

OPPORTUNITIES TO GO WITH BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AS GOD CALLS YOU

TRAVEL TO AFRICA

****Grace Akpu and whoever the Lord adds: August, 2007**

****A Team of Five and whoever the Lord adds: November - December, 2007**



May the Lord put it on your heart to respond as *a sender*, or *the one to be sent* on **cross-cultural** mission field with Bountiful Harvest. For the remainder of this year, we still have **two travel opportunities**. Whether you are called to *go* or *send others*, **the reward is equal**. As soon as you receive direction from the Lord, please contact our office, so that we start your preparation including, taking shots and obtaining government clearance documents.

SPECIAL EVENT AND LAUNCHING U.S. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Yes, the date for this event has been changed a few times. Surely, “*waiting on the Lord*” is not a delay. When we let God direct our plan, every piece falls in its right place. It is necessary to allow our international participants adequate time for them to obtain airline tickets and the required international travel documents. As the Lord wills, during my visit (August), I will work out the details with them, and together we will set a suitable date. Your prayers are appreciated.

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One of our “*big-heart*” sponsors has blessed Bountiful Harvest with a “CAR DONATION PROGRAM”. At last, a program under management in our own local community! With first class technicians doing the work, this program has a great potential for dual benefits:

*** It is a great means for resource development.**

*** It is visible expression of God’s love**, as we receive and give to the community. May our Lord lead you to participate in this great program, and also request your families and friends to join.



Yours in Christ,

Grace E. Akpu
Founder and Director

“God is faithful through whom you are called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord”. (1 Corinthians 1: 19). May His grace abound to you always, in all your endeavors.

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NEWS UPDATE

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF PEACE AND SALVATION

(Isaiah 52:7 ; Romans 10:15)



GOD’S CALLING ~ AND ~ BELIEVERS’ RESPONSE

God desires all people (*in every culture, in every nation*) to be saved from eternal death through faith in Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:4; Ezekiel 18:23). All who receive Jesus are switched (*out of the darkness and thorns, where Adam and Eve were thrown*), back into the **pleasant Eden**. In all corners of the earth, souls are longing for **Eden**. *Everyday, Jesus calls and commands believers to partner in His good work of bringing souls back into the fold of God.*

Dear Friend of Bountiful Harvest,

WARMEST GREETINGS! I thank you for your obedient response to our Lord’s calling. May we praise Him for His work through you. Thank you especially for your partnership in Bountiful Harvest. Your role is vital, as the Lord works through us to reach people of every language, culture, and belief system, with the Good News of Peace and Salvation.

(USCM & WCIU Campus)

THE “LAND OF CANAAN” HOME FOR BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Last month, June 2007, the Lord opened a door that led Bountiful Harvest to become a participating organization with the UNITED STATES CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION AND WILLIAM CAREY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, in Pasadena. It is amazing how the Lord made the connection through His servants, and brought us into this new home, which I thankfully call the “*Promised Land*”. As one of our dear new friends from Oregon stated,

“This campus is the right place as a home base for Bountiful Harvest”. PRAISE GOD!

For visits and telephone contacts, our new *physical* address and phone number are:

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Anytime you are in the area, you are dearly invited to visit our new Canaan home, in the quiet northeast community of Pasadena. You will be blessed by the amazing work of God through His dedicated servants on this campus. As you may already know, this is a place where different organizations, professors, technicians and administrators work together as one body toward a common goal. The goal is to prepare equip and mobilize individuals, churches and missionaries from all over the world, with the tools and information for global evangelism.

WHY DOES GOD CALL US TO PARTNER IN HIS WORK

Our calling springs from God’s act of love, demonstrated through His Son Jesus Christ. (John 3: 16). First, **GOD IS A RELATIONAL FATHER**. He delights in our communion with Him. God calls us to have the relationship He created us to have with Him. Secondly, **GOD LOVES THE WORLD SO MUCH**. He desires that no one should perish, but that all may have eternal life. **He calls us to partner in the completion of his purpose for the world**. Jesus says, “*I am the door of the sheepfold, anyone who enters by Me shall be saved. I have other sheep that I must bring, and they shall be one fold, one shepherd*”. (John 10: 7, 9, 16).

WHEN DOES GOD CALL US

In good times and in tumult times, God calls us. Sometimes He calls us into situations that seem humanly impossible. **Then we realize that, it is not us, but Him who works through us to accomplish His good purpose**. In the heat of persecution of Christians in Jerusalem (*just after Stephen was stoned to death* (Acts 7: 59-60)), Philip was called to **GAZA ROAD, to lead the Ethiopian Eunuch to Jesus**. (Acts 8: 26). In the same way, Ananias was called to meet **SAUL OF TARSUS**. (Acts 9: 10-11). Ananias had heard all about **Saul’s** evil acts against Christians in Jerusalem, and the purpose of his mission to **DAMASCUS**. But when Ananias obeyed, he partnered in one of the most powerful life changing work of God. He played an important role in the conversion of Saul into a vessel for God’s use.

“HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS”

Prophet Isaiah used the above verse in reference to those who brought the news of exiles’ deliverance from captivity in Babylon. (Isaiah 52: 7). Apostle Paul applied the verse to the messengers of the Gospel (Romans 10:15). As my favorite **evangelism verse**, it always brings to my mind, the image of those **pioneer missionaries, and some present day missionaries**. *They travel miles on feet, (some barefooted), up and down the hills and mountains, trekking along winding, and narrow dusty paths to bring the Good News of God’s love, to people living in the remote ends of the earth. How would anyone see those weary, battered and dusty feet of these missionaries as beautiful?*



The True Vine Evangelistic Outreach
TEACHING THE WORD

Yes, those weary feet of the missionaries can be beautiful, but in the context of **HOW WE APPROACH the people to whom we bring the Good News**.

Ananias approached Saul, with the greeting “*Brother Saul*”. (Acts 9: 17). To call someone who had done so much evil to his fellow Christians, “*brother*”; - It surely took preparation with the power of God that comes with the Gospel (Ephesians 6: 15). When Philip reached Gaza, he heard the Ethiopian Eunuch reading the Book of Isaiah. He approached him with the question, “*Do you understand what you are reading*”. (Acts 8: 30-39). This question led the Eunuch to see in Philip “*the beautiful feet of a messenger of Good News*”. He saw that

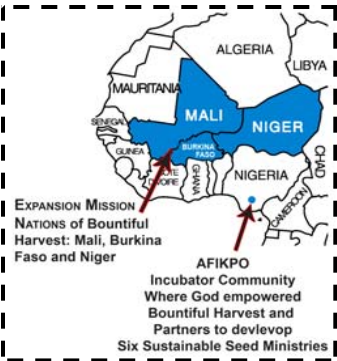
messenger of Good News”. He saw that Philip **showed interest in him and understood his need**. He invited Philip on to his chariot. Philip used this invitation to preach the Gospel in a way the Eunuch heard, understood, believed and requested to be baptized.

It takes “**PREPAREDNESS AND UNDERSTANDING** to cultivate **LOVE RELATIONSHIP**,”. And this is the pre-requisite that makes the Gospel message meaningful for a majority of people in all walks of life, culture and social status, in any part of the world. We must always be prepared to first know as much as we can about the people, understand where they are in life (*their needs and interests*), and use these to guide us in cultivating love relationship. **GOD IS A RELATIONAL FATHER**. When we respond to partner in His work, **it is not just a job or a task to be accomplished. It is a mission of revealing Him to the world; in ways that people can Hear, See, and Relate to the Good News of His love. In some cultures this is value transformation, a deep rooted sensitive issue that requires an understanding approach**.

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May He direct you into what area He calls you to continue or to start partnership with Bountiful Harvest. In 2007-2008, we are set for onward march with Him in into:

EXPANSION MISSION - WEST AFRICA



The map sheds light on the three nations in the **Sahel Region** of West Africa. In this region of Muslim predominant population, there are many souls whose hearts the Lord had changed to hear the Gospel. Our key strategy is on partnership with indigenous individuals in leadership, other Christians organizations, International Institute of Tropical Agricultural Institutes (IITA) Ibadan, and Michael Okpara, Universities Umudike. Based on the current studies done, our mission will begin in **NIGER and MALI**.

We will start implementing four of our ministries: * Women In Agricultural, Social And Economic Development(WASED), * Agricultural Education; * Health Education, and * Children’s Ministry. **With understanding of the basic human needs of the people in this region, (their cultural background and predominant faith); these four ministries will pave the way for us to cultivate Love Relationship** with the people. As the Holy Spirit leads us, we will move on to spiritual relationship, with those whose hearts the Lord has changed to come into the fold. **WE REQUEST AND APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION**.

SUSTAINING OUR MINISTRIES IN AFIKPO



THE PRESENT

In Afikpo, (*our incubator community*), we continue to keep the light of Jesus shining bright in 18 villages of over 100,000. Our strategy is to assist Women in Agricultural, Social and Economic Development (WASED) in the development of “Village Agro-Enterprise”. The purchase of a locally manufactured “**INTERMEDIATE**” **Palm Oil Processing Equipment**, (as shown on the picture), is an investment that will have countless benefits including:

- * Provide a reliable source of income for the operation and sustaining other ministries;
- * Enable WASED and staff to purchase other food Processing Equipment on their own;
- * Increase oil palm trees growing and palm oil products business;
- * Create paid jobs for the young and old, targeting the poorest families in the community;
- * Set a platform that makes the “Gospel” practically relevant and meaningful to the people .



THE FUTURE