

Personal Testimony of NDUKWE, elder Nathaniel Overseer: Fellowship of Intercessors-India

During the revival of the 1960s in Nigeria, Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) was one of the carriers of the fire of God. The church was known for outstanding miracles and was spreading fast in the eastern part of Nigeria. The crowd that congregated at the daily meetings was simply for the purpose of having their problems met. However at the same time, the Holy Spirit was pouring out grace for salvation to the multitude at the same time baptizing first time worshipers in the Holy Spirit.

In the Enugu Urban area lived a family of a couple and three daughters. The wife of Jacob Egbu NDUKWE had given him three daughters which blessing was considered a major problem because of cultural beliefs that daughter cannot be economically important to families and more, cannot continue with their family tree.

Mr. Ndukwe was just a part of the society with a weird culture and could not lift his head high among his people as he has no son to continue his family tree. In the other hand the wife Mrs. Ndukwe was suffering the stigma of an accursed woman who is unable to give her husband a male child. As it's always the case, the woman started looking out for solution to her plight.

Members of the Christ Apostolic Church then invited her to fellowship and for an encounter with the true God. She went and was convicted by the Holy Spirit of her sins which led to her repentance. In her own words: I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and water baptism followed the same day.

Her first evangelism was to the husband who responded with yes to at least attend the church service. At the church service, Mr. Ndukwe couldn't understand what the story about God and salvation meant, as he already believed in the multitude of gods his community worshiped. But the statement that this God of heaven blesses those who trust in Him moved him to ask for a male child with an added promise to give the church a feast if prayer is answered.

About 10 months later, I, Nathaniel was born to Mr/Mrs Ndukwe. The first miracle in my life is that I was a gift from God and not from the idols that people prayed to and dedicated their children to. This miracle reflects in my name "NATHAN-EL" Nathan meaning gift and EL meaning God, hence gift from God.

During the Nigerian Civil war of 1967 to 1970, there was a unique miracle in my life thanks to my mother's prayer to Jesus. I was not sick or malnourished like millions of children.

God used me to draw my mother back to himself after the Civil war ended by allowing immense stomach ache which doctors could not diagnose the reason. My mother referred to Jesus who cured me immediately in an evening fellowship. This miracle prompted my mother to stick on to the faith in Christ Jesus.

My mother sowed the seed of fear of God in me and this seed kept me afloat till I answered the alter call in 1983. Before I got born again, I would mimic the pastors by praying for the sick and preaching the

gospel as I heard it. Though it was a child's play, people claimed healed after prayers. May be it was just their faith in God and not any sort of anointing working in a 6 to Ten years old boy.

1983 was a remarkable year in my life; I was born again, water and Holy Spirit baptized. I loved the evangelical part of the ministry and was actively involved both in school and home. I took part in the music ministry, but couldn't make any spiritual impacts. I taught in the Sunday school and had good testimonies from my students that I was understood and more importantly they said I was a gifted teacher. I was tried in the leadership position College scripture Union President and church youth president.

There was also a covenant of blessing that I made with the Lord in 1983 with a clause of my continued obedience to Him. He prophetically confirmed the covenant with a warning of backsliding at the point of the blessings, but assured that if I'd return after the fall, there will be a second wave that will surpass the first wave. God established the covenant in 1989/90. I was blessed financially above my equals. My not being able to manage the blessings and having not experienced the worldly pleasure put me out of obedience to God, but the fear was still strong in my spirit.

My business crashed and I suffered economically till there was a genuine repentance. I began to experience some strange phenomenon while in South Korea; God speaking to me in the ways of dream, vision and the written word. These mediums were so clear and real that I'd never doubt who was talking. He was calling me to serve Him. However I thought it was an impossible appeal from His side to call me because of my community background and my personal life ambition, but when I couldn't resist the call, I answered "Lord here I am send me".

1993 April I was back to Nigeria and almost immediately forgot the agreement to serve the might God. I started making other plans to get back into business full time. This move resulted into losing everything I had acquired. I became homeless and starved till I re-answered the call and this time never to say no to Him.

My training took an awkward part; instead of joining a bible school, I went into discipleship training as He specifically directed me. He defined my training and ministry. A company of ministers with varied experiences and callings trained me at the same time. I was passed through starvation, near nakedness and pressure from various quarters. I experienced rejection from loved ones and friends. I learnt to fall back on God when no one was there for me. The Bible was the only book that I read about 4 to 5 years. When I was really soaked in the word, I began to experience the Holy Spirit in a different way. Communion with Him was indescribable and peace unimaginable. Fasting was the only way to live and though it was good to my spirit, it bad to my health, but all things work together for good to those that love God; who are called according to His purpose.

In the late 1999, God spoke to my mentor to release me to go fulfill my ministry. I was ordained and sent forth in February of 2000 and I came to India March of same year.

I began to experience God in different ways as a protector in a strange land, a provider and a sustainer. Both my life and Ministry took a different turn for good. At the same time God had other servants who

helped to shape my life with afflictions, but because I was already a kind of master over affliction, it turned to God's praise.

During my ten years of ministry in India, I have been saved from horrible accident that killed several people while on a trip to Nigeria. I have been delivered from life threatening diseases and ordeals. I fought with a beast in India and was saved from death. My Son and I were delivered from snake bite in India.

God is using this willing vessel to set idol worshippers free, deliver those oppressed by demons and heal the sick.

My vision is to establish an International House of Prayer where the following will be our full time ministry:

- 24 hours prayer chain for Nations and people groups and families.
- Discipleship Training that will raise Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastor and Teachers.
- Network of ministries and churches.
- Operation Israel; a special taskforce for the Nation of Israel's return to Jesus.

I need to hear from you.

Many Blessings as you give us a willing support any way possible.

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