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OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS (OAC) NIGERIA NEWS & PRAYER LETTER MAY & JUNE 2025

Keeping our Passion for the lost

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God..." (2 Timothy 1:6)

Desperation is a great indicator of what is happening inside of us. It is an expression of a deep cry for something. It was John Hyde a missionary to India who's prayer for souls showed a great desperation when he cried "Give me souls or I die". Can we have such cries again? Jesus hung on the cross and cried out "I thirst". It showed desperation to finish the work of salvation. Shortly after his desperate cry he shouted, "It is finished". The die was cast. Redemption of mankind culminated. Hallelujah! What is the level of your passion for the lost? May the Lord increase our passion for the lost in Jesus' name.

❖ Two Muslims Submit to Jesus:

It is amazing how the Lord draws people to Himself. I got a call from someone by name Aliyu that it was Mohammed that gave him my phone number that Mohammed told them I was the one that led him to Jesus Christ. He said he and Halilu will want to meet me they too want to submit their lives to Jesus Christ. They came surrendered their lives to Christ after hearing the gospel. Pray for their stability.

❖ Outreach to Taraba State:

Taraba state is North-East Nigeria. It is an area where Boko Haram always attacks. The Mission arm of our denomination ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) plans an annual outreach programme to mostly unreached places within and outside Nigeria. This year I was able to join and partner with the team that went to Taraba State North-East of Nigeria. It was a nationwide saturation campaign. The outreach was graced by nothing less than 1 thousand people. Each team went to their assigned location and our team numbered 46 people and our team went to the hills towards the boundary with Cameroun, a neighboring country with Nigeria. This mission was one of the scariest and dangerous because of the physical terrain and mostly infested by

terrorists. Praise God all the teams were safe except for one of the team that had an accident and the car burnt into ashes and some of them had injuries. We also had a motorbike accident while going up the hills where I hit my back and left wrist and had to be treated on the field and back home. The mission Hilux Pickup truck had to navigate through the dry rivers and farms of people to bring medical supplies and carry two of us that got injured back to the town. The community we went to had no social amenities at all. They had to walk a distance to get water from the stream both for drinking and other things. We drank the brownish water by faith. A lady from the UK saw the water and plans to drill a well in that community.





TARABA STATE MISSION FIELD OUTREACH

❖ Steve Harris in Kagoro, Kaduna State Nigeria:

We were so delighted to have Steve Harris visit us in Kagoro Nigeria. His visit was so encouraging and impactful especially for me that is just beginning OAC in Nigeria.

- i. School Outreaches-During his visit we had three school outreaches, two private schools and one government school. We reception was very good. Steve messages were straightforward and his English was quite understandable and with the blend of the gospel magic the students were wowed. The schools are open for further outreach.



EVANGELIST

STEVE HARRIS ARRIVES NIGERIA



BREAKFAST WITH

**EVANGELIST STEVE HARRIS AFTER
ARRIVAL TO NIGERIA**



ANALYSING A POINT WITH
STEVE HARRIS



OUTREACH TO PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
KAGORO



HARRIS WITH STAFF AND
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT OF THE



AT ECWA SEMINARY STAFF
SCHOOL KAGORO

- ii. **Two open airs**-To put into practice what Steve Harris taught us we took to the Kagoro market, though not a market day and the motor park where we Steve did two sketch board presentations and some Gospel magic. We had great conversations with people who stopped to listen and glory to God we had a couple of them who submitted to the Lordship of the Jesus Christ. Please pray these ones will grow into the stature of the fullness of Christ.



HARRIS DOING WHAT HE
KNOWS BEST - EVANGELISM



SKETCH BOARD EVANGELISM
IN AN OPEN MARKET IN
KAGORO-NIGERIA



OPEN MARKET EVANGELISM
SKETCH BOARD



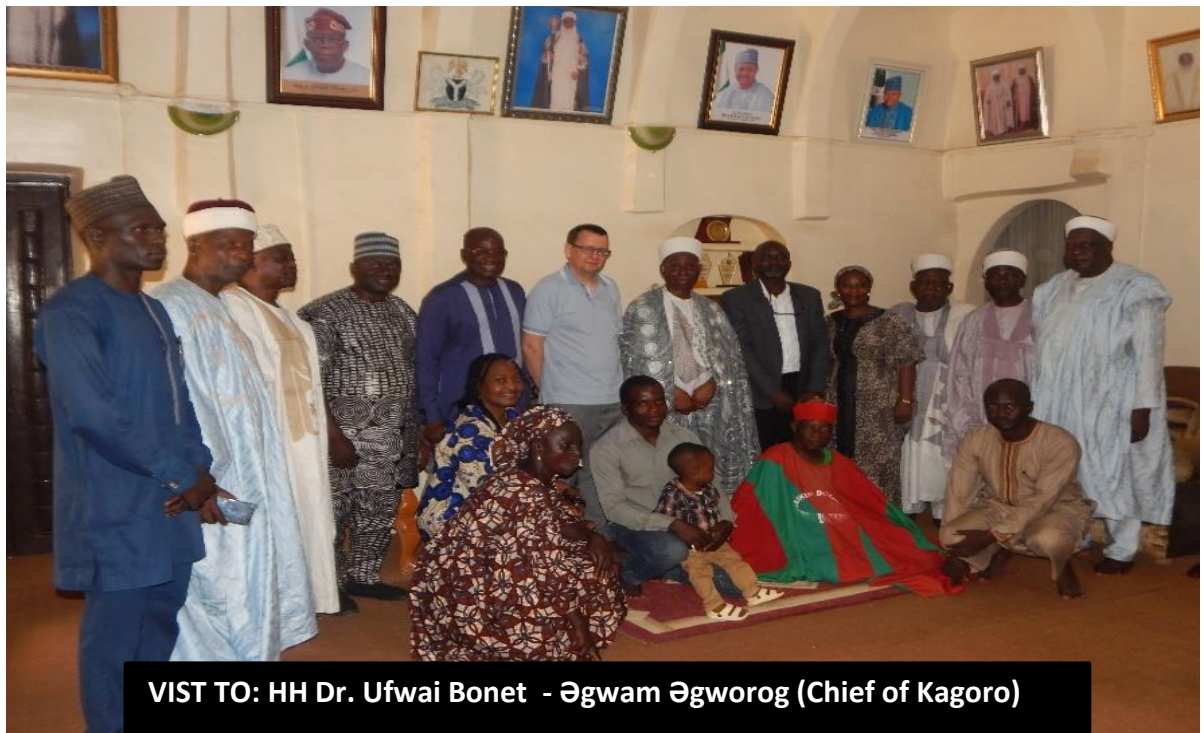
SKETCH BOARD IN ANOTHER
AREA OF KAGORO

- iii. **Evangelists training-** We had about thirty people who signed up but 15 people showed up the first day and less than that the second day. We appreciate the Lord for the few that came and were trained. One of the participants in person of Ferdinand and his wife wants the training to be done in his area called Manchock about 10km from Kagoro. We were encouraged to have few of the youths he is discipling come during the open airs. They potential volunteers of OAC Nigeria. Please for them as we partner and fulfill God's purpose together.



SKETCH BOARD TRAINING

- iv. **Courtesy visit to the Chief of Kagoro-**The paramount ruler of Kagoro and his counsel were delighted to receive us in the palace where we introduced our guest Steve Harris the National Director for OAC Great Britain and the work of OAC across more than 30 countries worldwide. The chief and his council prayed and welcomed the whole idea of street evangelism and blessed us to prosper in Kagoro and in Nigeria. Among the OAC Nigeria team were Pst. Micah Jaga through home Onesimus got contacted with OAC about 20 years ago, we also had the ECWA Kagoro District Church Council Chairman in the entourage.



VIST TO: HH Dr. Ufwai Bonet - Əgwam Əgworog (Chief of Kagoro)



Evang. Steve Harris
HH Dr. Ufwai Bonet - Əgwam Əgworog, and
Evang. Onesimus Bodams

- v. **Courtesy visit to Throne Room Trust Ministry Inc.**-We also paid a courtesy visit to Throne Room Trust Ministry Inc. We were warmly received by the Administrator and two other officers where we looked at the way forward for partnership in reaching out to the lost people in our society.



vi. **Courtesy visit to ECWA International Headquarters Jos Nigeria-**

We were privileged to meet three key leaders of the ECWA Church; The ECWA President, The ECWA General Secretary and the Director of ECWA Evangelical Mission Society (EMS) that is, the missionary arm of the ECWA. We had great deliberations on how to foster the work of the gospel together in partnership with OAC Nigeria. We received their support and a blessing as the work of OAC Nigeria begins in earnest.



VISIT TO PRESIDENT OF EVANGELICA CHURCH WINNING ALL (ECWA) DR. AYUBA JOB BAGAT



WITH GENERAL SECRETARY OF ECWA INTERNATIONAL



WITH ECWA INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

vii. **Steve Preaches** -Steve preached during the midweek prayers in my home Church, he also preached at Pathfinders Christian Fellowship, and preached during Sunday service in one of the ECWA Churches.



STEVE HARRIS PREACHES AT ECWA GOODNEWS CHURCH KPAK, KAGORO- Nigeria



WITH CHURCH MEMBERS AFTER THE MID-WEEK WORSHIP PROGRAMME



WITH ELDEERS OF THE CHURCH



PREACHING AT ECWA CHURCH FADA KAGORO-NIGERIA



EVANGELIST STEVE HARRIS WITH EVANGELIST ONESIMUS BODAMS AT ECWA CHURCH
FADA KAGORO-NIGERIA



PIX ABOVE: EVANG. STEVE HARRIS WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF ECWA CHURCH FADA KAGORO

PIX BELOW L-R : Associate Pastor, Evang. Onesimus Bodams, Evang. Steve Harris and Rev. Manasseh Elkanah senior pastor of ECWA Church Fada kagoro



A group picture with members of evangelism team

- viii. **Inauguration**-One of the remarkable events was my inauguration as National Director of OAC Nigeria. The attendance was so amazing with almost all denominations in Kagoro in attendance and key Church leaders both retired and serving. I return praise to God for counting me worthy to be given this responsibility. We know that this absolutely an act of God's grace and mercy. With this I solicit for fervent prayers as I lead this organization and that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will expand through her.







❖ **Short Mission trip to Niger Republic:** Our short mission to Niger Republic is a dream come true. Part of the vision of gave me when I started full-time vocational Christian ministry I had the burden to reach the unreached especially the Muslims and also to have an annual visit to mission fields. It is written boldly when I first wrote the vision of OAC Nigeria. I didn't imagine it will happen this soon. This vision was realized because of the push and support OAC Great Britain is giving me. I say may the Lord continue to uphold and bless the work of OAC not just in GB but in other parts of the world. We had earlier planned that three people in the OAC Nigeria team will go but unfortunately only Becky and I were able to go because none of my team members have a valid passport. Our trip to Niger was marked by God's favour from the park at our arrival at the park a Lexus 460x jeep was waiting for us. The person was traveling to Katsina state I think for their Sallah. He carried few of us travelling to Kastina (the state that borders Nigeria and Niger. We had a stress free trip from Kaduna to Katsina until when we got the car to Niger that we started having several security checks and immigration of both countries, we had to stop several times for our papers to be checked etc. We had about 16 hours trip to our final destination when we arrived around 11:00 pm. We received a very warm welcome from the two missionaries working in Niger Republic and the evangelist that gave us his house. Meeting our host for the first time and an indigene that is a convert and lives in Niger propagating the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. We had a great time talking about expanding the Kingdom of God. We a great youth conference with almost percent

converts from Islam. We had teaching and an evangelism training session for the missionaries. We also dedicated the child of our mentee whom we visited to also encourage him in the work of the ministry. We didn't have time for an outreach because I challenged every youth to go out to the street to evangelize. It was more of an in reach rather than an outreach. Our plan is to go with more people for more of an outreach. The people are very friendly and accommodating being a country with over 95% Islam. We had a conversation with three young people that led to their conversion. Please for Idris, Ila and Lawali to grow in the stature of the fullness of Jesus Christ. I handed them over to one of the missionaries for follow up and I told them I will be calling the missionary to give me update about their state of growth. I had the opportunity to dedicate the child of one of the missionaries. My shattered kindle screen as a result of the many luggages could not be compared with souls and the impact made. Please as we look forward to having an entire outreach to Niger next



year and with more people who will join.





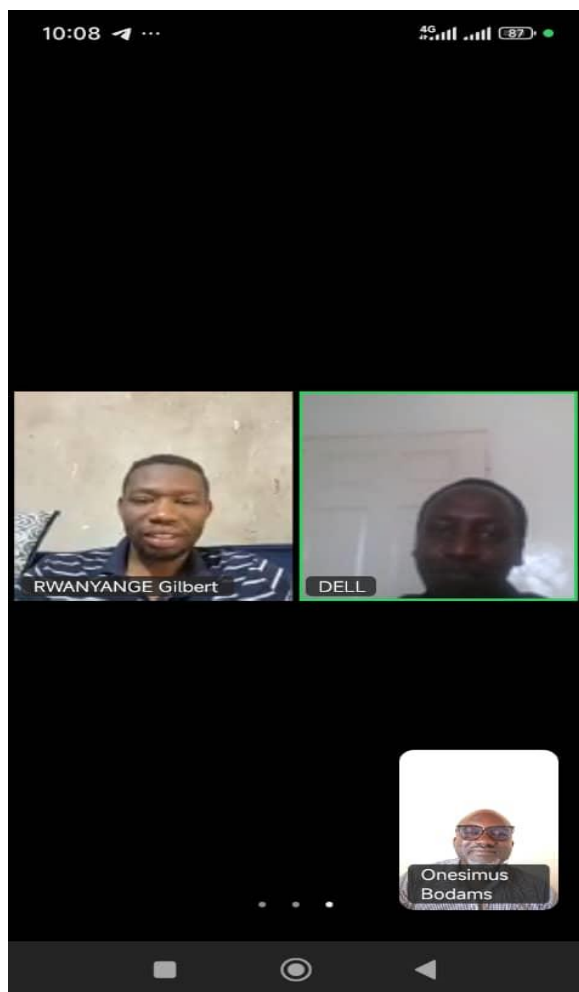




❖ **ECWA Goodnews Katsina State-Nigeria:-** On our way back from Niger Republic we had a stopover in Katsina State capital to sleep. We decided to seize the opportunity to fellowship at ECWA Goodnews Katsina where we had the privilege of meeting the pastors and elders and surprisingly my school mate in the seminary was there as the associate pastor. I shared the vision of OAC and did the three rope trick which engaged them in a discussion and the fact that it is what they need to engage the Muslim population. Some of the elders asked how I did the trick but I told them they need to be trained in other aspects. The pastor agreed to bring me someday for a training session for the Church members. We also met a family from Kagoro who surprised us with a big watermelon and a big cock.

❖ **OAC Africa zone-** I initiated an unofficial OAC Africa zone meeting on the 25th of June 2025 to familiarize ourselves, share how God is helping us in our various countries, to pray and encourage ourselves and further strategize on how the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will expand in our various countries. Rwanda, DRC and Nigeria

were represented. Unfortunately, we missed Moses from OAC Kenya probably because of network issues we couldn't reach him. We had a great time together and Gilbert from Rwanda imitated the idea of us having a WhatsApp chat group for subsequent meetings, he immediately created it when we all accepted it as a good idea.



- ❖ **Discipleship**-Praise the Lord for two additional converts, a 23 year old and a 17 year old who are brothers and are into drugs. They are children of a widow whom the mother brought to the OAC office where I shared the gospel with them and eventually led them to the saving knowledge of the Lord. I am following them up and discipling them in addition to the two young men that having remained in the discipleship relationship with me. Please the stability of these ones.



❖ **Thanksgiving & Prayer requests:**

- Pray for Souls who submitted to Jesus from our outreaches to be firmly rooted in Christ Jesus.
- Mission Trip to Niger Republic-we appreciate the Lord for the provision for us to be in Niger Republic for the first time and to partner with missionaries and Churches.
- The need for a car-We imagined using our own vehicle the journey would have been better. I lost the screen of my Kindle because of the overload on the vehicles. Our prayer is that the Lord will provide us with a good car so that more people will join us next year and for a better trip and to enable us to travel with convenience.
- Outreach to Institutions of Higher learning- We look forward to having regular outreaches in our institutions of higher learning in addition to the primary and secondary schools we are already exploring. We appreciate God for more secondary schools that have opened the doors for us to come in for outreaches.
- Open Aairs- We are still exploring the best ways to reach out to our communities. Pray for us to begin Open Air Meetings soon as possible.
- Jungle evangelism- OAC Nigeria continues to partner with Pathfinders Christian Fellowship, the ministry I worked for over 10 years and that disciplined me and introduced me to jungle evangelism. We use every 3rd Sunday of every month to go to the jungles because most of the youths who do drugs don't go to Church.
- OAC Nigeria Support group- Please for me as I continue to talk with people who will constantly provide support to me. I am currently joining OAC

Evangelist Steve Gurnett's support group to learn on how it is being done. I submit my report to the support group where I also get good counsel.

- OAC Nigeria Trustees- I have gotten three people for the position of OAC Nigeria trustees I need two more to make it five people. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom.
- OAC Nigeria NAP-Pray for guidance as Steve Harris processes our National autonomy.
- Open doors unplanned and unimagined- God opened doors of ministry in ECWA Gospel Church Kastina, the state bordering Niger and Nigeria. I shared with them the vision of OAC by doing some tricks for them. They plan to invite me to train their Church members. Another door opened when I shared with an Anglican priest with the Anglican Communion Kaduna Diocese. He plans to invite me to train their Church members and lastly God opened another at Kaduna Polytechnic and Hope Builders Nigeria. Pray for God to keep these doors open.
- National Prophetic Prayer Walk (NPPW) - OAC Nigeria is already planning for a prophetic prayer walk in Abuja Nigeria's capital in September 30th and October 1st which is our independence. Pray God's guidance and provision. Pray for all logistics involved. Also pray for God's guidance as to who should be part of this. I intend to have trip to Abuja in August to have a tour around the city center to see the locations and plan for accommodation for those of us coming outside Abuja.
- Training materials-It is very clear that lots of training will begin within Nigeria. Pray for the finances to get training materials.
- Finances-We appreciate the Lord for the support coming from OAC GB and supporters I don't know. People are gradually sending their support within Nigeria. Pray for greater partnership.

Thank you and May the Lord bless and uphold you. We appreciate you for the partnership.

Yours in the Vineyard,

Onesimus & Becky Bodams

OAC Nigeria