Yabatech UBF Annual Report 2020, Nigeria

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

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Dear heavenly Father! We thank you for saving us from the power of sin and death; we thank you for your care, love, pruning, and provision throughout the year 2020. Please, fill us with your Spirit to catch the vision of the coming year. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

I. Annual Review in 2020

We thank God for his grace and faithfulness for the year 2020. We enter the Year 2020 in uncertainty. We could not attend Africa directors and leaders conference. Neither could we write our annual report. The political situation of the country was thence as the economy was nose diving. There were lot of factors however; the most eminent one was the issue of insecurity in the whole county, in such that when we travelled to the nation's capital Abuja, to get VISA for Egypt Africa leader's conference, there was an arm robbery attack on the way but God protected us.

Our key verse for 2020 was 1 John 3: 18. We chose this verse so as to practice sincere love, effective co working and unity among us. Hence, we struggled to serve one another, including our Brothers and Sisters with this spirit.

In the previous years, YABATECH UBF Bible Center has really suffered a great set back due to distance from the campus; couple with the lagoon water that frequently entered the center. Our invitees never return because of the dirty water around the building. This made the ministry to be more of old members.

Around February, the State serves the ministry papers for the integrity test of our Bible Center to be carried out. The result showed that the building was no longer fit for Human Habitation. So, we were ordered to demolish it. While this was going on, YABATECH AUTHORITY was planning to split the campus. This affected four (4) of our Sisters, who where in the Tent living common life, as they were moved from Lagos to YABATECH EPE campus. About seven (7) hour's drive from the main campus. We are still praying for God's direction on how to serve these Sisters.

Just as the whole world witness, Nigeria was not left out as the Covid 19 Pandemic brought our country to a total lockdown. We tried to stay focused afloat with the dual events of our Bible Center demolition, and Covid19 pandemic effect on congregating. Painfully and helplessly we watched some of our Brothers and Sisters have to go home and others fend for accommodation for themselves in environments we have no oversight, and also having to deal with the ultimate search for a new bible centre. But thanks to God that "Zoom" technology was able to help us sharpen one another in faith while we were rotating worship services in our respective houses. We started online Bible studies and message streaming via facebook.

Presently, God has blessed us with a BIBLE HOUSE directly opposite Yabatech with support from the Head Quarters and Brethren from Korea. It is a 3 minutes' walk to Yabatech. The place currently serves as Bible house and Sunday worship Center until we get a bigger Center. As it can only take about 30 brethren.

Amidst everything, God blessed us to establish a House Church between Brother Alvin Osuya and Sister Sandra Onikosi on the 26th December, 2020. Which was held at, UNILAG Chapter, officiated by Shepherd Abraham Omotunde.

2. Direction for The New Year 2021

Next year, having gotten closer to our mission field, our focus is to raise many more disciple for Jesus through feeding them with God's word and also to improve our technology reach-out to students through social media as we cohesively act at all level.

Our Christian life involves a lot of struggle. It requires us to give up whatever endangers our relationship with God, to run patiently, and to struggle against sin with the power of the Holy Spirit. This year, we have been struggling with the problems we face, amid the pandemic, but no one can solve the problems on their own. We live in an age of aimless distractions. Our country is currently on recession, with high rate of inflation. There is a serious problem of insecurity. There are drums of war, coup and civil war. So many things clamor for our attention that we can easily lose sight of our goal. We need to live by faith with a clear goal and source of strength and power and not shrink back. Hence we need to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. This is when we can run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Currently in our Bible house we need new Bible student. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, and remember that he is the author and perfecter of our faith, then like the Samaritan woman who out of gratitude brought her people to Jesus, we can go to YABATECH and tell the students who Jesus is, and what He has done for us as the author and finisher of our faith through 1 to 1 Bible study.

Hence, our New Year key verse is Hebrews 12:1b-2a Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Thanking Topics

- 1. We are grateful to God for showing himself faithful in our lives and Ministry this year.
- 2. Thank God for his provisions
- 3. Thank God for blessing us with a bible house close to Yabatech.
- 4. Thank God for the successful establishment of a House Church.
- 5. Thank God for blessing our Ministry with 2 Babies this year through Shepherd Augustine's family in Kaduna and Shepherd Samuel Jimmy's Family.

6. We are also grateful to God who healed Shepherd Augustine's family and granted them good health.

Prayer Topics:

- 1. To faithfully teach the bible through 1:1 and online.
- 2. 60 one on one and 40 Sunday worship service attendances.
- 3. For God to bring us all completely together again to form one vessel of the holy spirit, to faithful and humbly co-work together to serve God's flock of Sheep.
- 4. To rent a Tent for our Brothers and Sisters to resume and live common life.
- 5. To get a bigger and a spacious Bible Center Close to Yabatech.
- 6. For us to establish two (2) House churches in the year 2021.
- 7. For our growing leaders, Brother Gideon to get a mission friendly Job, Brother Michael to accept mission life and Sis. Bisola to trust God for her future.
- 8. God's direction for our Sisters at Yabatech Epe Campus.

9. We pray that God for Brother Emmanuel and Isaac of UNICAL to keep their faith amid strike and good health for Sheps Bimbo.