

# ANNUAL REPORT FROM DR.DAVID UMUNE, PRESIDENT OF TETMI

Looking back to 2017, I can really see many reasons to thank God for all He did and for raising many godly people of His to support us on that journey, which turned out to be a great journey, in terms of harvesting of souls and impacting the physical lives of the people. It is quite amazing what the Lord enabled us to accomplish together with you as you supported us earnestly. As I promised you in my last letter to you, it is my privilege to report on some of the major things that happened and give you a birds eye view of what the year 2018 holds for us, by His grace.

## 1. Dedication of our Triple Projects:



One major event that I remember with great nostalgia was the dedication of our Clinic, Ruth Somerville Clinic; The Male and Female Hostels and the Water Treatment Plant for the whole facility. These projects were historic and encouraging and signaled the liberation of the Community from the shackles of the enemy. The people danced and rejoiced on seeing that particular day, especially those who were the first fruits of our ministry in that land. Others shed tears of joy and wished that my parents, who started this journey, were all alive to witness and participate in the historic celebrations. All glory to God and thanks to you for your prayers and financial supports that made them possible.

## 2. LeadersFor Strategic Impact:

The introduction of the LeadersFor approach to leadership development for the local church started to yield its impact already. 2017 witnessed the beginning of the ownership of the project and implementation of its lessons in local churches by some of those



involved. It is so particularly interesting that some of the participants have already set a goal and target of how to begin the training and equipping of local leadership to take over the church leadership while the skilled and formally trained Pastors be released for further pioneering work. This is a great breakthrough in the thinking process and a paradigm shift in doing 'church' work in this part of the world. Very historic as well!

### 3. Ogiri Crises and Response:



WE are very grateful to God for the very quick response we got to show our love and concern for the people of Ogiri when there was a communal war to cost some lives and displaced thousands of people from that land. We were able to respond with relief materials worth hundreds of thousands of Naira which they received gladly and testified that we were the first and only people to have come to show them love in a practical tangible way. We distributed food items and clothings to several who lost all they had so they can begin to rebuild their lives. That was practical God's love in action! To God be the glory!

#### 4. Free Medical Outreach



To the glory of God, we were able to embark on a one week Free Medical Outreach in Akaeze area but had over 1300 people treated with many people coming from far neighbouring villages to avail themselves of that opportunity. We had three Medical Doctors and several volunteer Nurses who helped in treating the people. That signaled the opening of the recently dedicated and commissioned Ruth Sommerville Clinic and making it operational. It has remained operational to this day, with records of hundreds that have visited the clinic over the time and received treatment, with a volunteer Doctor visiting once every week for consultation. Till date, six souls have been won to the Lord through the clinic by the Nurses working there as staff. This is our ultimate goal for the clinic!

#### 5. Diaspora Outreach

Towards the end of last year, God opened our eyes and convinced us that we need to take action towards reaching the people of the diaspora living among and around us. We had spent five years trying to create awareness and mobilise the church in the cities to engage these people living around them and harvest the fruits before it gets rotten and cause

problems for the church. However, it was becoming increasingly clear that the church needs strong leadership in this area, needs to see an example of what needs to be done and be encouraged to follow suit. Also, it is possible that the church leaders here are not keen on engaging these people with the gospel. After serious prayers and consultations, we felt the Lord leading us to engage in this work. We engaged a northern missionary, who is vast in the language and understands the culture better than we do and he is reaching out to them. We also solicited the technical assistance of others who have been doing this in the north to help guide and lead our Missionary, since we have not been "on this road before". Just by December last, we had an outreach in a secluded place and about 30 persons gave their lives to Christ and are being disciplined now. This is a breakthrough!

#### **6. Osso Edda Primary School:**

By the grace of God and through the gifts and supports of the people of God, we have been able to bring this Primary School up to the minimum standard required by the government to give them state approval. We are awaiting the visit of the approval panel and believing God that they will finally give her the approval needed, together with the school at Umuobor, giving us two government approved Primary Schools. We give God the glory!

#### **7. Church Land:**

Also within the year in review, we were able to purchase two plots of land for two of our churches here, Iyioji and Okpanku. This has been of great help and they are waring up to start work on those lands for their churches. Thank you very much!

#### **8. Laboratory Equipment**

To the glory of God, we have been able to purchase basic Medical laboratory equipment for the Ruth Somerville Clinic, though still wrapped in cartons and ready to be displayed. We were waiting for the inspection of the clinic by the Government Ministry of Health and that has been done. We have been asked to come next week to collect the Certificate of Approval. This is very great. Having gotten their official approval, we will display and start running it soon.

## 9. Discipleship Training



Another area that we really give thanks to God is this crucial area of making disciples. It was a conscious decision taking to make direct effort at training our staff so that they will become agents of change and transformation at their duty posts. The Pastors to initiate change through discipleship in their churches, our teachers to equally initiate change and transformation through discipleship in their schools and among their students, at their homes and churches and our Nurses to see their duty post as an opportunity to reach out to souls and cause discipleship to occur with their patients. We thank God for the impact it is having among them. Some of them, after the discussion and teaching on Baptism, having not been baptism through immersion asked for advice on what to do to remedy their situation. At our recent All Workers One Day meeting, one of the staffs said, "the effort of the Ministry in discipleship is one area that has impacted me positively and all of us as well. I have observed how our attitude to work and responsibility has changed positively and the school environment has become very conducive and friendly, as a result of the lessons from the discipleship training". This is a great testimony.

## 2081 in View

By the grace of God, the Board of this Ministry, in their wisdom has approved several activities for this Ministry for 2018 and set goals for us to attain. However, let me highlight the major areas and activities and solicit for your prayers and support.

1. We will embark on a three weeks outreach in our Obudu/Kwande areas on a one week each quarter visit to strengthen our hands in those areas and reach more souls for the Lord.
2. WE will have another Free Medical Outreach around April and visit more local communities with Medical practitioners and show the love of God in a practical way.
3. WE are hoping for an integrated Outreach by August, comprising of VBS and Women Ministries Conference.
4. LeadersFor, which has become very impactful for our work here for expansion, will continue and intensified as we get into more detailed and 'complicated' sections.
5. We are hoping to add to the number of Missionaries we have on the diaspora work so that we can reach more people before the door closes.

We need your prayers and support for the above focus for 2018 and together, we will witness what the Lord will yet do with us in this year.

Thank you for standing with us these years and in 2017 particularly and we trust that you will come along with us more than last year. Your prayers and support were of immense help and we need more from you this year.

God bless you.

Yours truly,

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