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NEWSLETTER

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## THE CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES BEFORE A KINGDOM CHANGE AGENT IN THE DIASPORA



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### **The Challenges:**

Unlike in many countries in Europe and America, which have experienced many years of African migration, the immigration of Africans into Australia has been fairly recent. It all started in 1971 with the abolition of the white-Australian policy of the Commonwealth of Australia. A policy that forbade migrations into the nation from less developed nations of Asia and Africa.

### **The Possibilities:**

We came to Australia, not because of a quest for a better life but as one sent. The Lord spoke to us about moving to Australia first in 1998, and with more clarity in 1999. All these were shared with our mentor and Pastor, Dr Tunde Bakare. We remain eternally grateful to God for his counsel and support during this period. So, coming to Australia, this became our motivation. We were under divine command, and though things were initially challenging, we remained undeterred. Though the scenarios described above were initially challenging, the Lord laid on my heart for us to focus on intercessory prayers. We started with five families, and we met every Sunday to pray. What followed were different miracles of divine provision, which eventually led to the establishment of the Church in 2008.

### **As a Kingdom Change Agent:**

The next phase of growth was our foray into the mountain of Government. This began in 2013 when the Lord supernaturally connected us to my good friend and partner in ministry, Pastor Brian Heath. We met at a Minister's Conference, which both of us did not plan to attend, but destiny brought us together. He had just returned from the

Global Leader's Conference (GLS) in Muar, Malaysia, where Pastor (Pastor Tunde Bakare) had ministered. Pastor Brian was sharing at this Minister's meeting a particular testimony that Pastor shared there. The People were confounded, seeing the apparent unbelief on their faces; he just turned to me where I sat whether I knew anything about it. At this point, we had never met. He didn't even know whether I knew Pastor, but as he later said, he just felt the Holy Spirit nudging him to ask me about that particular event, and as God would have it, not only did I know something about it, I was actually with Pastor when he gave the prophetic word to the son of the Sultan in Sokoto at the GAIN Conference we had in Sokoto in 2005. I confirmed the event, and the entire hall was turned upside down. So the two of us though we had never met before this time, started ministering together at this Minister's Conference. There was a mighty move of the Holy Spirit at that meeting. And from that day, we started working closely together regarding the penetration of the Kingdom into the arena of politics and governance, beginning from our state of Victoria and is now gradually spreading into the entire nation.

“As kingdom change agents, we are on assignment to proffer solutions to the problems and challenges that beset our various societies”

### **Kingdom Strategies:**

#### **The Seven Mountain Strategy in our Church**

Isaiah 2:2

The people in our Church are being deliberately trained to engage with the seven mountains of human endeavour. This has resulted in active engagement with the political, economic, health care delivery, and legal fields by various people from our Church. Currently, I am the Vice-Chair of the Fraser Federal Electoral Council of the ruling party in Australia and equally a member of the

State Council of the same party. In addition to my involvement, several people in our workforce hold various positions at the State and Federal levels. This has turned us into a significant force within the party in our area of domicile. As of now the party has been encouraging me to run for electoral office both at the National and State level, but I'm yet to make up my mind.

### **Forming Kingdom Partnership for National Transformation-**

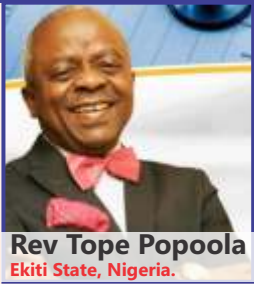
Together with Pastor Brian Heath, we started the Nation Builder's Alliance (NBA). An honourable alliance of like-minded people solely with the purpose of training and educating the Church to engage with the governance of our cities and states, with the sole intention of influencing the affairs of these states with Kingdom values. We can see the example of this with Abraham, who both combined the forces of his 318 servants trained in his house and his allies in defeating the Kings of nations who invaded Sodom

Genesis 14:13-16

### **Governmental Intercessory Prayers-**

It is imperative to emphasise that all these could not have been accomplished without prayers. We currently have an ongoing intercessory prayer meeting going on in the Church. We meet every morning at 5am, Monday to Friday, praying for ourselves, our Cities and our Nation.

In conclusion, Australia has undergone many changes in the last 15 years. Increased migration into the country from Asia and Africa has also been accompanied by increasing pluralism and aggressive secularisation. All of these have led to more significant strain and religious tensions in the nation. However, in the same package with problems are also possibilities and provisions. This is part of the assignment of a kingdom change agent to proffer solutions amidst a sinking sand of poverty of faith that seems to beset our society today. We see this as a significant part of our assignment in this nation.



Rev Tope Popoola  
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## THE MULTI-LINGUAL CHURCH: STRATEGIES

### FOR INFILTRATING THE MOUNTAINS OF CULTURE BY THE NOW CHURCH

The world as we knew it has changed and the unusual has become our normal and may be for some time to come.

COVID 19 is a rude awakening to us all that the church of Christ is more than a physical structure. God wants to touch the world through CHRIST IN US. The Holy Spirit is not handicapped. Evangelism doesn't end simply because we cannot invite people to our buildings. Jesus died for the world, not our building and programmes!

Like the mother eagle, God is stirring the nest so that we can learn to spread our wings and soar as we were purposed to.

Acts 2:1-15.

"Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ...everyone heard them speak in his own language."

The power of the gospel is in its simplicity and its universal applicability. The message is best when it is communicated in a 'language' that is clearly understood. Of course, there is the dimension of speaking mysteries unto God as a way of connecting with the spirit in prayers, worship and intercession when words are inadequate. But beyond this, we must like Moses, press into God to receive instructions to take to the people we interact with in the daily grind of life.

Language serves the purpose of communication. It is the platform of passing across a particular message in a way that resonates with the receiver. It is also a BONDING factor in any community. Language facilitates access. When you meet someone somewhere who speaks your language, you let down your guard. The Spirit-inspired communication on the day of Pentecost totally demystified the message of the gospel and the mind of God towards humanity.

*Let's consider a few key issues here:*

**1. DIVIDED TONGUES** - speaks of

individual capacity to engage a person or group of persons in intelligent discourse or communication. We must make biblical Christianity a contemporary experience by expressing KINGDOM in the language of Babylon like Daniel, Meshach, Shadrack, Abednego, Moses and Joseph in Egypt, Mordecai and Esther in Persia. Paul was so effective because he could connect to Gentiles in intellect, commerce and spirituality. What language have you been "baptized" with? Engineering, politics, sports, entertainment...? There are needy people waiting to hear the gospel in that language.

#### 2. NATIONS FROM EVERYWHERE UNDER THE SUN

This speaks about the universality of the message and the need to specifically CONNECT it to communities and nations. A nation is a people group united in culture, nuances, perceptions, literature, language etc. Every culture revolves around certain elements that unite all the diversity of interests and opinion in that group.

We call them the seven mountains of influence. These are, politics/power, economy, religious beliefs, education, family values, science and technology, entertainment, sports etc. Every society's conduct is formulated around these constituents of a culture. The heart of God has always beaten for NATIONS!

To affect any society, you must **be fluent in the language that connects with people at these points of function**. Anyone with a loud voice in these areas will affect the society's conduct and direction. What you cannot influence, you cannot impact. We are looking at language here not just in the literal sense but in the sense of being able to connect with people in their lifestyle, culture and profession.

In Acts 17, Paul acknowledged the Athenians' belief system, and by referring to their literature and its relevance to the "Unknown God" that they should worship, he connected with their hunger and quest for a Supreme being.

He spoke Aramaic when he needed to speak to the Jews and got their attention. He spoke Greek in Athens and when he was to be beaten and jailed, he claimed the amnesty of his Roman citizenship!

#### 3. SPIRIT-INSPIRED AND ENERGIZED COMMUNICATION

- this was designed to provoke a response in the hearer. Peter did not make an altar call but the hearers were so convicted that they started asking what they needed to do to encounter the Christ.

#### 4. FROM THE KNOWN TO THE UNKNOWN

- Peter's message moved the people from the known to the unknown. He connected with them at the point they could

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relate with. "This is that...", connecting them to a prophecy they were all familiar with. Jesus had a strategy of story-telling that resonated with His audience. You must understand how to situate the present situation in which people find themselves to the context of their need for a saviour.

God wants to reach the world in its own language, not in church language. Each of the seven mountains has its own language and we must learn the language of the one we intend to engage. Otherwise, we will be ineffective. We must stop trying to use church language to speak to street folks! They won't just get it although they may pretend, just to get you off their backs!

There is a reason why you are planted in the midst of unbelievers or with that ungodly boss. When by your conduct and communication you are able to earn their trust, that is when your opportunity comes. You let your light shine and let them **SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS**. They will know you are different and be attracted to the brightness of your rising! But if you begin by wanting them to come into your world to speak and behave like you, you will alienate them completely and they will draw a blank around you. Learn their language. Know where they are coming from. Meet them there and draw them to where you want them to be. By then, they are already asking some private, personal questions about their lives because yours challenges them! I am an Apostle to the marketplace. I have never used hard drugs. But I had to go and learn street language to get addicts and area boys to listen to me. I engage with the corporate world a lot and became the President of the Chamber of Commerce in the city where I operate. Although not a practicing politician, I am mentor to some politicians in my state and have served on the state Judicial Service Commission. I hold the highest certification possible in Management Consultancy. I am a Certified Life Coach and recently became a licensed Mediator/Negotiator. I had to learn the language of function at all these levels.

I am sometimes introduced as 'Rev. Tope Popoola' in my corporate training sessions, and I leave participants in no doubt that my materials are inspired by scriptures, but you will never catch me using Christianese like "Glory!" "Hallelujah", "Praise the Lord", "Amen?" etc. Yet, in many cases, I have

ended up being drawn into the spiritual challenges of many of the participants and a re-evaluation of their lives and priorities in a way that makes them inquire further!!! That then becomes my opportunity to witness Christ.

This is the **SALT** and **YEAST DIMENSION** of our calling. Conquest by **INFILTRATION**. Yeast and salt are catalysts. Catalysts affect the process of a chemical reaction without undergoing a fundamental change in the process. Our Apostolic Overseer calls it "contact without contamination". Jesus referred to the yeast dimension in Matthew 13:33. For both, they are not visible in the body of food or flour but the impact of their presence is discernible. You don't need a large quantity to enhance flavour or texture as the case may be! One critical issue here is that they must first make contact before they can be effective.

The other dimension is the **LIGHT** dimension which speaks of **INVASION** and **DECLARATION**. When light shines, it invades darkness and reveals something. When you let your light shine before all men, they can see your good works and in turn, they can give glory to the One at work in you, your heavenly Father! When we shine, Gentiles are attracted to our light and the nations to the brightness of our rising. The world is currently steeped in "gross darkness". Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Now is the time to arise!

## News From The Mountains

### ■ MOUNTAIN OF MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT



**FCT, ABUJA - Pastor Sola Adesoye – Lighthouse Family Church, FCT, Abuja**

A movie has been produced by Lighthouse titled ANOTHER HOLIDAY (A Break from the Norm). This is an intentional attempt to infiltrate the Mountain of Entertainment. The premiere of this movie was done in Abuja on the 12th of December, 2021. It will be made available very soon on the cyberspace. Please watch out!

### MOUNTAIN OF POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT



Australia. His tremendous impact by the grace of God on the society has set him up for such visibility and literally putting him forward to run for a political position in the nearest future.

MENTAL HEALTH BILL facilitated by members of GAIN IN ABUJA/NORTH EAST Suicide according to the World Health Organization is the 4th highest cause of death for people aged 15-19 years globally. Unfortunately, Nigeria is in the grip of this sad development despite our former rating as the happiest people on earth.

The motion was sponsored by the House Committee on Legislative Library (Hon. Jonathan Gbefwi Gaza, seconded by Hon. Anayo Nwonu. In adopting the motion, the House of Representative urged the Federal Ministry of Health to come up with a national strategy to address mental problems in Nigeria. The lower chamber also resolved to set up an ad-hoc committee to review extant mental laws to provide for proper care of affected person in Nigeria and expedite action on measures aimed at protecting the rights of persons with mental disorder, ensuring equal access to treatment and care, discouraging stigma and discrimination and set standard for psychiatric practice in Nigeria..



### MOUNTAIN OF POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT AUSTRALIA

**Pastor Seyi Oluwanisola**

To the glory of God, Pastor Seyi Oluwanisola's influence within the political space of Australia is on a positive rise going by his appointment as Deputy Chairman of a major political party. This is the highest position conceded to a black man in

### MOUNTAIN OF FAMILY



### OGUN STATE: Mr Olorunshola and Mrs Obiageli Osasona

This couple within GAIN continues to make impact in the lives of families in Ogun State. A recent impact was in the life of a little girl (Eze) that benefited from their Creative Summer School program while she was eleven. She is now 13 and doing wonders with fashion. They are making effort to raise more people like Eze in the days ahead.

## MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION



The combination of Pastors Wale Olulana, Ade Adesina, Tunji Akinola and Rev Steve Mensah (Ghana) with their team were in Bolgatanga, a community located at the upper region of Ghana. It was a 5-day mission trip of total transformation of that community. The word of God was powerfully communicated and by the grace of God many people were saved. Relief materials shipped from the United Kingdom were also distributed to the needy in that community to the glory of God.

## MOUNTAIN OF ECONOMY



**United Kingdom: Pastors Wale Olulana & Ade Adesina**

A collaborative effort between Harmony Christian Centre and Powerhouse Intl Ministries has in recent times been providing relief materials for elderly and poor people in various parts of Nigeria. Also, around the local community of Harmony Christian Centre in Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos Branch, an intervention was done through consultation to help restore a broken gate and rebuild a major one for the community.

This has helped to address the late-night security problems reported in the area. Also, a medical outreach day was done in that community in addition to a three-day impartation service IN THE MONTH OF November 2021.

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