Daddy!!!!


THE PASTORATE, MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD,
RIVERS PROVINCE 2, PORT HARCOURT,
heartily felicitate with our daddy,
PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE
as he turns
74
and we celebrate the
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST SERVICE
THEME:
THE WINNING SIDE
We pray that you will celebrate more years in the land of the living and we shall reign with our King in Jesus name.
Pastor Soji Oni
Pastor-in-charge of Province

EXPLORING THE KEY TO ADEBOYE'S...

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Lord opened His heavens and began to rain showers of blessing, giving him wisdom and peace of mind.

However, as Pastor Adeboye himself quickly admits, there has been a price to pay for his intimate walk with the Lord. He thus emphasises the nonnegotiable criterion of persistently living a life of holiness. Indeed, the first road at the Redemption Camp on which he built the first house is called Holiness Road. Holiness demands a life of discipline, self-control, godliness and contentment. To this is linked; selflessness and a life of sacrifice including persistent fasting and sustained self-denial.

It is also true that he has tremendous passion for the work of God, holding crusades, outreaches, workshops and meetings with all categories of people including ordained Ministers, focusing on evangelism, winning souls for the Lord, warning people of the danger of remaining unsaved as the Saviour returns shortly, sharing the good news of the salvation through repentance and faith in forgiveness, living a life of soberness.

Pastor Adeboye is known for his humility but he is also very confident that what the Lord has started in his life He will fully accomplish to the end. He is humble because he remembers where he is coming from: a home stricken with poverty but also endowed with integrity. But he also knows that he needs to work hard and pursue excellence without compromise. Thus, while others are sleeping and "enjoying" life, he is busy working and working, thinking, reflecting, and planning with his mind and heart. He is confident because he knows the God he serves

The life of Adeboye teaches the enduring values of endurance, dedication, courage, determination, zeal, enormous passion and commitment to whatever comes one way. His story gives life to the lifeless, hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak to just keep going on until one reaches the destiny dictated by God for man. Pastor Adeboye derives his strength from being rightly related to God and hearing from the LORD. Having been tried by God and found faithful, the Almighty God decided to reward him with the gifts to prophecy, and the authority to decree healing.

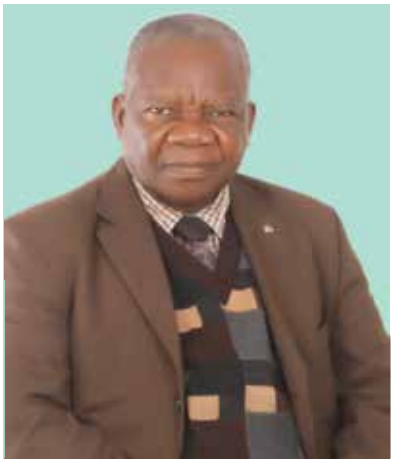
It may be however argued emphatically that the key to the successful living of Pastor Adeboye is his faith; clear belief in the power and potency of the Lord Jesus who called him out of the luxury of the Ivory Tower to full time service in His vineyard. He has never for once looked back since the time he was led to take that position of investing his trust in the Lord.

Faith has been an overriding factor in the work and life of Pastor Adeboye. His teaching has centred on faith and all the steps he has taken have been guided by his profound faith in the Lord. Pastor Adeboye uncompromisingly believes that the Lord keeps His words. Thus when he read of the exploits of Saints Paul and Peter, he knew that miracles will always follow as he proceeds to pray on anointed handkerchiefs and clothes that are then used to heal the sick, bring deliverance and breakthroughs and perform wonders beyond the expectations of man.

The fervency of Pastor Adeboye for faith has led to his transformation from a Mathematics Lecturer at the University to a man of the Great God for whom there can never be any limit to the fulfilment of prophesies and for this he has been prepared to lay his life. As early as September 1980, a year before he became the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Adeboye prepared a series of messages on faith. On 7th September 1980, he wrote the main points on a message titled, "A little faith in a big God." In it he asked: "How much faith do you need to obtain a miracle from God?" And he promptly answered the question himself and concluded that what is required is, "just a little faith: just a little faith in a big God" backing his conclusion with the Bible passage he cited from Mathew 17:20. He then continued to demonstrate how faith had led Moses and the people of Israel to cross the Red Sea as recorded in Exodus 14:15-16.

Pastor Adeboye once named the basic ingredients that are necessary for the transformation of an impossible position to possibility by focusing on faith. He illustrated his contention with the story of the people of Israel who found themselves in a difficult situation; followed by the Egyptian chariots, a hostile and powerful enemy, and limited by the Sea in front. It was at that stage that the Lord spoke to Moses to move. Pastor Adeboye says that, "once God speaks things must happen" and supports his contention with the examples from Genesis chapter one in which things began to happen as soon as God spoke. The young Pastor then contended that the Sea had to obey God, because the Lord who made it also controls it. In a similar manner, the winds had to obey God its Maker. The fourth ingredient was the rod of Moses which had been surrendered to God. And as he puts it, "when Moses surrendered his rod to God it became the rod of God." He then added that, "any believer who surrenders his hands to God can be used by God." The fifth ingredient was Moses whom he notes as an obedient servant and that all what God requires is "a servant who would dare to have just a little faith in the mighty God."

It may be appropriate to illustrate my submission with a personal testimony. As Nigeria's Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris, it was known to most people that I had the habit of running to the Redemption Camp to attend special sessions of the Holy Ghost services and the Divine Encounter to refuel my faith bank as I was always faced with a myriad of challenges, opposition and crises. In all these, I also remained confident that victory was sure. In 2008, I conveyed a request of the Nigerian Government for a visit to the country to the Director–General (DG) of UNESCO, a Japanese named Koichiro Matsuura. This was because UNESCO had at the 2007 General Conference of UNESCO named the centennial celebration of the

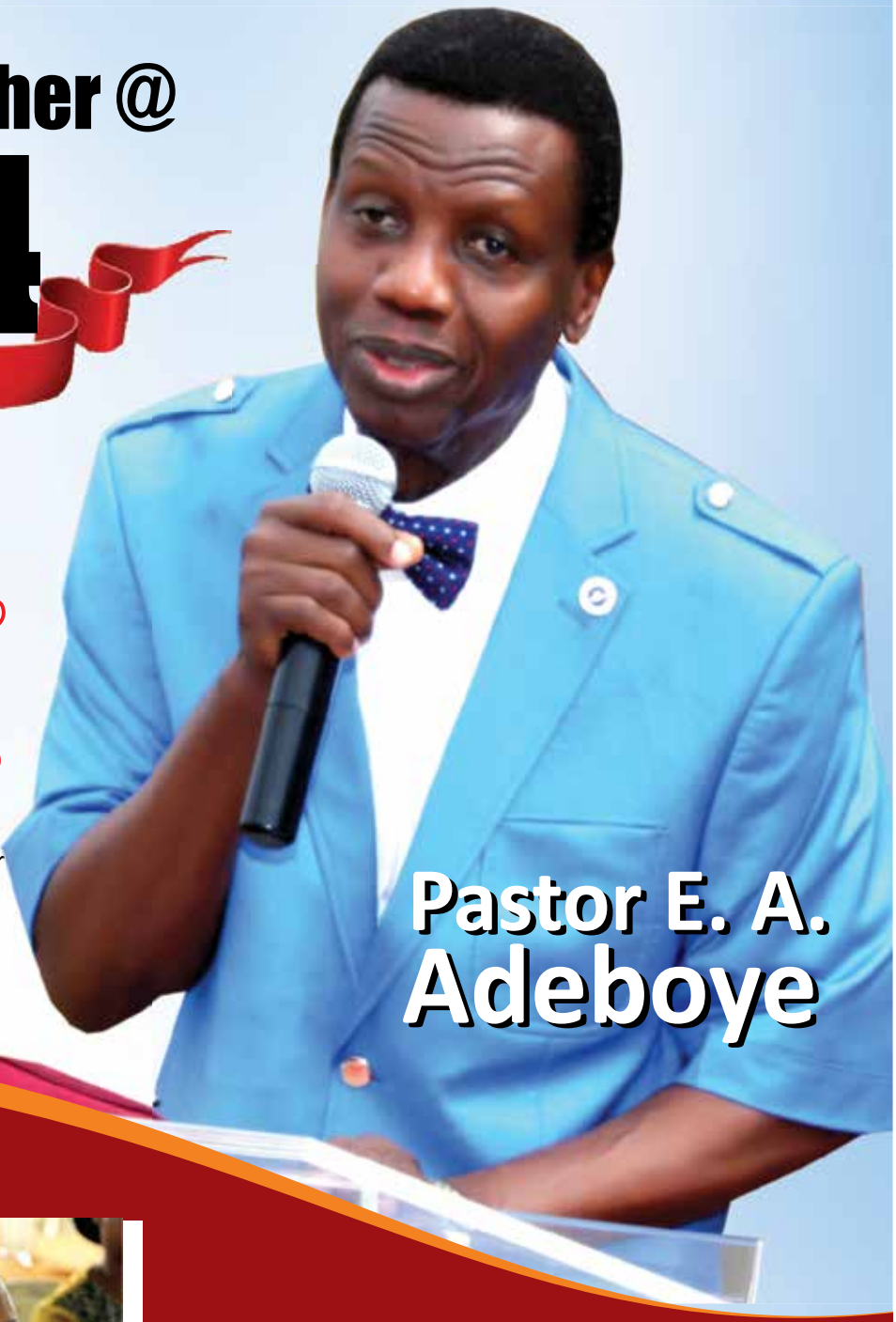


BY MICHAEL OMOLEWA

founding of King's College, Lagos, Nigeria's first Government College founded in 1909, as one of the events with which the organisation would associate in the period from 2007 to 2009. The Director General responded negatively to the invitation, communicated the decision to the Government and sent a copy of the letter to my office. It was well known to all that in the tradition of the Japanese, once the Director General had made up his mind and taken a decision, he would never reverse himself. But meanwhile, I had attended the special Holy Ghost service convened by Pastor Adeboye in which he had assured us that once we wear the clothes we wore celebrating the anointing at the programme, we

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Going Higher @ 74



Dear dad, we rejoice with you as you turn **74**. We also thank God that the

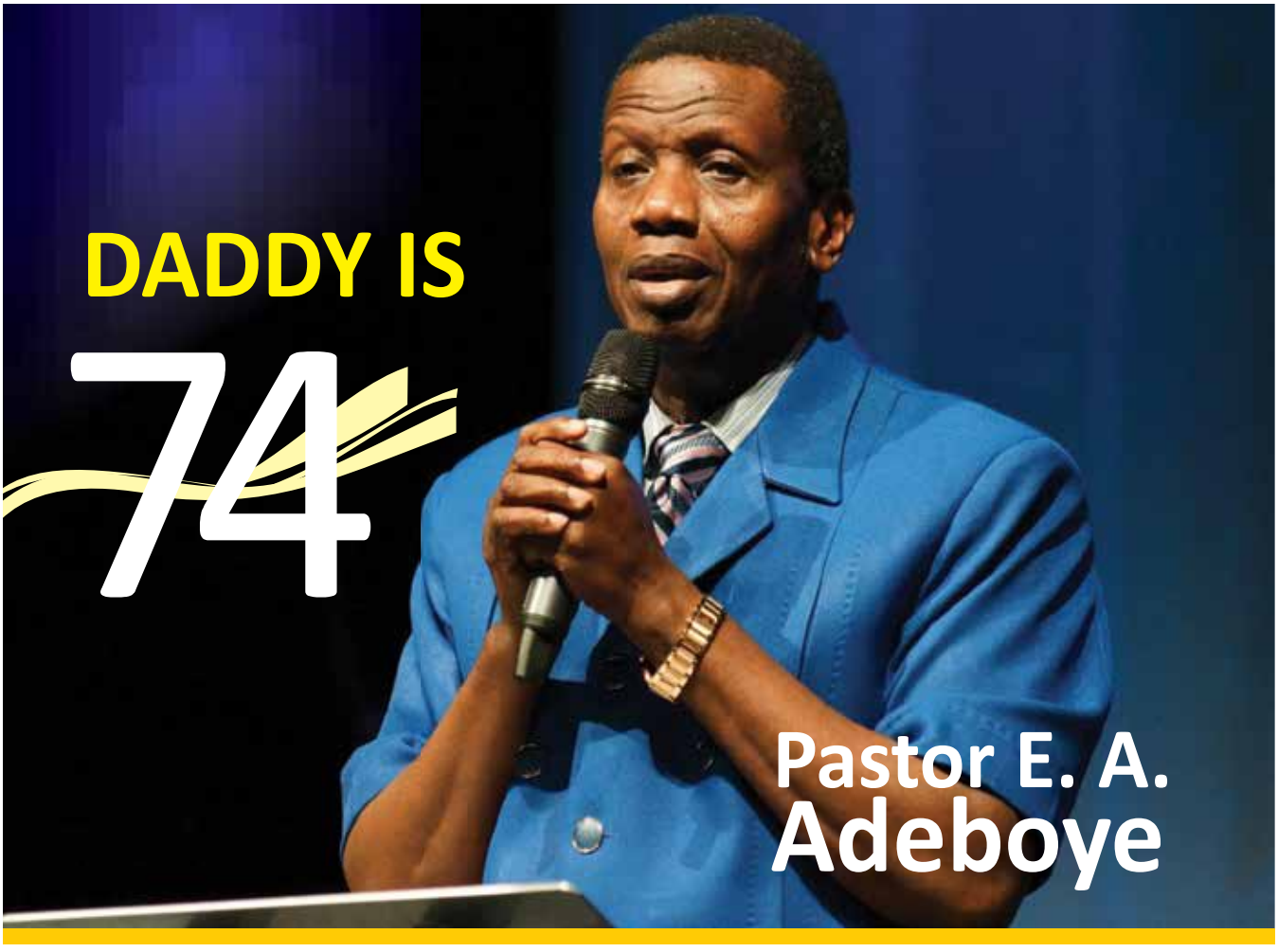
Holy Ghost service is 30.

We pray that God will continue to take you higher each day in Jesus name. Amen

Pastor E. A. Adeboye



PASTOR OLUFEMI OLUMIDE
Pastor-in-charge of Province
RCCG Delta Province 2, Warri



Precious dad, as you celebrate your 74th birthday, we pray for more anointing and floodgates of unspeakable joy in Jesus name.
We also thank God that the

Holy Ghost Service is 30

RCCG RIVERS PROVINCE 1, PORT HARCOURT



PASTOR CHRIS BANIGO
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR STEVE BULUGBE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR PIUS UCHUNO
Assistant Pastor in charge of Province (CSR)

RESTORE AFRICA - ADEBOYE TO AFRICA MISSIONS' COORDINATORS

BUKUNOLA ADEYEMI

The joy that filled the air at the Youth Centre, Redemption Camp, on 30th January 2016, was unquantifiable as Africa Missions held her annual thanksgiving service to appreciate God for His faithfulness.

Speaking at the ceremony, the General Overseer of the RCCG, Pastor E. A. Adeboye, charged the Coordinators to save, feed, water, heal, free and restore Africa to Christ. Taking his text from Gen. 12:1-3, he reminded them that they were chosen to do great exploits for the Lord as he spoke briefly on seven blessings God pronounced on Abraham.

While pronouncing blessings on the missionaries, he reminded them that only God can repay them because those they are assisting do not know them. "When you go to the mission field, you are also a blessing to the world." He said.

The mother-in-Israel, Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye, thanked Africa Missions' board of trustees, the Governing Council of RCCG, Pastors-in-Charge of Regions, Provinces, Zones, Areas, Parishes and other donors to the cause of the body.

The guest speaker, Pastor (Mrs.) Adeola Mensah who spoke on, Missions in His fullness mentioned reasons why thanking God was expedient. She said God should be appreciated for His goodness, grace, power, faith, compassion and peace upon His creation.

Pastor Patrick Ukponi, the HOD of Central Missions Board, thanked Africa Missions global for supporting missionaries and converts across the world.

Speaking on ways Africa Missions had touched lives in Nigeria, the representative of Lagos Province 5 missions, Dcns. Ebehiriere Ehi-Omoike said the ideology of the mission had helped lost souls to be won for Christ.

The Corporate Social Responsibility project implemented for the year include Water for Life project from which rural communities in nine states benefited from boreholes sunk by the body and other infrastructural developments.



Pastor Brown Oyitso, Chairman, Central Missions Board

Members of Africa Missions board of trustees, Governing council members and donors were present at the service.





Pastor & Pastor (Mrs.) E.A. Adeboye



Some guests at the thanksgiving service



(L-r: Pastor & Pastor (Mrs.) D. G. Kuo & Pastor (Mrs.) D.O Akindele



Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye arrives at the venue

RAPAC visits IDP camps



RAPAC HOD, Pastor (Mrs.) Laide Adenuga (middle) dispensing materials to Internally Displaced Persons in CAN Camp, Maiduguri



RAPAC and RCCG Provincial Staff with some of the Internally Displaced Persons

Relief came to five Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps when, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, through, the Redeemed Aids Programme Action Committee (RAPAC) visited the five Camps namely; Christian Association of Nigeria, Mogcolis, Suuari, Shagari and Community site.

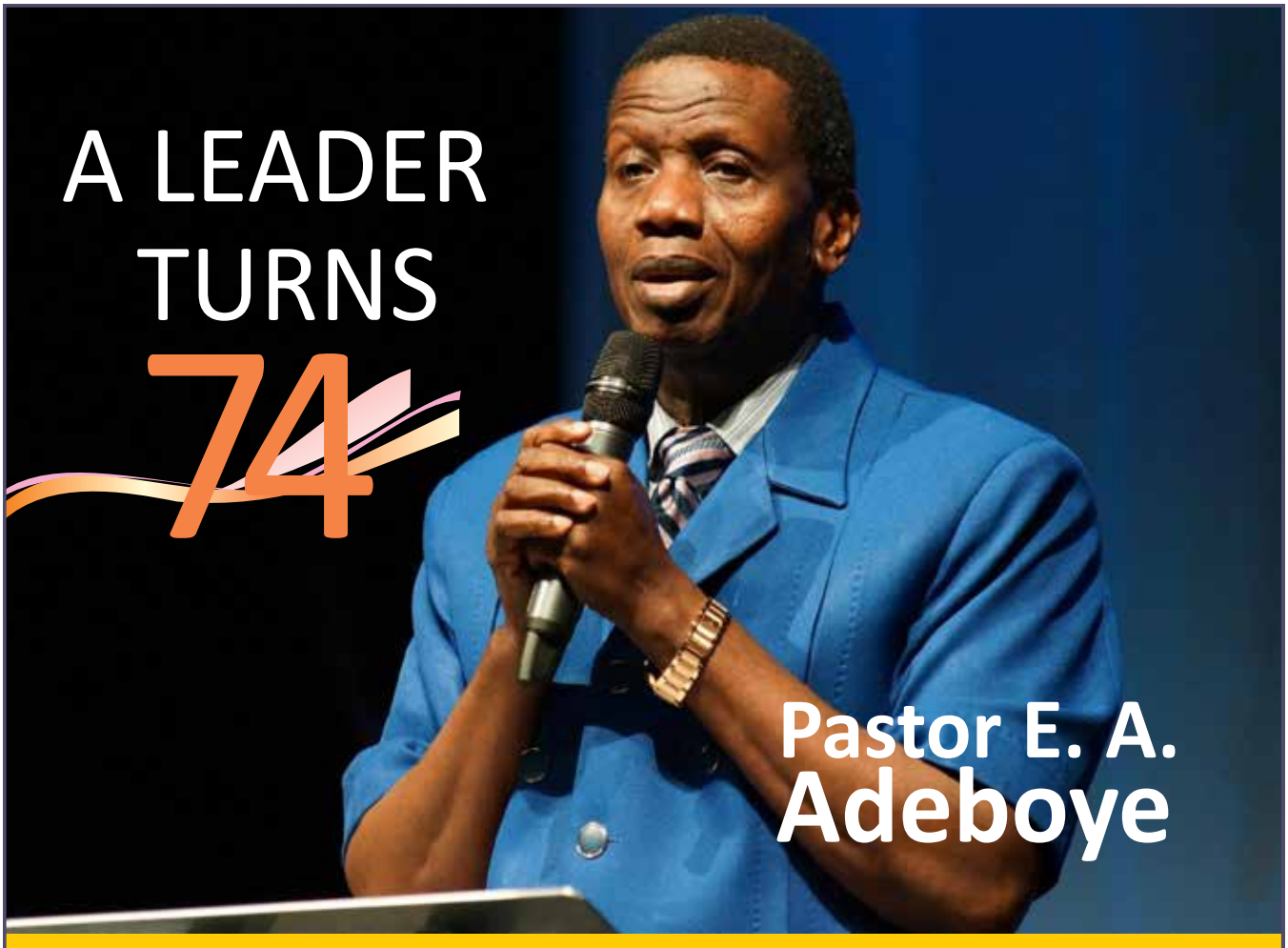
According to the Pastor-in-charge of Region 16, Pastor Johnson Adediran, the relief materials meant for the Christian Camps which is supported by Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) were diverted by some of their coordinators which resulted into high level of neglect and insecurity. The camps also lack portable drinking water, education and the people suffer from cold as a result of the Harmatan season.

Some of the relief materials donated by RAPAC include; foodstuffs, clothing materials, grinding machines, water tanks, cooking pots, security scanners, cows and many other items.



L-R; Camp Coordinator, PICP Maiduguri, Pastor (Mrs.) Adenuga, and Pastor in charge of region 16, Pastor Johnson Adediran with relief materials from RCCG to IDP Camp in Suuari, Maiduguri

A LEADER TURNS 74



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

Of all the men in the world, whose praises are sung out loud,
there is no man whom we respect more, or of whom we are more proud of.

This day is not only special to us, but to all whose
lives you have touched with your kindness and generosity.

Happy 74th birthday daddy

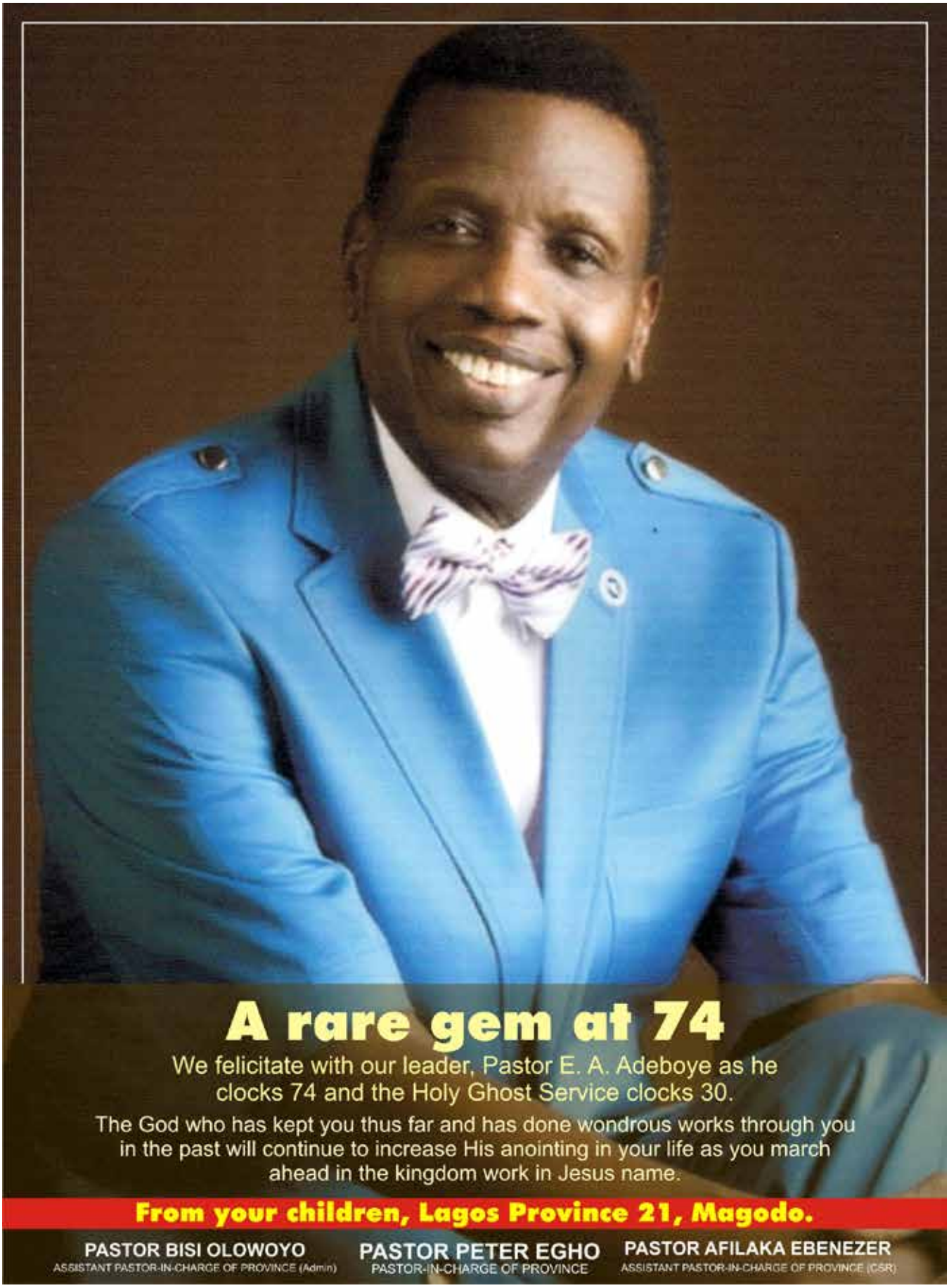
and congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the

Holy Ghost service

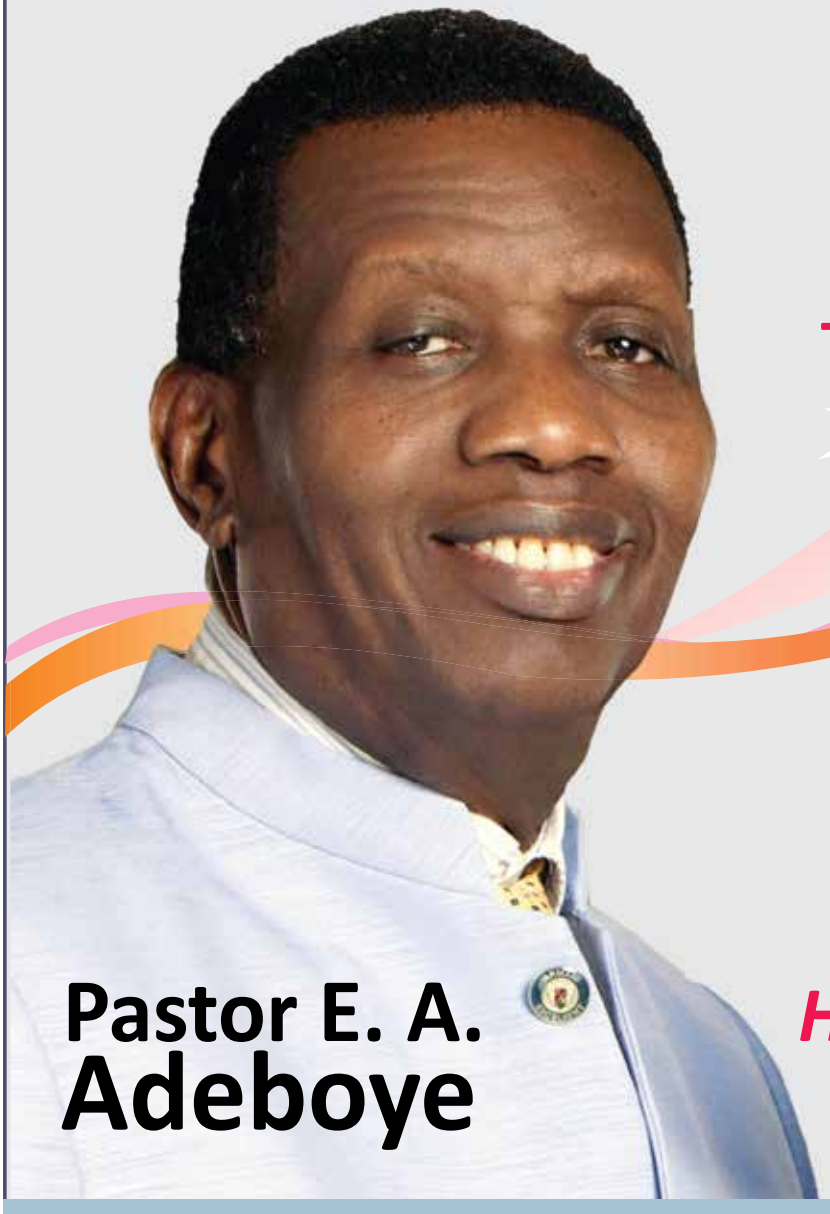
Theme: THE WINNING SIDE



PASTOR DELE BALOGUN
for The Redeemed Christian Church of God
Region 21


A rare gem at 74
We felicitate with our leader, Pastor E. A. Adeboye as he clocks 74 and the Holy Ghost Service clocks 30.
The God who has kept you thus far and has done wondrous works through you in the past will continue to increase His anointing in your life as you march ahead in the kingdom work in Jesus name.
From your children, Lagos Province 21, Magodo.
PASTOR BISI OLOWOYO
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (Admin)
PASTOR PETER EGHO
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE
PASTOR AFILAKA EBENEZER
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (CSR)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Daddy, we your children from **FCT Province 10, Karu, Abuja** felicitates with you, as you clock **74** and the

Holy Ghost Service

Theme:

The Winning Side

We appreciate you and all that God is using you for all over the world. It is our prayer that you will live to witness many more years in Jesus name.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

Happy birthday



PASTOR ADELABU EZEKIEL
Pastor-in-charge of Province

PASTOR OLUYEMI JULIUS ADEBAYO
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)

PASTOR O. OLUGBEMIGA OKE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

Double Celebration... Dad is 74

Holy Ghost Service is 30

The Pastorate and members
of RCCG, Region 23,
congratulates our daddy,
Pastor E.A. Adeboye,
on his 74th birthday and 30 years of
the **Holy Ghost service.**

We pray that as we worship God
during this season, He will do
miraculous things in our lives and fill
our hearts with joy unspeakable in
Jesus name.



Pastor E. A. Adeboye



PASTOR E. A. KALEJAIYE
Pastor-in-charge of Region



SHUT THE DOOR

Matthew 6:6, 'But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door…' There is a certain isolation that is imperative in the culture of the redeemed soul; the quiet hour is the most important hour of the day. This moment of humble and reverent reflection is the moments that will make abiding impression on character and service. The perils of the busy man are of the most subtle kind; as he is busy here and there, lo, the Master has gone.

The busy man is painfully conscious at times that his hours of devotion are being steadily filched from him by the incessant claims of work. The shut door is a striking illustration of the necessary solitude; the door is to be shut against every intruder and in the silence and loneliness of the sacred room, we shall feel how great is our Lord's ability to save, guard, subdue and deliver. It is imperative that this fact be honestly faced, not as a mere spiritual recreation, but as a necessity of spiritual life and death. The weakness of the Christian witness today could most probably be traced right back to the absence of this quiet hour, alone with God.

Now, it is true that some of the wealthiest promises in the New Testament are made to those who, assemble in groups, to pray to the heavenly father. It is also true that it is a good and blessed thing for brethren to dwell together in unity – so that their fervent prayer are like holy incense rising to the eternal throne, but it is equally true that solitude has claims upon the soul, demands upon the spirit- life that can never be met in any other way than by spiritual isolation, "Having shut thy door."

The dwelling together in unity we may say is as a result of the ministry of the shut door. The solitude of the individual has become the preparation for the enrichment of the multitude. Nothing can ever take the place of private and secret prayer. Today, we hear about deliverance, healing, and prosperity; it will be better economy if we hear more about the gospel of the shut door.

Even the family altar in consecrated homes can never take the place of the shut door, the Christian altar is a throne of power, but the family altar can never take the place of the secret chamber. The inspiration of united supplication can never take the place of individual confession. Prayer meetings can never take the place of the shut door. It is the secret of his presence that our heart needs.



Devotional books, conferences, seminars, all help in the formation and development of solid spiritual life, but none of these can ever take the place of that hour when, with shut door, we bow in the presence of the almighty God.

Now, we may be compelled to ask, "What is prayer?" The biblical concept of prayer is nothing short of a mighty power at work, "very effectual in its working is the prayer of a righteous man" Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." It is the yearning of the soul for God, the upturned face to Christ. Prayer is that holy familiarity with God which is born of knowledge.

How valuable is the prayer of the secret chamber. It is not a mere devotional exercise, but a spiritual force at work. Let us realize that we can never truly pray in secret without releasing some forces in the universe, it is spiritually unscientific to speak of unanswered prayer. It is a contradiction of terms. Every prayer is answered from the stand point of God; even when, it seems that the petition has been met by stony silence, it has been well and truly answered.

The Bible is full of concept of prayer. No one can read through the Gospels without being impressed with prominent and persistent place that prayer occupied in the life and ministry of our Lord. He ever "offered prayers and entreaties. Crying aloud and weeping as he pleaded with Him who was able to bring to Him a safety out of death." This continual dependence upon God was a part of His glorious humanity, and in his own example he has shown us how necessary is the function of prayer as the almighty force at work. Not only did he illustrate this in His life, he taught men always to pray and not to faint. When the harvest field was under view the first word of our Lord was "pray ye the Lord of the harvest"

We have to revise our conception of prayer and realize in our personality that prayer is more than anything else in the Christian life. We are redeemed through prayer, we are delivered from the sinful grip of habit, in prayer, and we are comforted and made strong in the hour of heart agony through prayer. We renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles in prayer. We link ourselves with the servants of God throughout the world in prayer. Prayer is a spiritual force, a spiritual dynamics.

Now, many find it very difficult to feel the actual presence of God when the door is shut. It is not sufficient alone to shut the door of the room; we must shut the door of the mind to other thoughts. It is concentration that is needed in the secret chamber.

It is a good thing to prepare for this communion with God by a few verses of scripture. The need of this hour is the secret place, and until that is found everything else is lost.

A Celebration of God's Faithfulness @74



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

The Pastors and members of the **Redeemed Christian Church of God, Ekiti Province 1,** celebrate the faithfulness of God in the life of our father in the Lord and mentor,

Pastor E.A. Adeboye

and also thank God for His mighty move during the

30 years of the Holy Ghost Service.

As you increase in age, may the strength and anointing of God on you continue to increase mightily in Jesus name.

Happy birthday Daddy!!!!



MATTHEW OLUDELE OYESOLA
Pastor-in-charge of Province, Ekiti 1

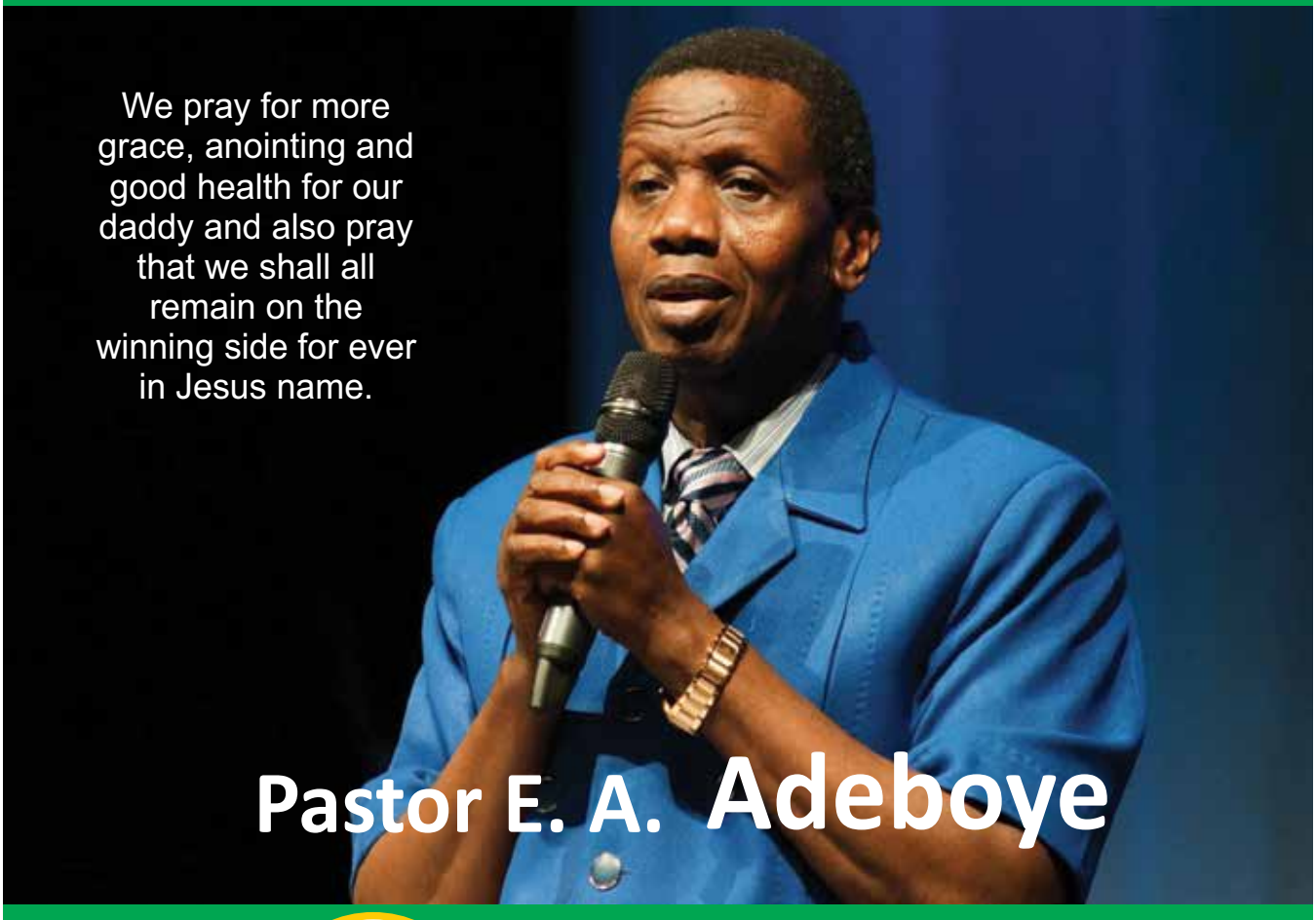
The Pastorate, Ministers and Members of the RCCG Lagos Province 45, rejoice with our father in the Lord and coach on his

74th birthday

and the

30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost service.

Theme: # THE WINNING SIDE





PASTOR COSMAS DARAMOLA
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR YEMI AJIBOYE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province

Betray Your Betrayer...

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is no one else on whom to dump your excuses for carelessness. All men shall be squarely responsible for all their actions or inactions. I encourage you to be mindful of your choices in life because the betrayer has no preference for anybody. He does not choose men; rather it is men that have always chosen him.

He is a silent operator: As you look through the epistles of our Lord Jesus Christ as documented by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, there was nowhere for a period of three and half years where Judas was quoted (unlike Peter, James and John) as having made a categorical statement over any matter despite his strategic role as the treasurer, save for when Mary Magdalene brought the alabaster box of perfume. It was said that Judas complained, otherwise the next time he spoke was in Matt 26:47-50 where he said, "Is it I?" The betrayer is not a man of many words. He is both a silent operator and an action man waiting for the moment of your glory.

He is not going to probably manifest when you are still unknown, unsung and without much relevance. He will prefer to wait until you reach the crest of your career, until you have become a household name and then betray you so that your fall can be great. Have you not heard or seen some great men in whose lives the challenge of immorality was not discovered when they were in high school, not even as graduates but as presidents and leaders of great nations and institutions. Can you imagine the level of shame and reproach! For some people, the betrayer called anger won't speak until the individual in whose life the betrayer is lodging meets the person God has sent to help them in life. Look, the betrayer you refused to check today will checkmate you tomorrow. He is only waiting for the moment of your glory. I encourage you to expose him now. Let go the betrayer and let God in your life.



Beloved, permit me to pause here today and I trust God to continue in the next edition if Jesus tarries in His coming. Until then, be reminded, and that very strongly too, that the betrayer is not your friend. You shall not be a victim in Jesus name.

Maranatha!

PAST HOLY GHOST SERVICES IN PIX










Region 20 Produces 766 Disciples

BY SEGUN OYETORO

A total of 766 disciples from eight provinces of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Region 20, were recently commissioned as the Lord's ambassador at, RCCG, City of David, Victoria Island, by the National Coordinator of the School of Disciples, Pastor Nath Ajayi.

Pastor Ajayi told the disciples to affect the lives of others positively here on earth by winning souls, planting parishes, healing the sick and doing exploits for Christ.

In his charge to the disciples, the Pastor-in-Charge of Lagos Province 46, Pastor Kayode Pitan who represented the Pastor-in-Charge of Region 20, Pastor Idowu Iluyomade explained that as soldiers of Christ, there will be challenges on our way but the God, who has called us, will never leave us nor forsake us.

Speaking on behalf of the eight Province Coordinators, Pastor Richard Michael, the Lagos Province 4 Coordinator, encouraged the disciples to teach, mentor and disciple others with the word of truth. He said, as good soldiers of Christ, they should go out and do exploits for the Lord.

Assistant Pastor, Israel Oluwaniyi of Lagos Province 34 wants the graduands to make use of the lessons they have been taught so that the exercise will not be in futility. During the event, Lagos Provinces 4, 15, 24, 34, 39, 46, 47 and 48 produced 190, 100, 100, 140, 60, 55, 51 and 70 students respectively.

Awards were presented to best graduating students and Pastors-in-Charge of Provinces.



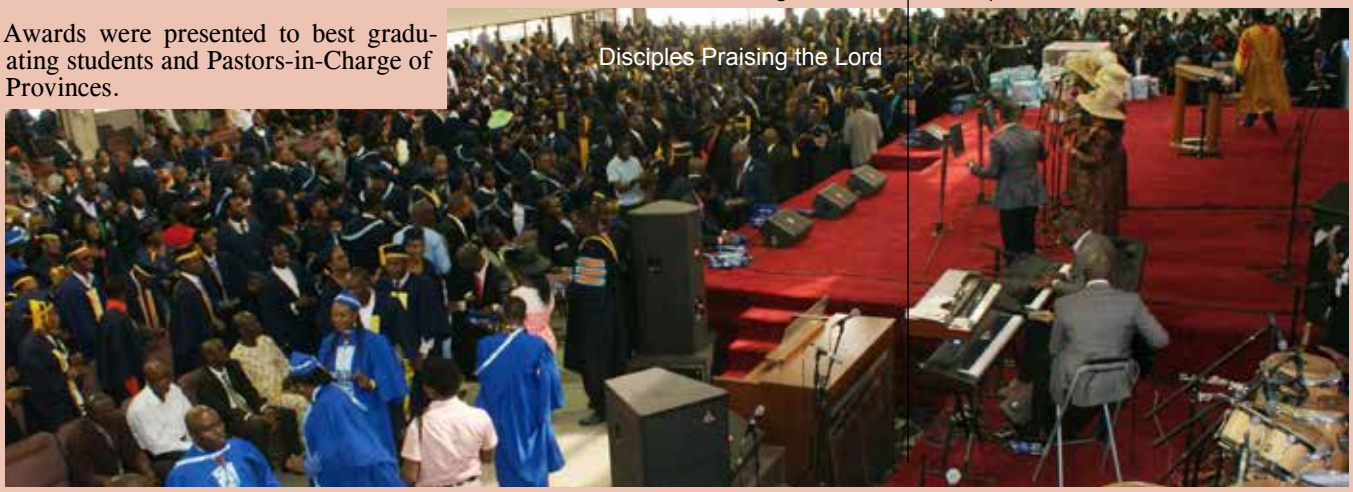
L-R Pastor Nath Ajayi flanked by Region 20 Province Coordinators



Senior Pastors at the Commissioning

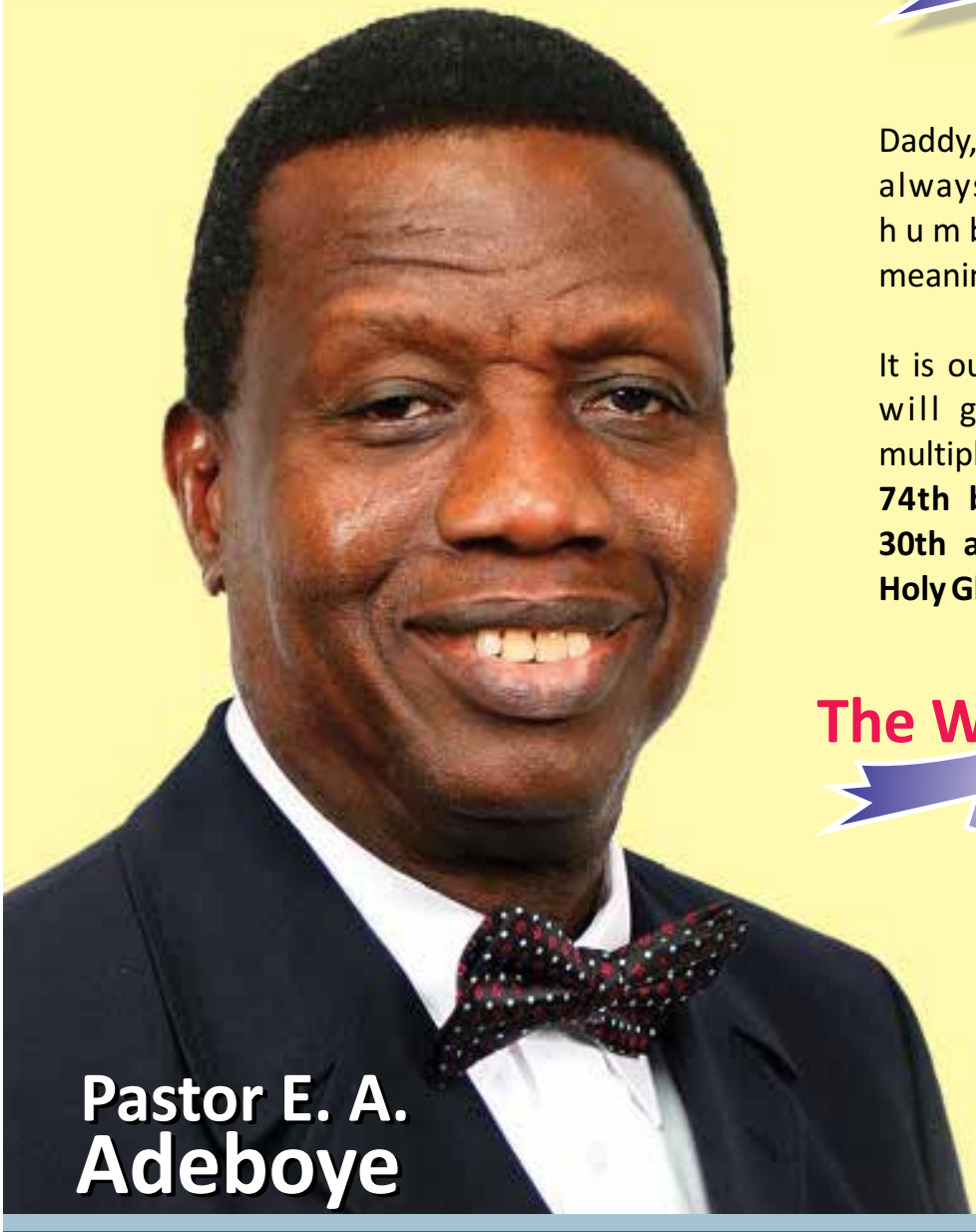


Lagos Province 4 disciples



Disciples Praising the Lord

A great dad turns 74



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

Daddy, we know that God always bless genuine, humble and good meaning people like you.

It is our prayer that God will give you double multiple blessings on your **74th birthday** and the **30th anniversary** of the **Holy Ghost Service.**

Theme:

The Winning Side

FCT Province 4, Garki, Abuja



PASTOR DELE BABADE
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR OLANIYAN JOSHUA A. TOSIN
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR IMONHIEON PETER
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

Hurray!!!



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

Our daddy, **Pastor E. A. Adeboye is 74**
and the **Holy Ghost Service is 30.**

It is our prayer that the Lord will shower you with innumerable blessings for the rest of your life as we remain on the winning side forever.

Happy birthday daddy

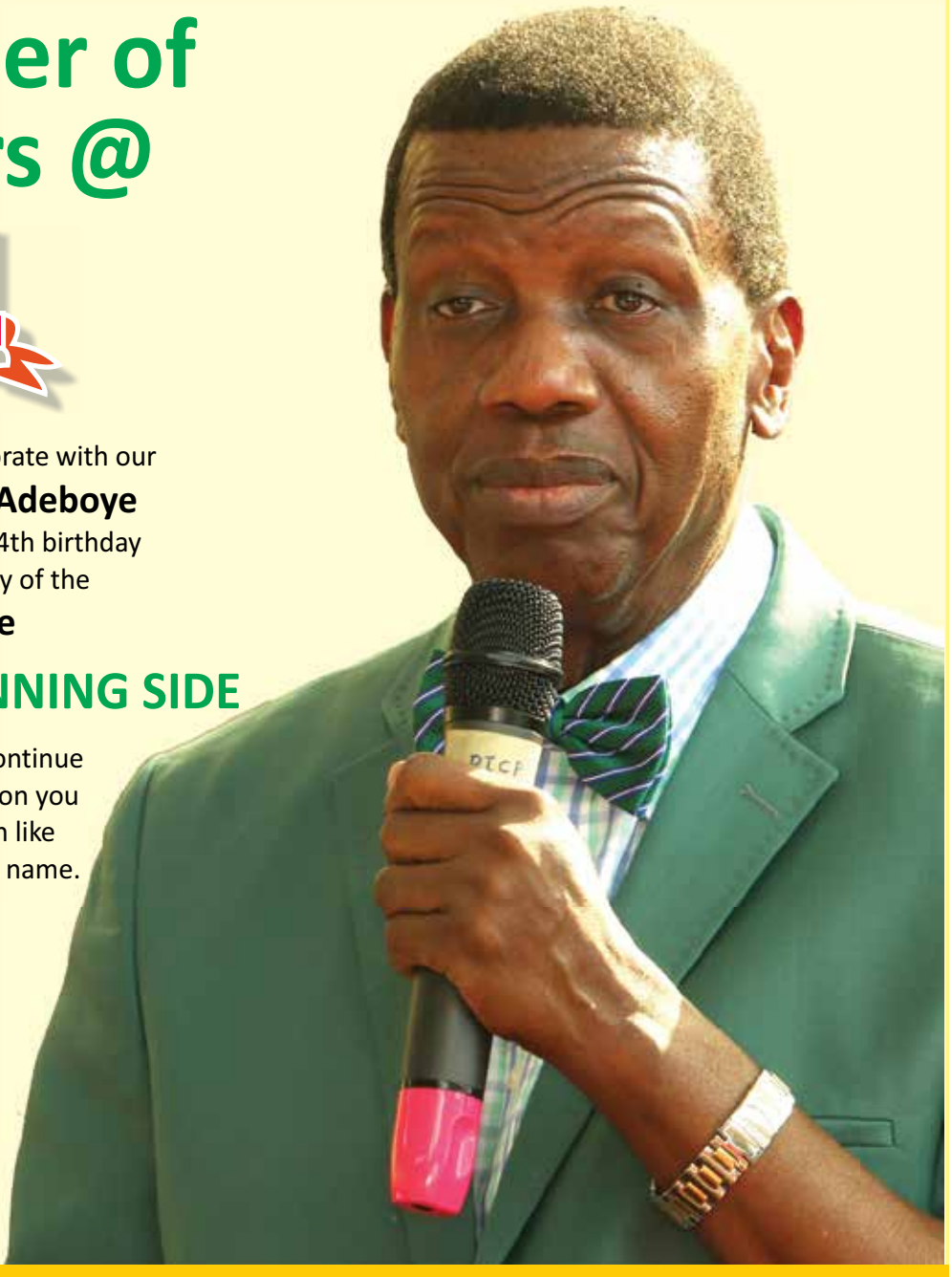
Your children from Lagos 44

PASTOR AMOS EMOVON
Pastor-in-charge of Province

PASTOR JOSEPH EKHATOR
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)

PASTOR OPEOLUWA AJIBOLA
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

A Leader of Leaders @ 74



With Jesus joy, we celebrate with our daddy, **Pastor E. A. Adeboye** on the occasion of his 74th birthday and the 30th anniversary of the **Holy Ghost service**

Theme: THE WINNING SIDE

We pray that God will continue to shower His blessings on you and renew your strength like that of an eagle in Jesus name.

RCCG KWARA PROVINCE 1, ILORIN



Pastor Charles Babatunde Otoki
Pastor-in-charge of Province



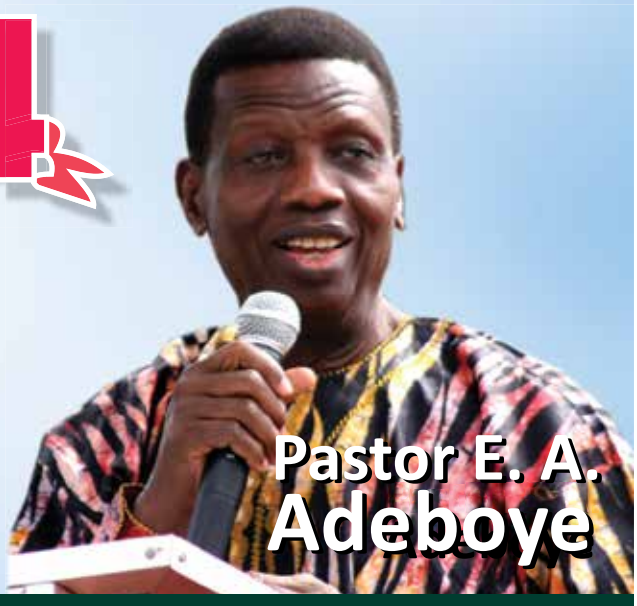
Pastor Olukolatimi Johnson
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



Pastor Julius A. Akogun
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

Our Mentor Is 74

Daddy, as you celebrate 74 years of fruitful accomplishments here on earth, we pray that God will give you more wisdom and grace in Jesus name.



RCCG Lagos Province 64, Magodo



PASTOR MAGNUS MADUKA
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR AKIN JOHN
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



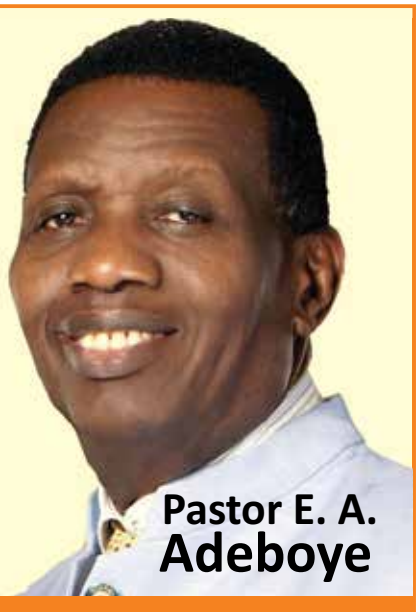
PASTOR IKOTUN JONATHAN
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

Hallelujah! Daddy is 74, Holy Ghost Service is 30

It is a great honour for the Pastorate and members of the RCCG, Rivers Province 13, to congratulate our daddy, **Pastor E. A. Adeboye** on his **74th birthday** and the celebration of the **Holy Ghost service at 30.**

Theme: **THE WINNING SIDE**

It is our prayer that God will continue to empower you for great exploits as you continue to lead us on the way to His kingdom.





PASTOR MARK BARANGO
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR OLOYE GABRIEL OLATUNJI
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province

Let Somebody Shout Hallelujah



The Pastorate, Ministers,
Workers and Members of
The Redeemed Christian
Church of God,
Delta Province 1, Warri,
heartily rejoice with our leader,

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

as he clocks



We also join all Redeemed
members to celebrate the 30th
anniversary of the

Holy Ghost Service

Theme: THE WINNING SIDE

**May you see more fruitful
years in Jesus name. Amen.**



PASTOR VICTOR KAYODE
Pastor-in-charge of Province

Lagos 32 Presents Medical Materials To Amuwo-Odofin Primary Health Care



STAFFS, PATIENTS AND CSR BOARD OF LP 32 AT THE PRESENTATION

BY SEGUN OYETORO

On February 25th, 2016, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Board of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Lagos Province 32, under the leadership of Pastor Titus Onoguyi, presented office and medical materials to Amuwo-Odofin Primary Health Care in Lagos.

Pastor Onoguyi who stood in for the Pastor-in-Charge of Lagos Province 32, Pastor Adeniyi Osinubi said though the materials presented may not have met all the needs at the Health Centre but like the little stone thrown by David to kill Goliath the equipment will help save lives in the hospital.



CHIEF MATRON FABUSOYE GIVING A VOTE OF THANKS

He said, Jesus Christ according to Matt. 25 verse 35 has mandated all believers to show kindness to all and sundry and that mandate must be adhered to by the Church. He was of the opinion that both the rich and the poor fall sick at various times but with God, divine health is guaranteed.

The Chief Matron, Mrs. L.K.A Fabusoye who received the gifts on behalf of the Chief Nursing Officer of the entire Amuwo-Odofin Primary Health axis said Lagos State Government, through the Local Government had provided various basic amenities to the centre but the complimentary role of the Church is highly appreciated.

A member of the CSR board of the Province, Sister Aderoju Ogunbiyi said the province took time to assess the Centre before providing it with 40 bed sheets, two standing fans, two office tables and two executive chairs.

The Amuwo-Odofin health service is divided into Festac, Mile 2 and Adesoba Primary Health Centre with services ranging from ante-natal services, immunization, family planning and general clinic.

Some members of the CSR board who were present include: Sister Adade fehintola, Sister Chinelo Ogujawa, Pastor (Dr.) Dare Olorunfemi and Pastor (Mrs.) Caroline Animaku, Yinka Kolawole.



L-R PASTOR ONOGUYI TITUS PRESENTS THE MATERIALS TO THE HOSPITAL STAFFS AS OTHER CSR BOARD MEMBERS LOOK ON.

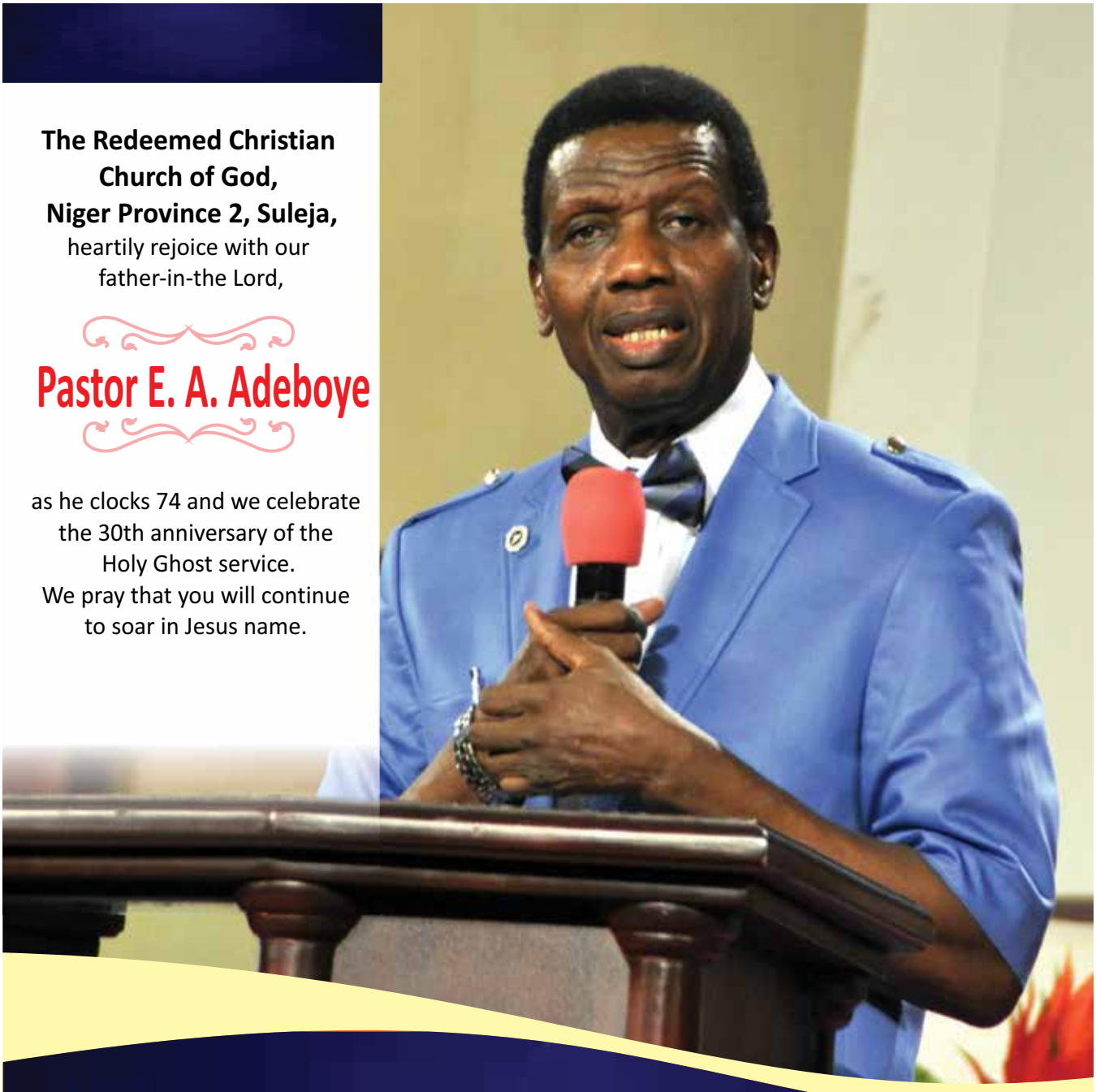


L-R DR. MEBUDE FEMI, DR. IPAYE ABAYOMI, CHIEF MATRON FABUSOYE L.K.A, PASTOR AND PASTOR (MRS.) ONOGUYI TITUS AND PASTOR OLORUNFEMI DARE

The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Niger Province 2, Suleja,
heartily rejoice with our father-in-the Lord,

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

as he clocks 74 and we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost service.
We pray that you will continue to soar in Jesus name.





Pastor Adebiyi David Osungbade
Pastor-in-charge of Province

Our Daddy is



Daddy, we bless God as you turn **74.** We are also grateful to the Father of light for His mighty moves in the 30 years of the **Holy Ghost Service.** Daddy, may God continue to increase His anoointing upon you each day in Jesus name.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

RCCG Oyo Province 11, Ibadan



PASTOR DAVID ERIVONA
Pastor-in-charge of Province

The Pastor-in-Charge of Province,
Ministers, Workers and Members of the

Redeemed Christian
Church of God,
Lagos Province 6,
Victoria Island,

heartily rejoice with our dear daddy,

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

as he clocks



and we also clebrate 30 years of
great transformation in the lives of
many through the

Holy Ghost Service

We pray that God will cause His light to continually
shine through you in Jesus name.

PASTOR BIYI FAMOYEGUN
Pastor-in-charge of Province

PASTOR OLUFEMI MOSURO
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)

PASTOR DAVID ABODUNRIN
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

ADEYANJU ADMONISHES DISCIPLES TO LIVE HOLY

BY SEGUN OYETORO

In a combined service held recently at RCCG Lagos Province 28, Ketu, aka Firstborn Church, 556 disciples from Lagos Provinces 19, 21, 28 and 53 were charged by Pastor Ayoola Adeyanju, the Pastor-in-Charge of Lagos Province 28 to live a holy life.

Pastor Adeyanju who took his text from Haggai 2:9 while speaking on, Constructing a glorious future in Ministry said the future of every man is divided into the past, present and the future. He said the past is gone and no man can buy back his yesterday. Today, according to him is more important than yesterday and the future a man wants can be created from his today.

In the light of this, he enjoined the disciples to live a holy life, be associated with holy people, seek to know God, be diligent and be visionary towards ministerial assignment.

The Assistant National Coordinator of the School of Disciples, Pastor (Mrs.) Adenike Okeowo thanked the General Overseer of the RCCG, Pastor E. A. Adeboye, Pastors-in-Charge of regions, provinces, zones, areas, parishes, lecturers and centre coordinators for the overall success of the 2015 academic session.



Officiating ministers, Province Coordinators and centre Coordinators



Senior Pastors at the commissioning



Pastor(Mrs.) Nike Okeowo ministering

Speaking on behalf of the other coordinators, Pastor (Mrs.) Remi Davids of Lagos Province 28 presented, 137, 273,76 and 70 disciples from Lagos Provinces, 19,21,28 and 53 to Pastor (Mrs.) Okeowo who received them individually for the presentation of scrolls and certificates.

Some of the senior pastors at the event were Pastors Akinyemi Olusegun, Pedro Tokun and Ranti Samuel and representatives of the Pastors-in-Charge of Provinces of the graduating students.





THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD,
DELTA PROVINCE 7, AGBOR
celebrates our leader, Pastor E. A. Adeboye
on his 74th birthday.
We also rejoice with you and all members of the church as the

HOLY GHOST SERVICE
clocks 30

THEME: **THE WINNING SIDE**

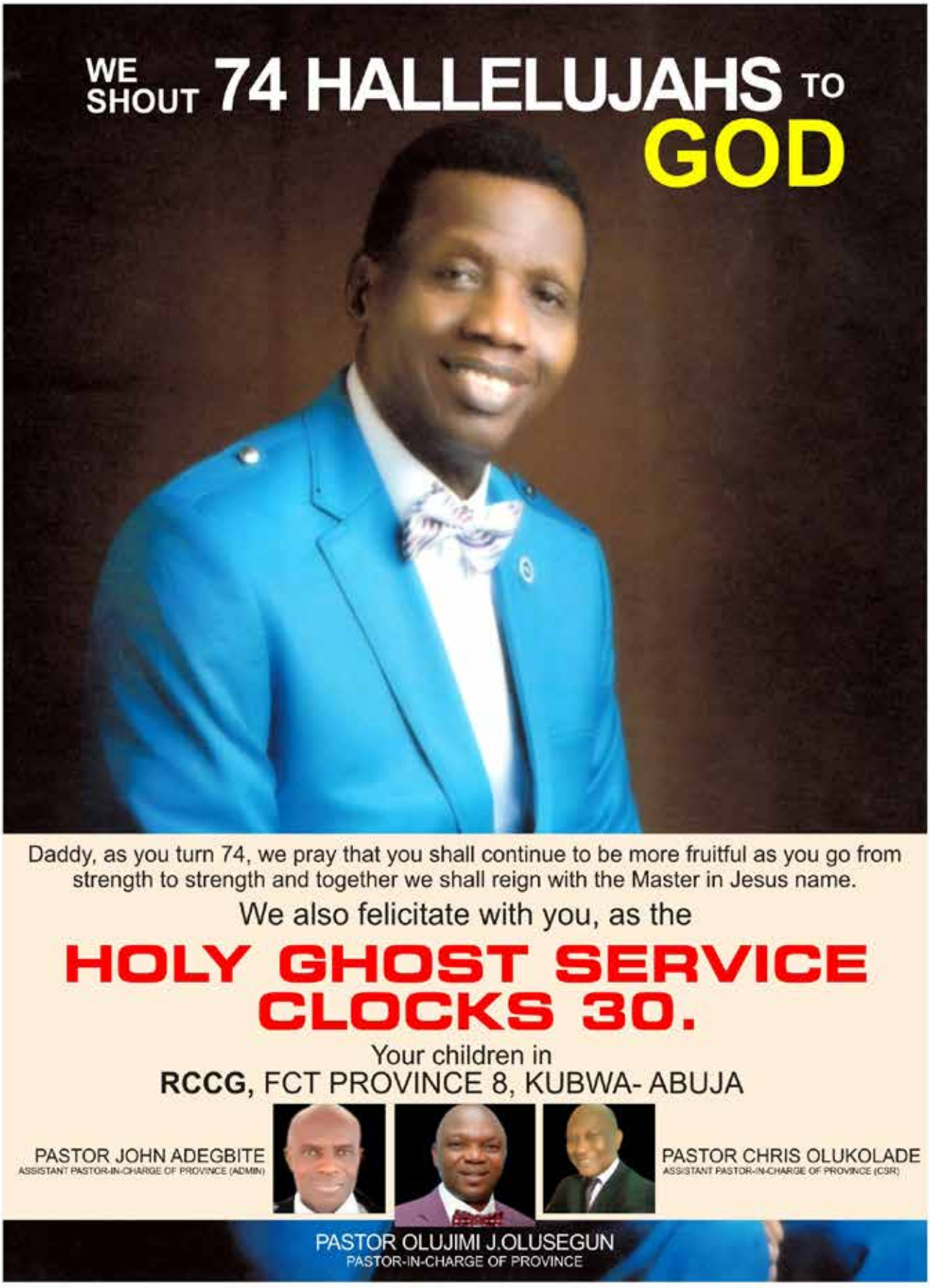
We specially thank God for His grace upon your life and ministry and pray that God will continue to uphold you as you fulfil His purpose in your life in Jesus name.



PASTOR CORNELIUS JOLAOLU
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (ADARO)



PASTOR EZEKIEL OLUKAHUNSI
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE


WE SHOUT 74 HALLELUJAHS TO GOD
Daddy, as you turn 74, we pray that you shall continue to be more fruitful as you go from strength to strength and together we shall reign with the Master in Jesus name.
We also felicitate with you, as the
HOLY GHOST SERVICE CLOCKS 30.
Your children in
RCCG, FCT PROVINCE 8, KUBWA- ABUJA
PASTOR JOHN ADEGBITE
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (ADMIN)
PASTOR CHRIS OLUKOLADE
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE (CSR)
PASTOR OLUJIMI J.OLUSEGUN
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE

Hallelujah! Our Daddy Is





Dear daddy, we bless God for your 74th birthday and how He is using you for the Kingdom work. We also thank God that we are celebrating 30 years of God's mighty move through the Holy Ghost service

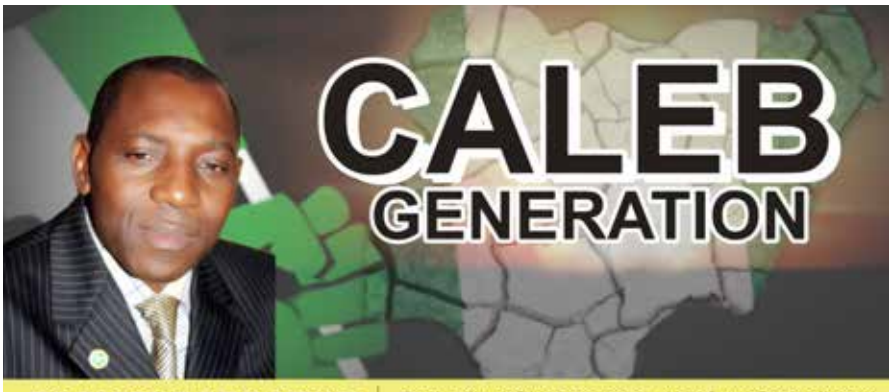
Theme: **The Winning Side**

We pray that God will anoint you more and His blessings shall pour forth on us as we gather in His presence in Jesus name.

RCCG FCT 2, Kubwa-Abuja



PASTOR C.A.F OBASA
Pastor-in-charge of Province



UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES (Part 2)

BY PASTOR DEJI AFUYE | Deji_afuye@yahoo.com, dejiafuye@gmail.com

In the first part of this piece, I rounded off by saying, "We (Nigerians) are seriously missing the peace, progress and prosperity our God has prepared for us because of our lack of discretion and understanding. Prov. 2:11 says "Discretion shall preserve thee." A good understanding of the times is very key to our progress and survival as a nation.

At the inception of the present administration, I remember the President among other things said "We shall correct that which does not work and improve that which does. We shall not stop, stand or idle. We shall if necessary crawl, walk and run to do the job you have elected us to do." These words of courage have actually built our hope in respect of the change we voted for. We are still at the bus stop of expectation. Nevertheless, the tumbling prices of goods and services, the recent hike in the prices of kerosene and electricity tariff without corresponding improvement in service delivery is stirring up a ground swell of silent agitation. It must never be allowed to burst.

If only the Nigerian press and the intellectual class would accurately discern the times very well, we will know that this privilege class has a lot to do to help our country. The mountains of political pressure that confronts those in power on a daily basis are enough to hinder their good intensions. Men in power are no doubt walking through the valleys of the shadow of death on daily basis. They need serious help.

This is where the press and the intellectual class come in. Sincere analysis of public policies and day to day activities of the government is a sine – quo - non to success. People in government should be made to realize where they have gone wrong and what they should put in place to make the dividends of democracy a reality. Viable alternatives to self- serving policies and economic blunders must be provided. The marriage of this privileged class and powers must be to serve the interest of the greater number of the people. Unfortunately, there is a noticeable decline in public intellectualism as jaundiced face book analysis is now the order of the day. Even Legislators who are expected to do a better job now rely on face book and twitter for opinion. The era of quality debate and qualitative analysis are fast disappearing. Unfortunately, those in government are not helping matters. All they are interested in seeing and hearing is fashionable statements that suit their ego. The other side of the story must be killed and buried. May I say that no country man can grow on the basis of propaganda and the popular ride on slogan! We need to know what we are doing right and what we are not doing right. It is only then we can move forward. The press and the intellectual class should know that if they need to engage the government for the good of the people, there is no other time but now!

On their part, the entire populace must understand the times in respect of the happenings around us. Change can never be a tea party; it must be all encompassing before it can work. That is why the generality of the people must play their part very well. At the bank of the Red Sea, a new lease of life was about to come upon the nation of Israel and it was eminent that the people must play a crucial role to move the hand of God into action. Exo 14: 15 say, 'And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.' The change of location from Egypt to the Promised Land would not come except they cross the Red Sea. Thus they must move forward as commanded by God. Nigerians need to understand that the time for the blame game should be over now. What we need to do is to devise our survival strategies in these days of tumbling prices. Our individual and corporate status must suit the economic reality of the moment. As good citizens that love the prosperous future of our country, we must help the government to keep the excesses of those in power in serious check. We must be ready to engage our representatives at all levels in honest dialogue – continually so as to help them guide the nation to success. Nigerians must know that the well being of the nest would culminate into that of the bird.

Equally, the believers in this nation must realise that we have much to do. We must have a good understanding of the times as good ambassadors of our God's kingdom here on earth. Believers must leverage seriously on the statement of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matt 5:13. All we need to do is to sweeten the bitter taste of our economic and political waters on daily basis. By now it should be clear to us that the Prophet of our nation – Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye saw something before he said – "If there is any time to pray seriously for Nigeria, it is now." Our collective prayers would go a long way in helping those in authority to behave, perform and deliver them from demonic counsellors. Our economy can answer to prayers. If God could turn around the situation of Samaria in just one day, miracles can still happen. (Heb 13:8). To pray Nigeria out of the woods is our task that must be done.

Finally, the righteous must understand the times in terms of participatory democracy. The era of 'sidon dey look' has proved counter productive. It is time to throw our hats into the ring. We need to know that the more of the righteous elements we have in active politics, the better for the nation. Daniel had the likes of Shaddrack, Meshack and Abednego to look unto in his days. They were the iron that worked to sharpen each other. No matter how sharp it might be, no matchet can carve its own handle. The activities of other instruments would definitely bring out its effectiveness and efficiency. We must understand that for any change to be meaningful and beneficial, it must take its root from God. Only those who understand the mind of God can lock and open the heavens. It is time to show our good understanding of the time. The harvest is ripe now!

EXPLORING THE KEY TO ADEBOYE'S...

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would always have favour with whomever we met. Armed with that faith, I asked for a meeting with the Director General. The Director General scheduled a meeting with me and invited his officials to join him. Of course the officials were aware of the Japanese tradition and were expecting him to just repeat his resolve. At the beginning of the meeting, I decided to be the first to speak after the DG had welcomed me to his office. I began by asking the DG to give me a date for his visit to Nigeria, and I started proposing the months in the year. He shook his head to reject some of the months until we got to January.

I then asked for the specific dates in January for his arrival in Nigeria and his departure. I then immediately communicated the details of the historic visit of the DG to Nigeria government authorities, the Old Students Association of King's college, Lagos and the Vice-Chancellor of the National Open University. For the first time in the history of UNESCO, a DG visited a secondary school, presented an address in person, was conferred with an honorary degree of the National Open University and for the first time in the history of Nigeria attended the meeting of the National Council on Education made up of the Honourable Minister of Education and all the State Commissioners of Education. History was made and I give thanks to the Lord God who made it possible for the irreversible to be reversed, by faith and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as communicated to man by Pastor E. A. Adeboye.

The miracle visit of the DG of UNESCO to Nigeria in 2008 vividly demonstrate the potency of the word of knowledge, the prophecy and pronouncements of the man of God, Pastor Adeboye, once the condition to have faith and try to live right are met. King's College then made me an honorary student of the prestigious College, thus listing me along with eminent Nigerians who had never had the privilege of being admitted to the College. I must of course confess that I considered my member of Christ's School of greater importance since my own School is owned by Christ who died and rose again, unlike other kings who never resurrect once dead.

Having accepted the invitation from Government, the stage was set for the next battle, namely, the programme for the visit. I had proposed that the DG landed in Lagos, leaves for Abeokuta and Lagos, and then pays a visit to the President of the country in Abuja before finally saying good bye to Nigeria. An alternative arrangement was proposed in which he was to land in Abuja, meet the President and visit Lagos before leaving the country. It was clear that the other option was preferred. So I took my request to the Divine Encounter programme where I dropped my own schedule in the offering box. When my daughter reminded me that it was an offering box and not a prayer request box, I told her that the same people who counted the offering would read the letter. I then waited for my miracle. On the day the DG left Paris, it snowed so much that his plane landed in Amsterdam too late for him to catch the plane for Abuja. He therefore had to reschedule his flight and arrived in Lagos and followed my schedule. That was the answer to my prayer at the Divine Encounter! And I have since been praying that the Divine Encounter programme will never cease in Jesus name.

Faith has paid off handsomely for me as I, like the man at the pool at Bethesda, know that I had no man to help me. The Lord had intervened and given me a miracle that did not put me to shame. And I have ever appreciated the value of faith which I have concluded constitutes the secret weapon of Pastor E. A. Adeboye.

It is not known why his parents, Moses and Esther Adeboye gave their baby the name, Enoch as we know that his parents were not prophets or seers. They may have been moved by an unknown power beyond themselves to name him after the biblical Enoch who was recorded as having walked with God with unquestionable faith. He was then translated to heaven without passing through the avenue of death, the first to be so honoured by God. Enoch lived a life of complete trust in God, confirming the declaration in the Book of Hebrews 11:6 that without faith it is impossible to please God, "for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Perhaps we should then conclude without any doubt that

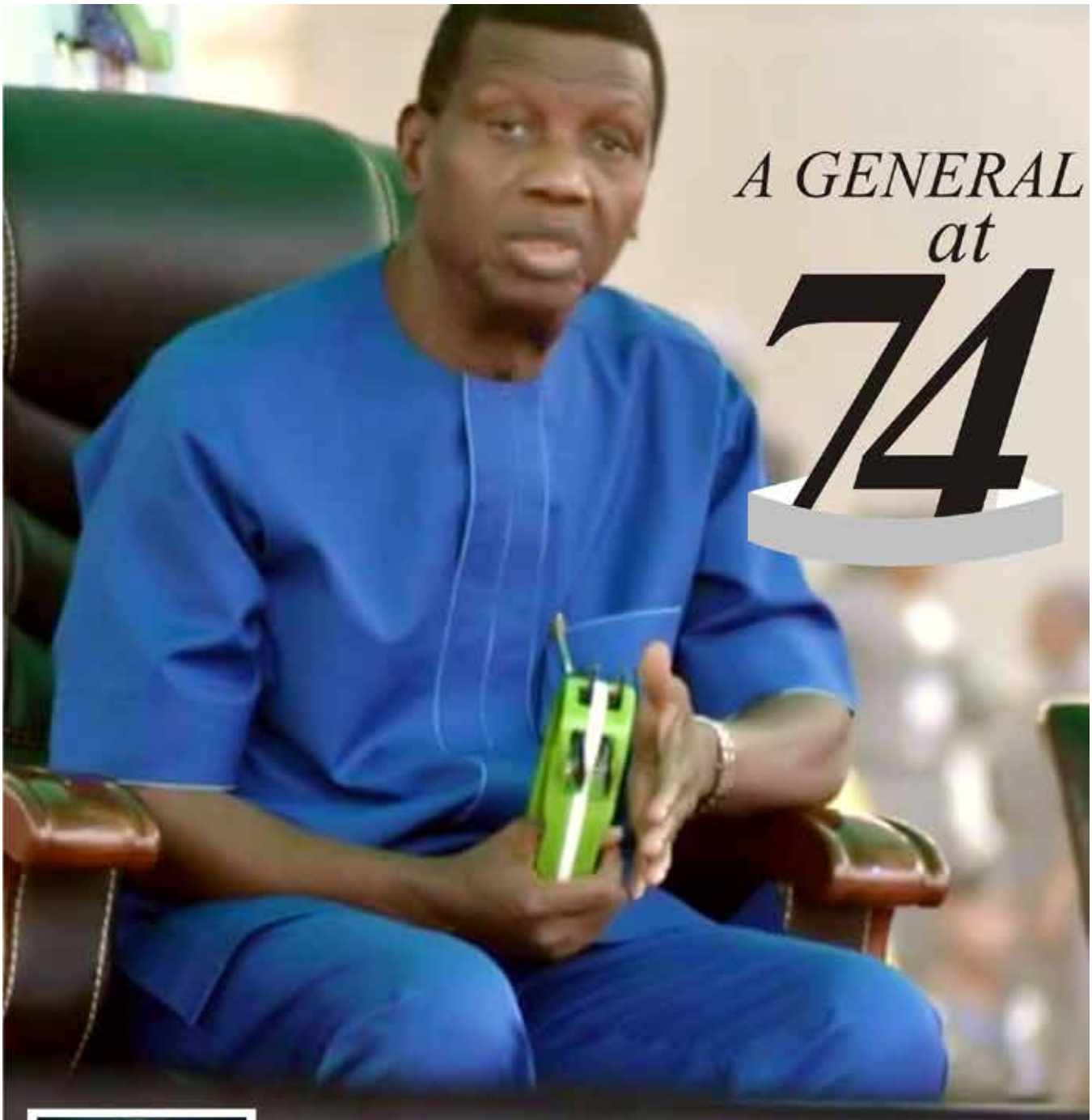
Faith, unadulterated and vigorously pursued, is the key to the life and times of Pastor E. A. Adeboye. It is that faith that has made him spend quality time worshipping and praising the Lord, inviting somebody to shout Hallelujah and have the assurance that once the word of knowledge is spoken, it is done. It is the faith that makes him the Adeboye that he is. Faith, it is. That is the secret!

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MR KOICHIRO MATSUURA





PASTOR BOLA OREKOYA
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE



PASTOR OGUNRO DAVID OLATUNBOSUN
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE

Daddy, your life has impacted millions across the globe. We celebrate Jesus in your life and as you turn 74 we pray that like never before your joy shall be full, you will surmount all obstacles and together we shall reign with the Master.

Happy Birthday,

OUR LOVING DADDY
RCCG, OGUN PROVINCE 3, OTA

An Epitome of Humility is



74

Dear daddy, we thank God for your life and we pray that God will continue to uplift and strengthen you in Jesus name.
We also rejoice with you and all RCCG members as the Holy Ghost Service clocks 30

Theme:
The Winning Side

It is our prayer that we shall all be on the winning side forever in Jesus name.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye



PASTOR DAVID OMUNAGBE
Pastor-in-charge of Province
For Lagos Province 17



SENIOR PASTORS AT THE COMMISSIONING

Do greater works –Balogun to 1,145 disciples

BY SEGUN OYETORO



CROSS SECTION OF DISCIPLES

The need to always do greater works in ministry was the emphasis of the short exhortation delivered by the Pastor-in-Charge of Region 21, Ibadan, Pastor Oladele Balogun at the commissioning service held for 1,145 disciples from Oyo provinces 1-12 on February 7th, 2016.

Pastor Balogun who spoke on, Greater Works said Jesus did greater works in evangelism, discipleship, healing, in caring for people, deliverance and in academics. To do greater works therefore, he told the disciples to desire anointing, pray always and have faith in God.

The National Coordinator of the School of Disciples, Pastor Nath Ajayi told the disciples to plant churches, heal the sick, win souls and explore the world for Christ. Speaking on behalf of other Province Coordinators, Pastor Peter Aduloju of Oyo Province 1, said disciples must be doers of God's word and not hearers only. He told them to be light to the world, do good works and impact others for Christ.

The Oyo/Osun Zonal Coordinator, Assistant Pastor Abayomi Ogundari presented the disciples to the National Coordinator, who blessed and encourage them to go and touch the world for Christ.



THE OVERALL BEST STUDENT IN REGION 21, MISS OMOTOSHO OF OYO PROVINCE 4 RECEIVES AN AWARD FROM PASTOR OLADELE BALOGUN



PASTOR OLADELE BALOGUN MINISTERING



ASSISTANT PASTOR ABAYOMI OGUNDARI (LEFT) AND PASTOR NATH AJAYI

Sister Omotosho won the award for the best graduating student in the Region, while Pastors-in-Charge of Region, Provinces, Coordinators and students were also presented with gifts.

Our Coach is 74

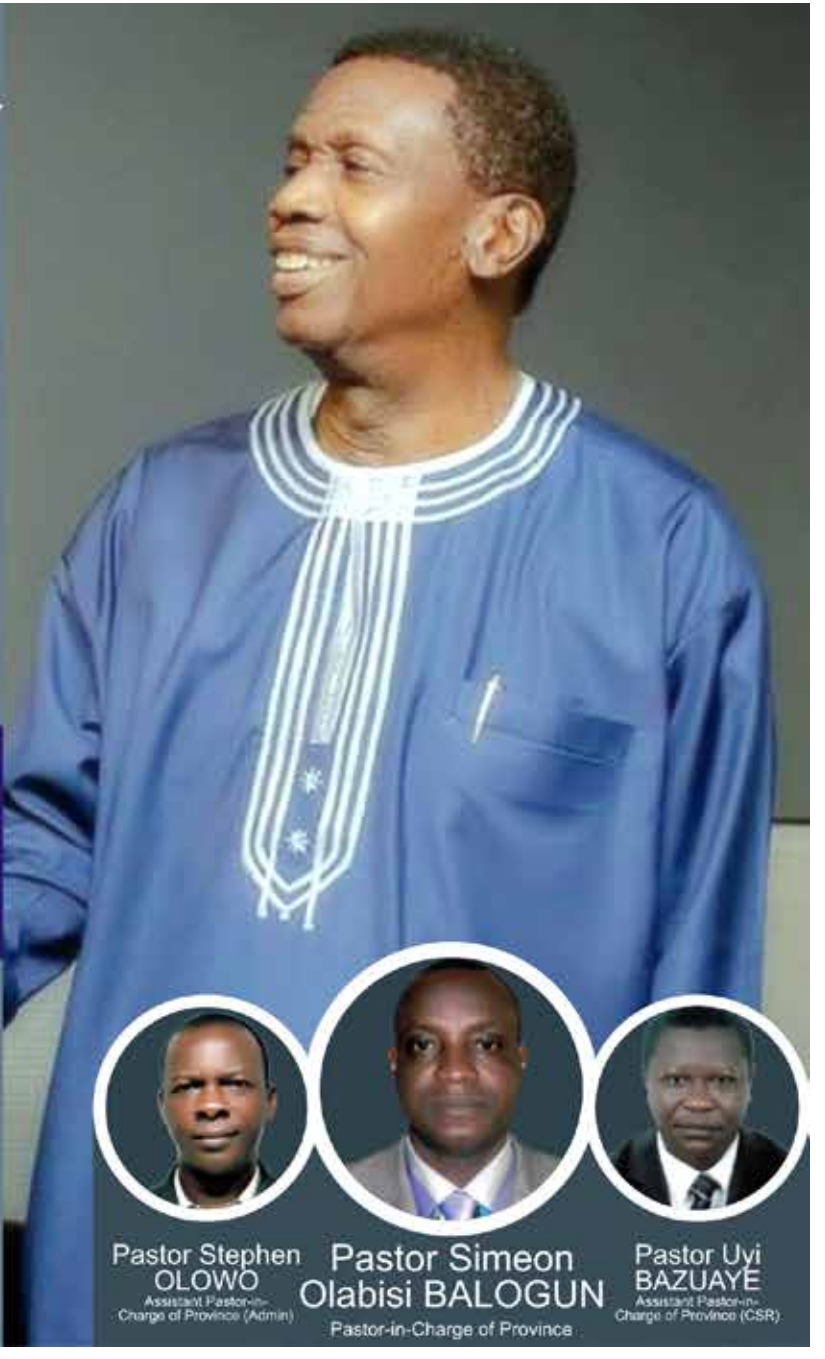
Daddy, we bless God for keeping you alive at 74.
As our Coach, we thank God for making you a fruitful branch and we are grateful to Him for how He has caused the

HOLY GHOST SERVICE
to blossom in its

30 YEARS
OF EXISTENCE.

Our prayer is that God will open greater doors to you and His work in your hands in Jesus name.

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BENIN CITY





HURRAY!

DADDY IS 74

The Pastorate, Ministers, Workers and Members of,
The Redeemed Christian Church of God,
Ogun Province 15, Abeokuta,

rejoice with our mentor,

PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE

as he clocks 74 and on the occasion of the

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST SERVICE

THEME:

THE WINNING SIDE

We pray for more insight for our daddy as he takes us to the Promised Land in Jesus name.



PASTOR JOHN OLUSOLA AYODEJI
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE



PASTOR OWOLABI SAMUEL
ASSISTANT PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROVINCE



BY PASTOR DAFE DAVID pastordafe_david@yahoo.com, dafedavid2000@yahoo.com

HURRICANE EUROCLYDON

It was when l read about the hurricane that befell Apostle Paul and his fellow Prisoners on their way to Rome in Acts 27: 13-44, that l realized that hurricanes did not start today as they too encountered, "hurricane Euroclydon." These days, we have heard and seen hurricane Katharina, Jane, and Betty just to mention a few.

What is Hurricane – The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines it, "as a violent storm with very strong winds" while the Bible describe it, "as a tempestuous wind" (Acts 27:14). Periods of Hurricanes are usually those of travails, serious crisis, destructions, family dislocations and even death.

Literally, an individual may face different types of hurricane which ranges from debts, financial losses, ill health, delays in marriages or childbearing, etc. A very classical example of a Man who faced multiple hurricanes in his life was Job. Sickness, financial crisis and the death of his children were the hallmark of the type of hurricanes he experienced; to the extent that his wife said he should curse God and die (Job 2:9-10).

Some time ago, a woman divorced her husband and moved to the house she secretly built in the same neighbourhood they both lived as a couple because he was going through the hurricane of extreme poverty. It got to a stage that he was excreting blood which was traced to what is locally referred to as "Ghana Puff-Puff" which he eats and even buys on credit.

He later got a job and his story changed because, four years ago, he invited my wife and l to come and dedicate the house that he built; he is now a Canadian citizen and he is based there. The Lord will calm every hurricane(s) on your path and you will have a testimony in Jesus name.

Recently, I went through a hurricane of cash crunch and some few individuals that l approached turned me to their student and lectured me on various aspect of financial prudency. The Lord calmed the violent financial storm and used individuals l never thought could meet my needs to help me. I pronounce that one of the 2016 prophecies through our Daddy in the Lord (Daddy Adeboye) that some individuals will obtain help from unexpected sources will be your portion in Jesus name.

The period of hurricane in an individual's life is usually characterized by trial of faith, rejection by those that are supposed to be pillars of support like Job's wife and his friends. In other words, it is usually a period that absolute faith in God is required just like the case of Job that; no matter what, he knows that his Redeemer lives (Job 19:25) and that these hurricanes were light afflictions (2 Cor 4:17) that will soon pass away.

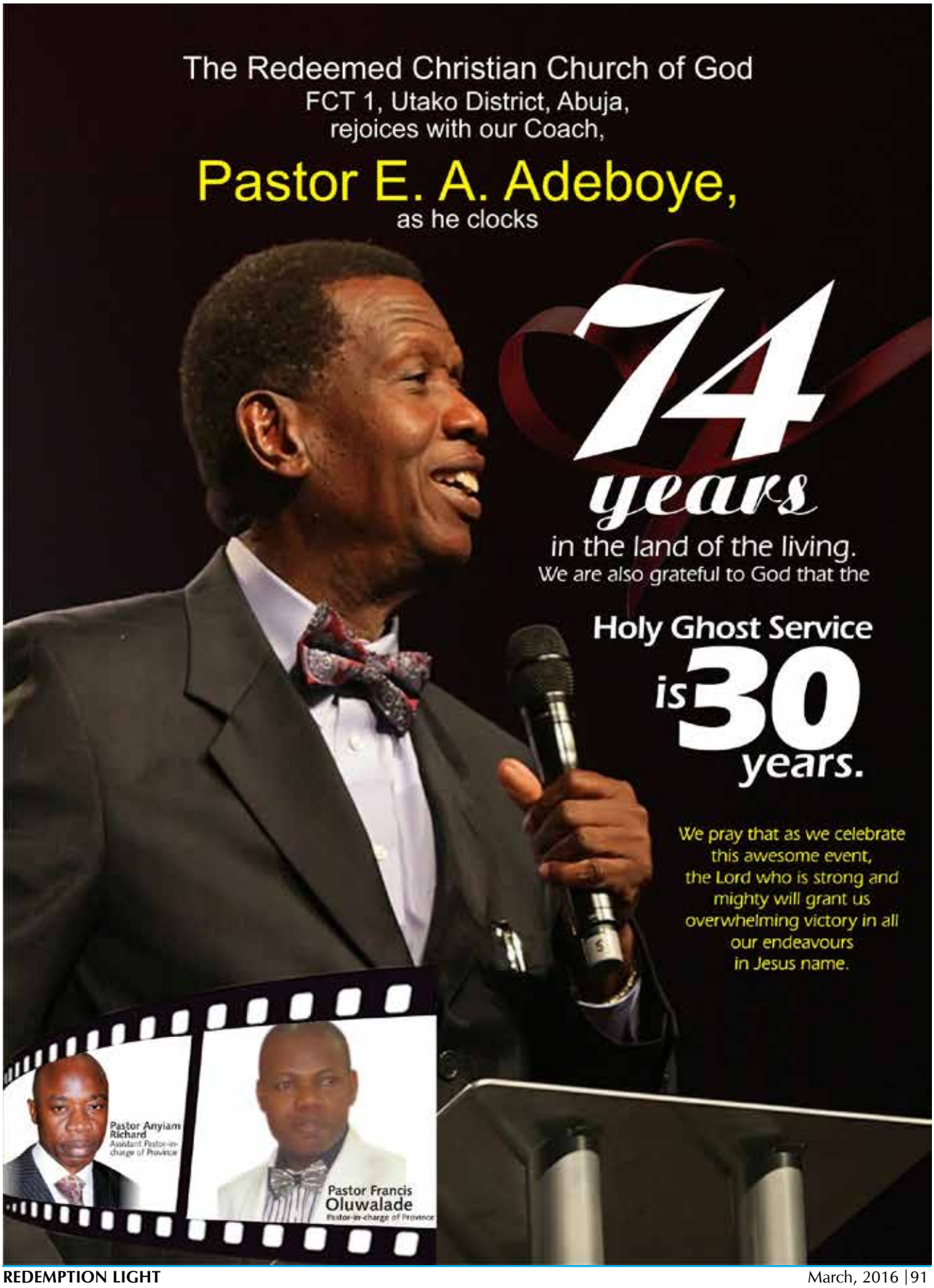
Another point to note about hurricanes is that the space of time of its occurrence varies from one individual to another; it may be days, weeks, months, and even several years. For instance, the contrary wind that befell the Disciples of Jesus Christ at the Sea was for a few hours (Matt 14:22-32) while that of Apostle Paul and the other Prisoners lasted for about fourteen days (Acts 27:27-33). However, one thing l am very sure of is that for a genuine child of God, Jesus Christ will walk upon that Hurricane Euroclydon that have brought shame, reproach, etc, and in its place, peace and joy will return and victory shall be our portion at the end of the day in Jesus name.

Like King David, it is period when you are to encourage yourself in the Lord (1 Samuel 30:6) because the arm of flesh will surely fail you. The Bible says cursed be the man that trust in man (Jeremiah 17:5). This is because in some cases, the moment you turn your back from narrating your ordeal, you become a subject of mockery and ridicule.

However, God will never turn His back on you. This is because, He has promised in His word that we should call upon Him in the day of trouble and that He will surely come to our rescue (Psalms 50:15). The only condition that He said He may not be able to help is when an individual is involved in sin (Isaiah 59:2).

In conclusion, are you presently going through one form of hurricane Euroclydon or the other, please, do not despair, give your life to Jesus Christ, depend solely on Him and very soon, that storm will be over and those who were mocking and looking down at you will begin to look up to you in Jesus mighty name, Amen.




The Redeemed Christian Church of God
FCT 1, Utako District, Abuja,
rejoices with our Coach,
Pastor E. A. Adeboye,
as he clocks
74
years
in the land of the living.
We are also grateful to God that the
Holy Ghost Service
is 30 years.
We pray that as we celebrate this awesome event, the Lord who is strong and mighty will grant us overwhelming victory in all our endeavours in Jesus name.
Pastor Anyiam Richard
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province
Pastor Francis Oluwalade
Pastor-in-charge of Province



We rejoice with our mentor, coach and loving father in the Lord as he turns 74

and the HOLY GHOST SERVICE *clocks* 30

THEME: THE WINNING SIDE

Daddy, like never before, we pray that God will multiply His anointing upon you and He will open great doors for the Kingdom work in Jesus name.



PASTOR PETER BAWO
Pastor-in-charge of Province



PASTOR ODUNEWU LANRE
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (Admin)



PASTOR FRANK BRIGGS
Assistant Pastor-in-charge of Province (CSR)

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PARENTING IN THE...

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threatened. Remind your children often that they are not in trouble for bringing something to your attention. Praise them for this behaviour of reporting incidents to you and encourage them to come back to you again and again if anything bothers them.

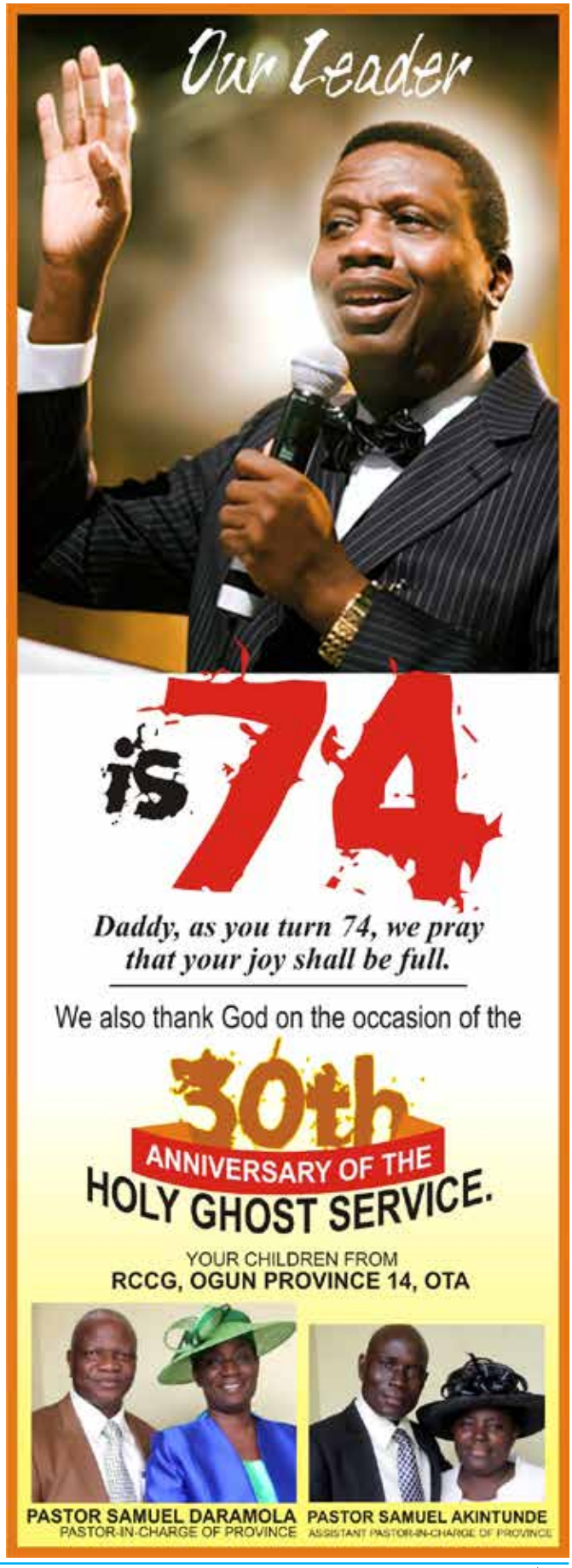
Ages 15-18

Teenagers today have almost limitless access to content, websites and other cyber space activities. While teens are quite savvy about the internet, parents must also remind them of the need to maintain appropriate safety guidelines.

1. Keep family communication as open and positive as possible about all things relating to computer and the entire internet world. Keep discussions about online activities, friends and lives as open and direct as you would about their other regular friends and activities.
2. Encourage your teens to tell you if something or someone online makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened. They must report anything that does not seem quite right while online.
3. Internet-connected computers/laptop/i-phones should be in an open area or used in an open place, never in a teens bedroom.
4. Investigate internet-filtering tools as a complement to parental supervision.
5. Know which websites your teens visit, and whom they talk to. Encourage them to use monitored chat rooms and insist they stay in public chat room areas.
6. Insist that they never agree to meet an online friend.
7. Teach your teens not to download programs, music or files without your permission. File sharing and taking texts, images or artwork from the web may infringe on copyright laws and can be illegal.
8. Talk to your teenagers about online adult content and pornography, and direct them to positive sites about health and sexuality.
9. Help teens protect themselves from spam messages. Tell them not to give out their e-mail address online, not to respond to junk mail and to use e-mail filters.
10. Teach your teens about responsible ethical online behaviour. They should not use the internet to spread gossip, bully or threaten others. They should not post photos of themselves on the net.
11. Make sure your teens check with you before making financial transactions online, including ordering, buying or selling items.
12. Discuss online gambling and its potential risks with your teens. Remind them that it is illegal for them to gamble online, or anywhere for that matter.

These guidelines are by no means exhaustive nor are they full proof, but just guidelines. Use them and continue to seek the direction of the Holy Spirit as you parent in today's world.

Happy Parenting




New Heights as
Pastor E. A. Adeboye
clocks 74!!!
Daddy, we thank God for making you a vessel unto Honour in His Hands.
As you celebrate another year and we mark the
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST SERVICE
THEME: THE WINNING SIDE
We join millions of RCCG members all over the world to say, the Lord will take you to greater heights as He renews your strength for His work in Jesus name.
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PASTOR AND PASTOR (MRS.) E. A. IBITAYO
PASTOR-IN-CHARGE OF REGION



A CASE FOR THE SMART CHURCH (1)

Mega Churches have changed the way Christians fellowship all over the world in the last 30years. Generally described as churches that have an average attendance of 2000 people on Sundays, they have attracted many unchurched people to church. They have made the gospel and church more accessible, more culturally relevant and make the gospel and church environment more appealing to the younger generation.

Attitudinally, most pastors of mega churches appear to be more popular and financially secured. The perceived successes of the mega churches have been a motivation for many pastors to model their churches after the mega churches.

However, statistical data abound to prove that there is a progressive decline in attendance of weekly services in the Church in North America and Europe in the last 25years. Total attendance has progressively dropped from 20.4% in 1990 to 16.2% in 2010. It has been projected that there would be a further decline in church attendance to 14.4% by 2020.

Incidentally, the upsurge of Mega Churches has been witnessed in this period. The disparity between the reality of church attendance and growth of mega churches suggests either more exit than the influx of people into the church or low conversion but higher rate of switching of Churches by believers. The implication of this trend is that the global church is neither growing in attendance, health nor in societal impact. This is why the church needs to become smart in attracting, retaining, training and nurturing souls for the kingdom of God.

What we need is a church that can fulfill the global mandate of soul winning and discipleship. I believe that the Lord Jesus is seeking for a SMART Church strictly fashioned after the initial template of Jesus Christ for the church. SMART is an acronym for Strategy, Methodical, Agile, Responsive and Transparent.

a. Strategy based on Scriptural simplicity: The Church is built on the scriptural foundation of the declaration of Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:18 "I will build my church, and the gates of hell



shall not prevail against it." Therefore, any church leader who hopes to achieve significant success in the work of ministry must be continually motivated and guided by the scriptures, simplicity and dependence on the Holy Spirit must be the hallmark of a growing Church in this dispensation. From the foundation Jesus had a clear strategy to make Peter the arrowhead of the Church. All churches must have a workable strategy of numerical and spiritual growth.

b. Methodical Management: There must be a clearly defined system in place. This explains why, upon his resurrection, Jesus specifically designed a method to reach, attract, retain and commit Peter for the work of the ministry (John 21:15-19). Jesus had a clear plan on how to feed the multitude in the wilderness without wasting the available resources (John 6:5-12).

c. Agile and Accessible: Being approachable and swift in problem resolution will not allow rut to set in. The church needs agility and flexibility to groom ignorant lambs and restore fallen sheep. Jesus was agile to pull Peter back into the building of the Church. He quickly reached out to Peter and his colleagues where they had withdrawn for a sport (John 21:1-7). Although, he had not ascended to his father and would not allow Mary Magdalene to touch him (John 20:17) he made himself accessible to the backsliding disciples. He even prepared a meal for them! (John 21:4-14). Jesus had a definite plan that made him respond to the needs of Peter and the initial challenges of the Church before and after his ascension (Acts 1:6-8).

d. Responsive: In response to the clamor for equitable distribution of material resources, the disciples decided to choose seven men who would serve the people in an executive capacity (Acts 6:1-7). The disciples were smart to devise a means of solving the problems without compromising their calling and standing as believers in Jesus Christ. We must not sacrifice fellowship with God for the fellowship of men.

e. Transparent and Trustworthy: The work of the ministry thrives mostly on the twin virtues of transparency and trustworthiness. People will not believe you or the gospel that you preach if they cannot trust you. In behavioural psychology, it has been proven that people, within the first five minutes of coming into contact with others, habitually ascertain the extent to which they can relate to them based on integrity and competence. The unchurched people also evaluate the integrity and competence of the church setting and leadership before making a commitment to Jesus Christ. The greatest manifestation of transparency displayed by Jesus was in his obvious ascension in the open glare while the disciples were watching (Acts 1:9-11). He also affirmed that there was nothing belonging to the devil that could be found in him (John 14:30).

From the foregoing, the SMART CHURCH that would save and nurture souls for eternity was the vision of Jesus from the beginning.

This is an excerpt from my book "The Smart Church: How Entrepreneurial Leaders Achieve Growth" to be released in August 2016.


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OUR COACH IS 74
DADDY, we thank God for your life and the grace
He has given you to mentor us ceaselessly.
As you clock 74, we pray that the Lord will increase you on every side and you will finish strong in Jesus name.
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THE HOLY LAND OF ISRAEL

Israel is regarded by the Jews, Christians and Muslims as the biblical Holy Land and its most sacred sites are found in the ancient city of Jerusalem, while its financial hub is Tel Aviv.

Visiting Israel on a pilgrimage is truly a unique experience; it is as if the Bible comes to life, right before your eyes as you literarily get to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It is an experience that usually has a significant impact on the visitor.

Nazareth



He was called Jesus Christ of Nazareth for a reason. This is the city where, according to the Bible, the angel, Gabriel told Mary that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and also the place where Jesus spent his childhood and youth. It is the city where his father and mother came from. There is a place called Nazareth village, with a setting of the old Nazareth, as it would have looked like in the days of Jesus…it's a pretty interesting place to visit.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem is a Palestinian town, south of Jerusalem, in the West Bank. It is the biblical birthplace of Jesus and it's a major Christian pilgrimage site. The birth spot is marked by an inlaid silver star in a grotto under the 6th-century Church of the Nativity.

Capernaum

This village is on the northern side of the Sea of Galilee and it is the location of the first miracle Jesus performed; where He turned water into wine. There are lots of



shops that sell the sweet grape wine for you to taste and also bring back home.

Tabgha

In the region of Tabgha, on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, lies the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, the traditional site of the food multiplication story found in all the four gospels. It is also where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection.

River Jordan



This is recorded in the Bible as the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. When visiting Israel, you can have the opportunity to rededicate yourself to the Lord by having a baptism by immersion in the very same water that Jesus was baptised.

The Sea of Galilee

The Sea of Galilee is Israel's largest fresh water reservoir, and is also the country's largest and most important source of drinking water. Here, you will get the opportunity to eat the St. Peter's fish and also enjoy a short boat cruise to Tiberias on the western shore of the sea.

Jericho

Jericho is a city located near the Jordan River in the West Bank and it is under the control of Palestine. It is the city where Zacchaeaus, a chief tax collector, lived (Luke 19). In this city, you will also see the Sycamore tree, the type Zacchaeus was said to have climbed to enable him view Jesus in the crowd, being that he was not tall in height.

The Via Dolorosa

The Via Dolorosa is the road Jesus walked (after he was sentenced) from the palace of Pontius Pilate to Golgotha and it means, "Way of Sorrow." The street can be noisy, with vendors vying for your attention and calling out their wares. It is located in the Jaffa market area. There are 14 Stations of the Cross, the first of which is the Praetorium. This is where Pilate condemned Jesus and He (Jesus) took up the cross. A convent now stands over a small part of this huge fortress. In its basement are ancient flagstones, by tradition known as the Gabat or stone pavement. Beneath the pavement is a gigantic water cistern built by Herod the Great, which might have quenched the thirst of the Roman soldiers who taunted Jesus.

The Garden Tomb



The Garden Tomb is a rock-cut tomb in Jerusalem which was unearthed in 1867 and has subsequently been considered by some Christians to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see why the Garden Tomb is a popular site for Protestant piety — it is clearly located outside the walls, it is next to a place that looks like a skull, it conforms to what one imagines when reading the Gospel accounts, and it is far easier to pray and contemplate here than in the crowded Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

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