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ForeWord.

The defence of the Christian faith by Elon Musk, a self professed Atheist that Christianity is on the way to perishing, when the Paris Olympics organisers paraded some clowns in mockery of the Lords Upper was not **a first** alarm about threats to continuity of the Christian faith in the near future.

Analyst and researchers have shown that we – the global Christian has stagnated in our growth in the last 100 years. The State of the Great Commission report, a set of groundbreaking research that brings together the finest global data and over 150 key strategic thinkers to analyse the most crucial gaps and opportunities in fulfilling the Great Commission by the Lausanne Congress has added this concern as one of her top priorities ahead of the 4th Lausanne Congress in Seoul, Korea in September this year.

This threat has not only also put us – Paul and Lola Alabi and team as endangered species – the risk of the survival of our missionary career, but has long since been a limiting factor to our performance and output, both within and outside Nigeria. Please read further to understand our predicament.

God bless you more.

Paul and Lola Alabi.

EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO CHRISTIANITY!

In the mid-1980s, 24% of world's population (1.8 billion people) had little or no Gospel access, writes Kent Parks (President & CEO of Beyond, formerly called Mission to Unreached Peoples). Today, that figure has grown to 29% (2.1 billion people).

WE ARE HAVING MORE UNBELIEVERS THAN CHRISTIANS.

Pew Research Centre reports that while the number of Christians worldwide has grown, **this growth has not kept pace with overall population growth**. In 2010, there were about 2.2 billion Christians, a significant increase from 600 million in 1910, but this growth is slower compared to the global population growth over the same period.

WE ARE HAVING MORE BIRTHS THAN CONVERSIONS.

Added to these are the **undocumented category of Christians leaving the faith** – already at an epidemic level in Europe, America, we have **report of Christians in central Nigeria seeking spiritual power from Traditionalist** as a result of the incessant attacks in their community by Bandits and terrorist.

CHRISTIANS IN SYNCRETISM OR OUTRIGHTLY EXITING CHURCH.

The Centre for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary also published a report indicating that Christianity's growth is not outpacing global population growth.

More crippling is the inability of the assigned, designated Christian Worker to win more souls or do missions because the resources, mainly funding is drying up.

Presently, the we – the Alabis are experiencing a decline of funding to sustain our mission activities and to meet family needs.

OUR INCOME NO LONGER MEET OUR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

What is the Solution to these DECLINE of the Christian faith, globally?

These answers are activities practiced across board with successes, when done, consistently:

1. Abundant Prayers – **by the Church, the Missionaries and Partners.**
2. Evangelistic Activities – **by the Church and the Missionaries.**
3. Multiplying Discipleship – **by The Church and the Missionaries.**
4. Empowering Ordinary People for Ministry – **Church and Missionaries.**
5. Never Ending Leadership Training for All – **Church and Missionaries.**
6. Support/funding –**By the members to Church, Partners to Missionaries**

Britain and some countries are reported to begin selling their Churches as a result of their lack of usage, due to the declining number of Christians.

Increasing number of Missionaries are packing up and leaving Christian service as a result of poor funding.

What fate awaits the Alabis? 'Only their Partners can tell' (help)
Ezekiel 37:3 & 4



Lola presented copies of Bibles to some trainees

several successes that is accruing from our mission.

Every life, at a particular age is required to be a model – be it human, animals, plants or organisations. That is one result we can show from our

One of them is modelling missions to our mentees and students from the Africa Centre for Theological Studies (ACTS) who are required to embark on a local and an international mission trip before graduation, be they Masters, First Degree or

Diploma students.

Another set was commissioned last month.

Among the courses in their calendar were these two that we facilitated.

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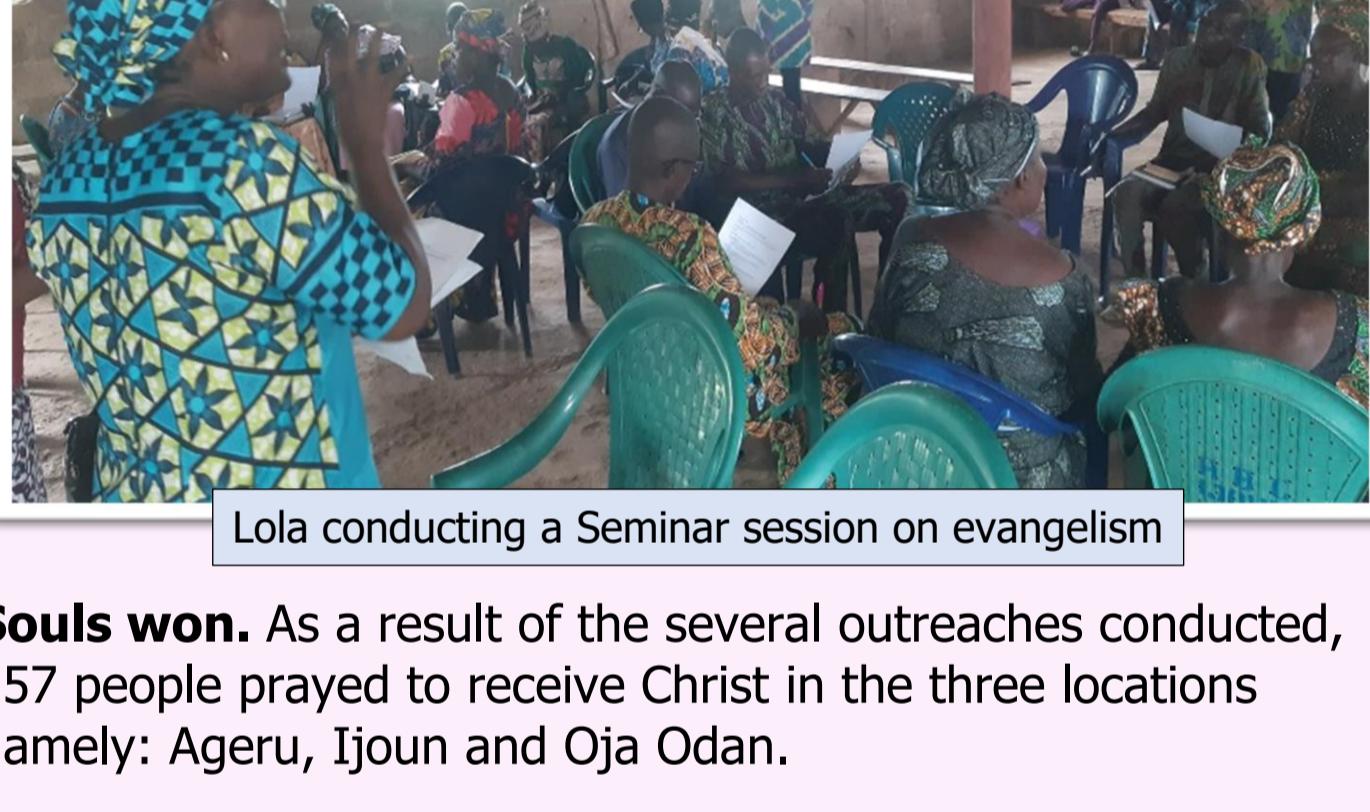


The Trainees practicing how to share their faith.

Transformational Church Planting.

Introducing the students to the concept and need for church planting and **DL 104 Strategic Planning for Missions.**

Exposing students to strategic thinking and planning about kingdom missions, known as an **immersion**, the Theological students were guided by Lola and a fellow Missionary. The 6 students were responsible for the planning, funding and execution of the outreach to the Ohori, Anago, Ketu fields in Ogun State.



Lola conducting a Seminar session on evangelism

Souls won. As a result of the several outreaches conducted, 157 people prayed to receive Christ in the three locations namely: Ageru, Ijoun and Oja Odan.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION – Paul has a successor!

The leadership of the outreach department of the African Centre for Theological Studies, led by Paul since its inauguration has been handed over to Rev Caleb, a Missionary colleague. Paul who had combined 3 roles alongside his Doctoral studies will now focus on Sending (Short Term Missionaries) and Mobilisation.

Rev Caleb successfully led the students out on this mission after the hand over was done. His first assignment on mission trips, coming from the admin department.

FACILITATING LEARNING FOR THE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION CLASS AT THE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL'S MASTER OF ART IN ORGANISATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT, ABUJA.

Paul facilitated the Conflict Management and Transformation (CMT) course among the 4 in this Residency (a one-week introduction of the course) and the 12 in the program, some other courses Include Integrity & Finance, Leadership, Mentoring, Spiritual Formation, Strategic Leadership, Teach Learn for Impact, Women in Ministry (and Leadership), Ethics for Leaving, Spiritual Formation and others.

The CMT class were taught using different methods, among them is using group discussions that resulted into different findings.



They had opportunities to practice Mediation Sessions. Adopting case studies and playing different roles like the accused, defence, Mediator and witness.



In this Demo team pictured above are 2 Barristers, an NGO leader and a Church leader.

Their experiences and feedback were very positive as attested by the majority of the 23 adult learners. After the one-week Residency, they will spend a period of 22 Weeks to study the course manual answering the questions spread through the course book.

Many of them affirm their newly added skill will complement their leadership responsibilities and relational roles at home, work and their Churches leading to peaceful families and workplaces.

SILVER JUBILEE (25 YEARS) OF THE MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY OF THE ALABIS.

We bless the name of the Lord for the gift of life and the grace to respond to our call to missions.

September 4th and October 6th are our 25th wedding and Ministry anniversaries respectively.

Hallelujah to Jesus!

Report on the Alabi Mission Station.

We are pleased to announce the donation of a plot of land in Magboro, off the Lagos Ibadan expressway, Ogun State to us.

Purpose: Accommodation & Ministry Centre.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- i. First Thank God for helping us through these 25 years.
- ii. Pray for grace, life and the means to do another 25 years.
- iii. Pray for guidance and divine provisions to build.
- iv. Thank God for our Partners, they made the mission and journey possible. Pray more grace for them in Jesus name.

