



APOSTOLIC — CONSTRUCT —

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Thank you for your esteemed membership and commitment to our noble cause.

Quite a lot has happened in the course of the year, especially among our brotherhood. Some pleasant, others not too pleasant. But, in all things, we give God thanks.

We have witnessed the blessings of the womb to the Family of our Abia State Chapter, Pastor & Pastor (Mrs) Kenneth Chikwere after 27 years, the reinvigoration of our Edo State Chapter among strategic engagements with other Chapters, the recalibration of our CGCC Credo - LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE GOD SERVE PEOPLE. Many witnessed the home going event of our own Saint Triumphant, Pastor Daniel Yohanna. The good Lord enhances the works and family left behind; as well as the apostolic visits of our Presiding Apostle. The Lord takes all the Glory.

Moreover, the season also witnessed the outlook change of our Newsletter for richer content and coverage.

We still have the pleasure of this second edition this year of the **Apostolic Construct**.

To ensure that subsequent publications are regularly rolled out on a quarterly basis as originally planned an editorial team has been put in place to achieve the objective.

This edition provides rich contents. It highlights the theme of the webinar titled, **The Church and Result Oriented Community Development**, held in May

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The church is seen as a pillar of spiritual support in the community and a refuge for succour at the times fraught with danger. It is a bedrock of faith which is expected to provide bible base answers to humanity's crucial needs. Churches can play valuable roles in community impact by providing a sense of community, meeting practical needs and collaborately supporting local initiatives.

Community engagement is the process of working through groups of people to address issues affecting the well-being of intended audience. It is a powerful vehicle for bringing about environmental and behavioral changes that will improve the health of the community.



"What if the Church shuts down for a month, will your community miss you? "

"The Church leadership is not to pastor a local congregation but it is to pastor the community in which it finds itself."

It often involves partnerships and coalitions that help mobilize resources and influence systems, change relationships among partners, and serves as catalysts for changing policies.

Gilford T. Monroe posited that when the church is rooted deeply in its community, and its membership is operating as public servants, the church will impact the lives of the people and the believers will fulfill the Messiah's mission on earth.

Panelist speakers at the webinar held May 20, 2023 on this subject matter were Pastor Esther Ibanga, Pastor Wale Olulana, Pastor Nims



EDITORIAL Cont'd

2023. The webinar sets out in practical terms a template for transformation initiatives from which most of our chapters can draw deep insights to enrich their drives. In these days and time of moral decadence among gen z **GAIN North America** provided the antidotes.

Read the nuggets from their seminar on good parenting.

It has been the tradition of GAIN administrative office to go round chapters on advocacy drive and engage them on their transformation initiative efforts. We desire complementary feedbacks from such engagement. We have therefore created a column - Voice of the Chapters - to showcase such feedback in the belief that it will provide immense benefits to chapters to cross fertilize ideas. We enjoin chapters to promptly turn in to the Editor a short report on their activities with relevant pictures.

May the good Lord continually give every member of the Network His Proceeding Word, while great will be our associates, friends, families, flocks that will Publish it in all our given areas of influence.

Grace Glory Goodness.

C. IKE

Quotable QUOTES

There is no power for
change greater than a
community discovering what
it cares about

Margaret J.

The greatness of a
community is most
accurately measured by the
compassionate actions
of its members.

Coretta S King

Obunge and Pastor Ade Adesina. They laid bare the salient facts and practical steps that are essential in embarking on community engagement.

They opined that community engagement is predicated on the great commission mandate Matthew 28:18-20 by alluding to the fact that:

- * The message of the kingdom is to the Saints and Sinners Luke 6: 35-36.
- * Jesus sacrifice was to save the whole world not the church John 3:16 , 1 John 2:2.
- * We are nation builders, city takers and community leaders not only pastors of a church.

Identifiable areas of engagement can include but not limited to providing solutions to youth's gangsterism and drug abuse, family (domestic violence/ child abuse, Health, Education and skill acquisition.



Community engagement can be induced in response to SOS code signal from the community something similar to the one received by Elijah 2 Kings 2:19. It can be prompted by the weight of burden carried for the people like Nehemiah or a reaction by faith group to address societal ills.

The general advice given on funding is to know your capacity and do not overstretch in an engagement that would derail the primary objective of the ministry. Know your spiritual Type, stay in your lane and calling. Leverage on the skills available to you. Funders will want to see what you bring to the table.

Much will be achieved through partnership and collaborative efforts with the Police, youth groups, schools, local governments and associations.

Community Service





PRESIDING APOSTLE Diary

PASTOR TUNDE BAKARE

MINISTERING AT THE FAIR HAVENS KINGDOM CENTER @ Ilupeju Lagos



OUR APOSTOLIC LEADER

MINISTERING AT THE LORDS' HOUSE INC. Canada



Testimony

Pst. Mrs. Frances Chikwere
Ministering the word and
sharing testimony of a family
who had a child after 27 years
of marriage





RAISING A GODLY HERITAGE.

A Seminar Organized by GAIN USA

GAIN North America Chapter organised a virtual seminar that drew panelists from the United Kingdom and the United State of America on ... The theme of the seminar was: Raising A Godly Heritage. The panelists were : Dr. Sam Fadeyi (Canada), Mr. & Mrs. Odili (UK), Mrs. Arin Ajayi (USA) , Akanimo Enang (UK) , Tolu Adeoya (Canada)

Nuggets From The Seminar

- * God is trans-generational. He is God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob.
- * Raising godly children is the only way God can be trans-generational.
- * One of God's intents in marriage is procreation which describes God's desire to spread His love, His image and His ability to create.
- * It is the type of environment a child lives in that produces the kind of adult he becomes.
- * As a child grows he becomes aware that parents are doing their best though it may be considered inadequate.
- * If parents know better they will do better.

The challenges

The panelists identified the following challenges

- * The prevalence of anxiety among children from age 9- 10 years.
- * The unfamiliar environment and the attendant conflict between its assimilation and the values we want our children to imbibe.
- * Counter culture. African culture tend to subdue children whilst the culture in the West indulges.
- * Most parents are not patient enough with their children they are hasty to judge.
- * Advent of artificial intelligence could pose challenges to parenting.

Advisory

- * Parents need to cooperate with God in raising godly children.
- * Parents must live and demonstrate godly life before their children.
- * It is the responsibility of parents to provide



conducive environment for their kids to grow into their God given potential.

- * Essential to have enduring support system and make right choice of friends.
- * Parents life should be an open book before their children to let them see how to celebrate victory in God and handle failure through Christ.
- * Make your children your best friend, build up relationship that will make them open up to you and desire to have their feedback. Sacrifice and give love in raising them.
- * Be full of prayer for their salvation. Ask for God's grace for them to live a godly life, bless and speak to their life.
- * Understand the cultural struggle the children are going through and manage it with measured approach.
- * You must have strong family values to pass on to your children.
- * Parents are advised to work on their children at home to moderate the apparent indulging legislations on the rights of the child.

Parents are encouraged not to drop the baton but to continue trusting God and praying for our children. It is only God that can raise His own seed not by whatever efforts of the parents.



VOICE *of the* CHAPTERS

ABIA STATE CHAPTER



Abia State chapter has 10 registered members in two Local Governments - Umuahia North and Umuahia South. The coordinating office is located at The New Destiny House, New Destiny House close by Doziway Avenue, Kilometer 4, Ikot Ekpene Road Umuahia, Abia State.

The coordinator is Kenneth Chikwere
Tel. 08035431722.

Engagement held by GAO with the chapter June 30th, 2023 was reported to be soul-lifting. Some of the

transformation initiative exploits by the chapter were :

- * A missionary outreach to Obilagu, Lokpanta in Umunneochi L.G.A of Abia State.
- * Reaching out to Street boys in Umuahia Town. In the process God delivered a 43 year old man, who had mental problem for the past 11 years. He has been fully rehabilitated.

The chapter is planning to train people who will upload and manage Destiny Training Institute's Lectures on-line.

The challenges faced by the chapter are:

- * Irregular attendance of members to meetings
- * Partisan politics
- * Shortage of funds to execute Transformation Initiatives.

The chapter is requesting GAO to visit them, so as to encourage those that are fainting.

EKITI STATE CHAPTER



Ekiti State Chapter has 12 registered members with presence in 4 out of 16 local government areas.

The Coordinating Office is located at The Leadership Centre Midas Avenue Junction, Iworoko Road, Ado-Ekiti. The coordinator is Bola Ayodele tel : 07065651107.

GAO engagement with the chapter was on Thursday 11th May, 2023 provided the needed enlightenment on

how to operate and make progress with the few members they have. There have been improved intra-Chapter interactions since then

Transformation initiative recently embarked upon was the Street Worship in front of the popular Portofino Eatery. It was an evening of perceived soul searching and refreshing spiritual encounters. Quite a number of Ekiti State University students were ministered to.

The Chapter plans to organize quarterly outreach, strengthen and increase the spread of GAIN branches in Ekiti State.

Their challenges are dearth of resource personnel and insufficient understanding of what transformation initiative entails.

MERCY OGBUEHI WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FOUNDATION.

The Foundation was duly registered both in Nigeria and in the United States of America and founded by Barrister Nnenna Uchegbu, a retired UN Staff. It commenced operations in 2017, with Pastor Innocent Chibunna as the Secretary to the board of Directors and Prince Friday Ogbuehi as one of the Directors. Pastor Innocent Chibunna and his wife, Tessy both members of GAIN Lagos Chapter, were CGCC missionaries to Sudan and Ethiopia where they served for sixteen (16) years.

GAIN administrative office (GAO) visited the Foundation July 2023 to interview Pastor Chibunna on how the Foundation was conceived and managed.

GAO: This is a laudable Transformation Initiative how did it all start?

Pastor Chibunna:

I visited the USA in 2010 on the invite of Barrister (Mrs) Nnenna Uchegbu who my wife and I, met in Sudan. As we discussed her late mother (Nneoha Mercy Ogbuehi), who never allowed any visitor to her house stay without eating or to leave with a takeaway pack, the Lord began to minister to Mrs. Uchegbu that a foundation in her name could be established. The Foundation was birthed 7 years thereafter.

GAO: What program does the Foundation run?

Pastor Chibunna: We offer skill acquisition in Beauty, Catering, Computer appreciation course, Fashion, Shoe making and Industrial.

GAO: Who are the beneficiaries of these programs?

Pastor Chibunna: Widows, orphans (The orphans stay with Mentors the foundation only provides scholarship for them), the less privileged and other deserving people in the community.

GAO: What is the duration of the trainings?

Pastor Chibunna: 6 months but for computer appreciation and fashion trainees the duration is one year. Upon graduation the widows are given seed capital while the graduates of computer appreciation course and fashion



designers are given laptop and the sewing machine respectively.

GAO: How is the Institution funded?

Pastor Chibunna: We have sponsors and we are looking for more because of our desire to have a presence in other States of Nigeria.

GAO: How many people have benefitted from this program since inception?

Pastor Chibunna:

Over five hundred people comprising widows, orphans, married men and women with challenges and single men and women. Many of them who completed their programs were empowered.

GAO: What other things do you do and what are your future plans?

Pastor Chibunna: We provide free summer coaching classes, materials for schooling, parties for widows etc. We want to rehabilitate the street boys and make them skillful. We would like to add more to the number of satellite branches that we currently have in different locations in Lagos.

GAO: How can like minded people reach you if they are interested in contributing?

Pastor Chibunna: I am available to offer free advice to anyone who desires to come on board. The more, the merrier!

GAO: What challenges have you encountered in this ministry?

Pastor Chibunna: One of the challenges is how to source funds for our different programs. Many people see us as people who are not to be trusted. But I give God all the glory that every dime including items brought to the Foundation were faithfully disbursed to the people they were meant for.

GAO: What is your advice for anyone that have interest in embarking on a project like this?

Pastor Chibunna: My advice is that the person must know the area he or she has been graced to focus on.

TRIBUTES TO REV (ENGR.) DANIEL YOHANNA



REV (ENGR.)
DANIEL YOHANNA
1968 - 2023
25TH MAY 1968 - 24TH AUGUST, 2023

Tribute

We all knew Pastor Daniel Yohanna as a wonderful, dutiful and loving Pastor. In his short time at GAIN, he has shown exemplary code of service. He lived his life with integrity and honesty and was ethical in all dealings, treating others with respect; was kind and generous striving to show Christ in his area of influence.

We remembered when you hosted us (GAIN MANAGEMENT UNIT) at Ibadan, your selfless love of character, was shining example of how leadership should care for his flock. You are a great man that death cheated of his time.

He showed apostolic character by taking responsibility of the GAIN prayer session relentlessly ensuring participation in each session.
You will be greatly missed our dear friend. Sleep well.

GAIN Management Unit.

With no doubt, some mortals pass through the life stage, unsung, unheard having little or negligible imprint, but not so with the great and accomplished icon we are here celebrating his life, *Pastor Daniel Yohanna. Aged 55.*

Pastor Daniel, you did well in your time on this side of the divide. You were resourceful, courageous, diligent, highly principled with very strong quest for knowledge and capacity. You were a good husband to your Wife, father to your children, true shepherd to the flock under your care, and co-labourer with other ministry gifts, especially members of our ***GAIN NETWORK***, where you coordinated our Prayer Sessions.

You were very relational, sacrificial and hands-on person. There is never a time a demand is put on you, you did not rise to the occasion; always a phone call away. You loved the Lord and staked all for His cause, impacting every Sphere of your influence.

We are comforted that you lived and died the death of the Righteous, as in the scriptures, Numbers 23: 10, *"let me die the death of the righteous and let my end be like theirs"*, for *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them"** Revelation 14:13.

Truly, the memory of the just is blessed. A life well lived is lived in the hearts of those left behind. You touched and raised quality sons and daughters, biological and spiritual, associates and Network colleagues - worthy Kingdom Builders to carry on the torch of faith and extend Divine mandate to generations unborn.

Pastor Yohanna, you have not left us behind, but only gone ahead of us. We celebrate your entry into the Glory of Eternity. Thank you for fighting a good fight, finishing your course, and keeping the faith; now receive the Royal welcome with the righteous crown as our Lord declares

*"Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Lord"** Till we meet to part no more.

Good night, God's worthy Labourer.

CHRISTIAN IKE *On behalf of the Presiding Apostle & Members of GLOBAL APOSTOLIC IMPACT NETWORK (GAIN).*

PICTURES OF THE HOME GOING OF REV, (ENGR.) DANIEL YOHANNA





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PROJECT 16

- PASTOR TUNDE BAKARE

"God doesn't speak carelessly, if He has said a thing, He will do it."

The disciples of Jesus when he told them that He (Jesus) will be killed but in three days will rise, did not believe Him. He told them on different occasions, even with that they still did not believe. They still doubted His resurrection even when they were informed about the risen Christ. The best thing to do is to relax, when it looks like there is conflicts in your mind and you don't understand or can't figure out what God is doing.

You must be thoroughly groomed to know that He does not make empty promise. He will do what He spoke to do. The controversial apostle Paul, when it looked like he was bringing shame to Timothy he wrote him a letter to encourage him. So I felt the need to encourage those that cared about me after the election lest they feel ashamed of the testimony (the spirit of prophecy) 2 Timothy 1: 1-4 and 2 Timothy 4: 8-12.

The cause of the misunderstanding about Project 16 is about what I know that people do not know. I know the heart behind the hand that is why I am at peace. The calling of the Lord is not according to your words but according to His purpose and grace which was given to us before time began hence anything in time cannot frustrate it.



Project 16 is not a man's idea but God's. It is alive and well nothing can change it because no one can annul the purpose of God Isaiah 14: 22-27 God's Idea and if it is His idea, no one can annul it. No controversy is intended.

By God's grace our track record doesn't show one who talks any how and God's track record is far better than ours 1Tim3:16. No controversy is intended.

For those that think Project 16 is already a history, two things could have happened, it is either you judge God who brought the word to be unfaithful or you believe the vessel He spoke through is lying. Your faith can not hang in the balance. It is either you don't believe it or you believe it.

Paul wrote to Timothy about the mystery of godliness 1 Timothy 3:16 – the manifestation of God in flesh. This does not make sense but Satan went to war with every vessel through which it could happen. Who would consider Isaiah or Ezekiel a true prophet in line with their prophecy about the birth of Jesus Christ?. Long before things are done, God has accomplished His purpose and that is because, He conceives the future, He finished it, before He says it. In every plan of man, it is only the counsel of God that will stand Psalm 33:10-15, Proverbs 19:21.

It was through the leading of God that I participated in APC (All Progressive Congress Party). He said to me: "I did not go to the cross as God, I did not send an Angel to die for man, I took the form of a man in order to redeem man, everything I have said about

your nation is towards it's redemption take the form and leave the rest to me." Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness.

God is sovereign. He always work for our best interest but, He doesn't do it our way or time. He manifests Himself in His own time not according to the time of man 2Timothy 6:13,14. The wise and the prudent should understand that if there is no controversy about the mystery of godliness there should be no controversy about His sovereignty.

Joseph the dreamer is a case study. Why will a good God allow Joseph to pass through such difficult times he went through? God thought Joseph to look at his past in a redemptive way. He saw what others did not see that God's hands controlled all that he went through Gen 45:5 underscores his perception.

Our perception of what is happening in Nigeria is what is raising questions in our hearts Genesis 50:20. Behind the experience of the past, Joseph saw the providence of God. This is the mystery of sovereignty.

God works through evil to accomplish His will. Everyone involved in the last general election was an actor on the stage. God position them to do what they did so that He will take the glory at the end Acts 2: 22-24, Acts 4: 23-28.

The mystery of Project 16 is intact all we have seen are preamble. Regardless of our beliefs and prayer His purpose and counsel will stand.



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