

## LAGOS REPORT

Since the last report in July, the work in Lagos has had the following: A week of mission outreach leading to the 2-day 2015 Lagos Bible Conference; The ordination of 5 Deacons; the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of Sovereign Grace Bible Church.

We rejoice in the Lord greatly as we continue to witness His abounding grace in the work in Lagos. Thank you, for your prayers and support.

### MISSION OUTREACH AND 2015 LAGOS BIBLE CONFERENCE.

From October 28 to November 8, we welcomed friends from abroad who took part in ministry outreaches to students in Lagos State University (LASU), to prisoners in one of the prisons in Lagos State, to a city-wide radio audience through a local radio station EKO FM, and conferences in Abuja and Lagos under the theme- IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.

From CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH, CA, USA, we welcomed our dear friends: Pastor Joe Jacowitz, Gerard Limtiaco, Dani Beshwati, and Ben Beasley. From EPHESUS CHURCH, GA, USA, came Pastor Nick Kennicott, and from MET TAB, UK, came 'Tunde Odumala.

We thank God for the supply of books and tracts from these friends which were given out free to as many as visited the literature tables set out at the outreaches in LASU, and the conferences in Lagos and Abuja.



THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY( LASU)A week to an advertised Students Christian rally that would feature Pastor Joe Jacowitz , the student leaders cancelled the program for

lack of adequate funding . They had requested Sovereign Grace Bible Church (SGBC) to contribute half a million Naira for staging the rally. They cited the contribution of an invited 'man of God' the previous year, who had given them two hundred thousand Naira [200,000]. And also because Pastor Joe is an American, they expected a lot more from us.

It turned out that the LORD had prepared a chapel staff who took it upon himself to arrange a platform for our outreach to take place at no cost, because he had been silently attending our Bible Studies for about 3 years.

He became an encourager to our team and introduced us to the school authorities who gave us permission to organize the outreach.

Ordinarily the outreach would have been organized by the student leaders but the LORD gave us a platform through this man, to organize the outreach, though we are not students of the institution.

So we printed and distributed fliers and we were even allowed to use a megaphone to go round the campus inviting students and staff to the outreach.

Instead of a one day rally, it became a three –day outreach with Pastor Joe speaking. On the first 2 days, he spoke on the necessity of cooperation between the different student groups and on the need to focus on preaching Christ rather than denominational distinctive.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day there was a major rally that saw over 300 people in attendance while Pastor Joe preached a message on hell from Luke 16. (Rally picture,below).



The young chapel staff on his own initiative recorded the message with a Walkman, without our knowledge!

Amazingly, the LORD granted a clear recording of which we intend to convert to CDs, and reproduce thousands of copies for free distribution on the campus.

We rejoice in the LORD seeing how the LORD overruled all the difficulties and gave us the platform to preach the truth at L.A.S.U.

Please pray thanking God for the wonder of what happened, encouraging the spread of the true Gospel in a university campus 'abuzz' with false Gospels of varied cultural emphasis.

Please pray that the LORD might raise and send laborers to establish that which He has started in L.A.S.U.

#### THE 2015 LAGOS BIBLE CONFERENCE

The 2015 Lagos Bible Conference was residential in a camp facility belonging to Living World Ministries about 100km on the outskirts of Lagos. This was one sure way to avoid the stressful Lagos traffic gridlocks that discouraged many attendees to previous conferences. Besides, this arrangement also allowed us much more time for preaching, for group discussions with questions and answers, and fellowship. The conference started on Thursday evening November 5 and ended on Saturday 7 with the graduation ceremony of Christ Pastor's Seminary Students.

It was a refreshing time with deep spiritual exercise on the theme: "In the world but not of the world".

Pastor Joe Jacowitz of Christ Bible Church C.A, U.S.A brought 3 messages:

'Worldliness; its meaning and danger'

'The Church, the purchased possession of Christ'

'Flee Youthful Lusts'.

Pastor Femi Popoola, who is a former graduate of Christ Pastor's Seminary, spoke on 'The Christians Holy calling'.

Pastor Femi Sonuga-Oye of Sovereign Grace Bible Church, Lagos spoke on 'Serving one Master'

Nick Kennicott, Pastor of Ephesus Church, in Georgia gave two lectures; on the topics 'The Love of the Father versus the love of the world ', and 'Guarding against worldliness at home'

Pastor Tony Okoroh spoke on 'True Gospel, the foundation of true worship'.

There were one hundred and fifty [150] registered attendees and all received free books donated by Christ Bible Church , courtesy of First Love Publications.



The eight messages presented, and the questions and answers that followed, were all recorded on mp3 and also freely given to all for the asking.

The messages are also available on the S.G.B.C website: [www.SGBC.org.ng](http://www.SGBC.org.ng) .

In all the messages the Glory of our LORD Jesus Christ was powerfully set forth and believers were urged to see who and what we have been made in Him and to consciously set ourselves apart from the anti-Christian systems of the world as a people who have been purchased at a priceless cost and brought into the holiest place .

Please pray that these messages may be used of the LORD to call back the Church, especially in Nigeria to the clear teachings of the Bible against Worldliness. Pray that the LORD may convict Church Leaders and Pastors of all their errors in thinking and teaching that it is possible to be of Christ and of the world at the same time! Pray that the LORD will sustain the witness of the truth and strengthen His remnants in Nigeria and in every place.

For 3 nights Pastor Joe Jacowitz, with a mission team from C.B.C, hosted a one hour radio Bible study on EKO FM as a mission outreach and partly as publicity for the Lagos Bible Conference. On 2 of the nights, our friend from the Met Tab, 'Tunde Odumala, took part in the outreach.

This Radio outreach revealed a palpable hunger for the truth in many who called to ask questions on doctrine.

Please pray that the LORD would raise help to enable us to continue to reach out on the radio to those souls trapped in the health and wealth gospels, not only during our annual conference period but all year round .

#### ABUJA ON OCTOBER 31, 2015

Christ Bible Church mission team, took part in a one day conference on the theme ; 'In the world but not of the world' in Sovereign Grace Community Church in Abuja .

Messages were presented by four speakers: Nick Kennicott, Adamu Maga, Tony Okoroh, and Gerard Limtiaco who brought a sermon on 'The cure for lukewarmness'.

This was the first ever conference for the young Church, of 10 families. Over 60 people attended and one of the attendees asked if this sort of conference could be held every two weeks!



Please pray that the LORD would use the mission effort and book gifts from C.B.C, and all that was done to establish that Church in Abuja.

## ORDINATION OF DEACONS

In May, after a series of teachings on the election of Office Bearers in a local church, 60 members of SGBC took part in electing those to be appointed to the deaconate. Those elected met with the 2 elders of SGBC, and 5 men were presented to be ordained as office bearers and this was done on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015. Pastor Joe Jacowitz, accepted to superintend the ordination and he gave a charge to the 5 deacons.

Please pray that these 5 men will be faithful to the call and be helped by the Lord to fulfill their calling.



From left: Yemi Osunubi, Osinachi Nwoko, Osagie Azeta, Wole Akande, Fred Oka, and Pastor Joe Jacowitz.

## BLESSED CHILDREN MINISTRY (BCM)

The mission team from CBC, CA, USA, fellowshiped with the BCM children and teachers at the Anifowoshe, Ikeja, centre.



The 2015 prize giving will take place, God willing on December, 12. We look forward to an exciting ceremony that will bring together all the children, both in SGBC morning Sunday School, and in the three outreach centres of BCM in Lagos: Ikeja, Aboru, and Omole Phase 1. About 180 children are expected to attend the ceremony.

### GENERAL

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. The insurgency in the northern part of our country has gone international involving neighboring nations and Jihadists worldwide.

Please pray that the Lord our God might keep us in the way and keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in His work.

Thank you all.

Tony Okoroh