

Western and Central Africa Camp Meeting Report

Tuesday, August 13

The day was filled with significant spiritual activities that uplifted and inspired the attendees. It began with an early-morning prayer meeting in the tabernacle. Then a group of twenty-eight young people embarked on an evangelistic outreach to three local communities: Ketu Adie-Owe, Akinwumi, and Olorunsola.

The first Bible teaching of the camp meeting began with an organ prelude followed by the orchestra playing "He Paid It All." Then the choir's rendition of "Salvation Has Been Brought Down," and the male choir's "Yes, I know," created a worshipful atmosphere. For the testimony service, several moving accounts were shared of God's faithfulness to heal, protect, and provide. The message was delivered by Superintendent General Olusola Adesope and focused on "Evidence and Fruits of Salvation," with John 3:1-3 as the main text. Brother Sola stressed the importance of being born again and noted that physical birth brings us into sin, but spiritual birth can deliver us from sin. The message resonated and many went to the altar benches praying earnestly.

In the evening evangelistic service, the music set the tone for worship, including the powerful orchestra piece "Praise Ye the Lord." The testimonies inspired as brethren from Kogi, Sierra Leone, and Niger districts told of God's goodness. For the sermon, Chuks Mba who is a Ghana Board Member, delivered an impactful message on "Come Unto Jesus," using John 6:37 as his text. His personal testimony of salvation and an emphasis on the necessity of repentance moved many to seek spiritual renewal at the altars.

Later in the evening, representatives from the Apostolic Faith Corps Members Fellowship presented Brother Sola with a framed photo of his days as a Corps Member. He had served full-time at the WECA headquarters for one year following the completion of his undergraduate education.

Wednesday, August 14

The teaching began with a woodwind ensemble playing "My Prayer." Then the choir sang "O Wash Me Clean" and soloist Tony Ademuyiwa of Anthony Village sang "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." After congregational singing, John Bekoe, the Ghana Country Leader gave the opening prayer. Then Isaac Adigun, the WECA District Superintendent gave a warm welcome and encouraged all to exercise faith.

The service continued with the choir singing "God Is a Spirit" Then the first testimony was given by Brother Sola's wife, Tolu, who praised God for His mercies toward her family and the Family of God. Then several from Jos shared how God protected them during insurgencies in their region. James Tifase, a Nigeria Board Member, delivered the teaching on "Entire Sanctification," emphasizing daily consecration. The meeting concluded with an altar call that saw many seeking their deeper experiences.

In the afternoon, a young people's service was led by Tobi Popogbe, the WECA Youth Leader. It featured beautiful music, including a clarinet solo of "No, Not One" and the choir song "God Is Great and Merciful." Also, a ladies' choir accompanied by an accordionist, performed "Living Hope." During the testimony service, one sister shared how God provided her with a wonderful job after several years of searching. Naar-Rich Isaac, the Ghana Youth Leader, brought the Word of God with a message titled

"Mercy Showed Up." Drawing from Psalm 86:5 and 2 Chronicles 33:9, he assured the young people that no sin is too great for God's mercy. The service concluded with a good time of prayer.

The evening service was blessed by a performance of "Flight of the Bumblebee." Also, the French choir sang two songs including "Ce N'est plus Moi qui Vit, Alleluia," which translates to "This Isn't Me Anymore Who Lives, Alleluia." The testimonies rang of God's praises for deliverance from thieves, protection during travels, and help in academics. Before the message, a quartet sang "Sweet Relief." Then Marcellin Kploka, the Benin Country Leader, spoke on "The Glory of God," based on text from Exodus 33:18. He encouraged the saints to seek God's glory in their lives, and at the altar call, it appeared that many did.

Thursday, August 15

The Bible teaching commenced with a stirring orchestration of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Then the choir "The Comforter Has Come," setting a worshipful tone that was further enriched by a solo of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." The opening prayer was led by James Miller, the Liberia Country Leader. Then a ladies' choir performed "Open My Eyes That I May See." During the testimonies, one brother thanked God for healing him at last year's camp meeting, and a sister praised God for delivering her from idolatry. A quartet sang "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit" and then Mark Mfandarahawa, the Western Europe District Superintendent, spoke on "Spiritual Power for Service." Taking his text from Acts 1:4-5, he stressed the necessity of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life and encouraged the congregation to earnestly seek this divine power. At the altar call, many sought the Lord in prayer.

In the afternoon, a service was held for French speakers. It began with a flute solo of "He Hideth My Soul," followed by the choir's rendition of "Mon Plus Cher Ami," which is "My Dearest Friend" in English. Setting the tone for testimonies, the congregation sang "Count Your Blessings." Then a sister blessed God for saving and sanctifying her during last year's camp meeting. Another praised God for healing her. The message was given by Kintin Gerorges, the Ivory Coast Country Leader, on "Leaving Egypt." He urged the congregation to persist in prayer until God intervenes as He did for the Israelites. The service closed in prayer.

In the evening, a brass ensemble played "Exalt Him All Ye People." Then the choir sang "Redeemed" and a duet beautifully rendered "He Touched Me." During the testimonies one brother thanked God for bringing his wife and brother into the Gospel, and a young boy praised God for delivering him from nightmares. After a quartet sang "There's a Rock Where Sinners Hide," Seye Folarin of Oceanside, New York, preached on "An Avalanche of Blessings." He took his text from Luke 5:4 and exhorted the congregation to trust and obey God. He assured them that God's blessings await those who are faithful. As the service concluded, many rushed forward to pray and seek God's blessings.

Friday, August 16

A violin solo of "The Old Rugged Cross" opened the morning teaching. Then the choir sang "Come Holy Spirit." The congregational singing included a heartfelt "Send the Fire." The testimonies, which were preceded by the choir song "Walk About Zion," highlighted God's provision and mercies. The message was given by Titus Itanola, the WECA Director of Publishing, on "The Latter Day Outpouring." It included an outline of our church history with emphasis on our Pentecostal roots.

In the afternoon, a teen challenge was held with the theme of "Be a Good Example." It kicked off with several songs, including "He Is Able." A brief message stressed the significance of living godly in today's

ungodly environment. Then a competition was held to determine "Who Wants to Be a Bible Giant?" Thirty-one regions participated, and the Ogun Central district emerged as the winner. It was a fun and informative time for all.

The evening service featured special music, including "He Brought Me Out," performed by a brass ensemble and the Igbo song "Goziem Jisos," which means "Bless Me, Jesus." The sermon was given by Joseph Onyeabor who focused on "Total Victory" from the life of Jabez, found in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10. During the prayer service that followed, many sought God's blessings as they sang "The Year of Jubilee is Come."

Saturday, August 17

The highlight of the day was the 2024 Camp Meeting Concert. It began with the orchestra accompanying both the choir and audience in singing "How Great Thou Art." Then everyone was led in prayer before the musicians started their program. Among the songs performed, a brass ensemble played an energetic "Fuego," the choir sang "Voice of Singing," and the orchestra performed "Finale" from Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

During the intermission, Brother Isaac expressed gratitude to about 550 choir and orchestra members as well as the dedicated music leaders. He also acknowledged those members who have served over forty-five years, presenting each with a token of appreciation. Remarkably, Dotun Ewumi, who joined the choir and orchestra in April of 1968, is still an active member and also the Music Director.

The second part of the concert commemorated the 80th anniversary of our work in Africa. This was through a blend of narration, trivia, historical performances, live renditions, and a sing-along session, all anchored by Tope Makun. During this, the pioneer and veteran choir members were honored. In addition, it was brought out that the Nigeria music ministry began with two musicians and has grown to include 4,000.

The music in the second half of the concert included an acapella "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" by the choir, and the youth choir song, "Di Jesu Mu," with soloist Seweje. The children's choir also sang, and the orchestra performed "Africa Must Be Saved." The concert concluded with the senior choir and orchestra performing "We Are Marching to Zion," which led into an altar call.

Sunday, August 18

Before Sunday school, the elementary school children from Oyo presented a program titled "Gideon Repaired the Altar of the Lord." Then everyone was dismissed to classes. The adult class was led by Rosanna Williams on "Divine Healing Provided in the Atonement." Drawing from Scriptures like Matthew 10:1 and James 5:13-18, she noted the power of divine healing by sharing testimonies, including her own. At the close, the choir sang "And Can It Be" and the congregation was invited to offer heartfelt praises to God who promises healing for those who ask in faith.

The morning service included the dramatic "Jesus of Nazareth," performed by the choir and a brass ensemble. The sermon was given by retired Abeokuta pastor, Enoch Ajayi, who preached on "And Thou Solomon My Son," urging the congregation to serve God with a pure heart and sound doctrine. The service concluded with the hymn "Just Obey" and then everyone went to prayer.

A service was conducted for the youth in the afternoon with testimonies telling of God's grace and healing power. For the message, Ini Okon spoke on "Everlasting Gate," inspiring the congregation to maintain a pure heart to receive blessings from God. The evening service featured additional musical performances, including orchestral and choir pieces. Then Alfred Ikotun, the pastor at Oceanside, preached on "Consider the Outcome," from 2 Samuel 3:34. Both services were followed by a wonderful time of prayer around the altars.

Monday, August 19

In the evening, everyone gathered in the main tabernacle to view the movie "Bro. T." It depicted the life and ministry of Reverend Timothy Oshokoya, the first Africa Overseer, who was fondly known as Brother T. The film vividly portrayed his unwavering dedication to the Gospel, highlighting the sacrifices he made to spread the Word of God. His legacy continues to inspire, encouraging the saints to remain steadfast in their faith and commitment to God's work. Following the movie, many went to the altars, where heartfelt prayers were offered, and many experienced profound blessings.

Tuesday, August 20

The morning teaching was filled with music that inspired faith. The orchestra played "He Will Answer Every Prayer," the choir sang "Pray the Clouds Away," and a soloist offered "All That I Want is in Jesus." The testimonies, which included several from children, blessed God for His healing power, provision, and saving grace. An octet continued to inspire with "Why Don't You Try Praying." Then William Ekong of Ikot Enwang, preached from Genesis 32 on "Prevailing Prayer." Citing Biblical examples of divine intervention, he exhorted all to pray earnestly and persistently. At the close, the altars quickly filled.

The evening service opened with a lively orchestration of "Joy Down in My Heart." The choir sang in English and in Efik. In the testimonies, one told of narrowly escaping death with God's help. Others thanked God for rescue from a fire, physical healing, and salvation. Before the message, a quartet performed "Mercy is Free." Then Johnson Okpo delivered a message on the topic "Power Passing All Power" based on Matthew 28:15. He pointed to God's supreme power over all life's situations, advising the congregation to trust in God's omnipotence. Many responded to the altar call by earnestly seeking God.

Wednesday, August 21

A soul-lifting piano solo set a hopeful tone to start the morning teaching. The choir and congregational singing continued this with "Hold on, My Child" and "My Anchor Holds," respectively. The testimonies were powerful, telling of God delivering from kidnapping as prayers went up from the saints across the globe. Emmanuel Moh, a Nigeria Board Member, delivered the Bible teaching titled "The Trial of Faith and the Reward," based on 1 Peter 1:3-5. He brought out God's readiness to help Christians through trials. The service concluded with a strong response to the altar call.

A youth service featured the choir's performance of "Control" and testimonies of divine healing, academic excellence, and deliverance from sin. Sunday Onakoya of Lagos preached on "The Name of the Lord" from 1 Kings 18:24, calling attention to the power in Jesus' name. An altar call provided an opportunity for attendees to seek the Lord in faith for all their needs.

The evening service began with a trumpet solo and the choir's rendition of "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." The testimonies honored God for His protection, healing, and provision. For the message,

Ayotomi Fasuyi took her text from Matthew 27:22 and asked the congregants, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" She challenged attendees to accept Jesus as their Savior, and the day concluded with fervent

Thursday, August 22

The final Bible teaching stirred hearts to anticipation with the music and message. To begin, the orchestra played "Jesus is Coming," the choir sang "I Can Almost Hear the Sound of the Trumpet," and the youth choir sang "The King is Coming." Then the choir sang again before the testimony service, "Meeting in the Air." One sister testified of being delivered from robbers and another thanked God for healing her of a painful condition. A solo of "Jesus is Coming Again," set the tone for the message on "The Glorious Second Coming of Christ. It was delivered by Olajide Yesufu of Anthony Village, who used key verses from 1 John 3:1-3 and Titus 2:11-13 to vividly describe the imminent return of Christ. He also expounded on the discernible signs preceding Christ's arrival, issuing solemn warnings to the Church. The teaching culminated in a heartfelt altar call, as the congregation sang, encouraging all to prepare for the Lord's glorious return.

In the afternoon, a French service began with a violin solo and several choir songs, including "Ta Volonté" or "Your Will." The sermon was given by Sister Abbey on "You Are Inexcusable." Drawing from Romans 1:19-20, which declares the glory of God in creation, she encouraged the youth to seek God without making excuses. At the close, there was a good response to the altar call.

In the evening, the choir sang "God Is Good" and a Yoruba special. The testimonies touted God's mighty power to save and heal. A soloist performed "When Jesus Comes" and then for his sermon, Phillip Isaiah asked the congregation, "What Is Your Excuse?" Taking his text from Luke 14:16-18 and Matthew 6:33, he said God's blessings are available to those who come to Him without excuses.

Friday, August 23

In the morning, there was cause for rejoicing as 988 candidates were water baptized. These may or may not have been part of the 4,138 who reported that their names were newly written in Heaven during this camp meeting. Other blessings would be reported by the close of the camp meeting to include 2,106 sanctified, 972 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4,131 re-anointed, and 5,558 healed. We praise God for His abundant mercies.

In the afternoon, a youth service included a special rendition of "Glorify Thy Name," and a choir performance of "The Wonder of It All." The testimonies, which were powerful and uplifting, were followed by a trio singing "Speak to My Heart." Then Ejiakor Praise delivered a message titled "Let There Be Light." He used text from Genesis 1:2-3 and Acts 12:1-10 to illustrate the power of God's Word and encourage the youth to pray in faith. There was a good altar service following.

In the evening the saints had a joyous time of fellowship as they observed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing.

Saturday, August 24

As the 2024 Camp Meeting approached its final days, a mix of emotions filled the campground. While some campers began their journeys home, others were reluctant to leave the fellowship they had cherished. The day began with the usual early-morning prayers, followed by the cleaning of the campground. Then the Elementary Sunday School Conference started, with teachers gathering to

discuss effective methods for imparting spiritual truths to children. Later, the Adult Sunday School Conference convened, focusing on the challenges and responsibilities of teaching adults in the faith.

In the afternoon, a youth retreat was held at the Legacy Hall. It provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection, as the young people gathered for focused teachings and fellowship. Meanwhile, across the camp, various groups held meetings and mini get-togethers, offering a chance for fellowship, spiritual refreshment and connection among the saints.

The day's activities continued into the evening, with Sunday school and youth choir practices. These sessions were marked by dedication as participants prepared for the final services of the camp meeting. Later, the Senior Choir and orchestra held their general meeting and practice, filling the tabernacle with the harmonious sounds that had become a hallmark of the camp meeting. Simultaneously, Apostolic Faith Campus Fellowship (AFCF) members conducted their final tent meeting tagged "Variety Night." It offered a mix of music, fellowship, testimonies, and spiritual encouragement.

As the day drew to a close, there was a palpable sense of both gratitude and anticipation among the campers, marking the end of a spiritually enriching camp meeting.

Sunday, August 25

The final day of the camp meeting was filled with a deep sense of reverence and spiritual anticipation. It began early in the morning with fervent prayers in the prayer room. Then everyone gathered for Sunday school at the sound of a moving organ prelude. During the general assembly, the elementary students from Ogun delivered a compelling presentation titled "King Manasseh," which served as a heartfelt call to repentance. This was followed by a Sunday school lesson on "Last Days and the Latter Rain," led by Bolaji Popoola. He drew insightful parallels between the spiritual state of Israel in Biblical times and our current era.

The Devotional Service was marked by a beautiful orchestral performance of "Count Your Blessings" and a stirring rendition of "Now Thank We All Our God" by the choir. Brother Isaac gave the message, speaking passionately of the need to "Repair the Broken Altar," drawing from the story of Elijah. He noted the importance of restoring spiritual fervor in individual's lives, families, and communities. He also reminded that true revival begins with personal repentance and dedication. The service concluded with an altar call that saw many hearts touched and lives renewed.

In the afternoon, the youth service was vibrant and uplifting, starting with an inspiring orchestration and choir performance. Godsgift Israel delivered an impactful message titled "The Wonders of Jesus," urging the youth to cling to the powerful truths of God's Word. Testimonies of miraculous healings and deliverance were shared, adding to the atmosphere of faith and expectation that filled the service.

The farewell service was a fitting conclusion to the camp meeting. The congregation joined in worship with hymns and special musical performances that elevated a spirit of gratitude and reflection. Nosa Uwoghiren of Ogun State delivered the closing sermon, "Lord, Remember Me," which focused on the power of seeking God's mercy and resonated deeply with the attendees. As the service drew to a close, the altar was filled with those seeking God's touch, marking a profound end to a deeply spiritual gathering.

Late into the night, campers packed their luggage and prepared for departure, carrying with them the blessings and experiences of a truly memorable camp meeting.

