

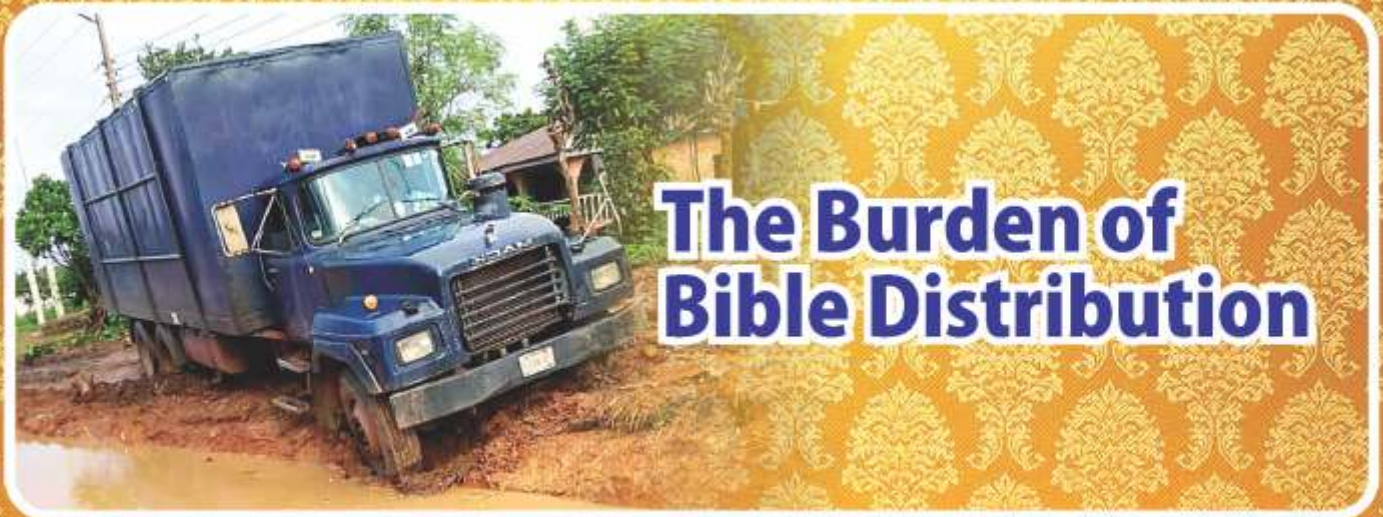
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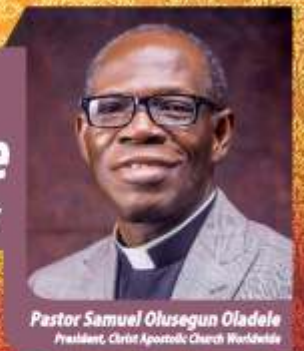
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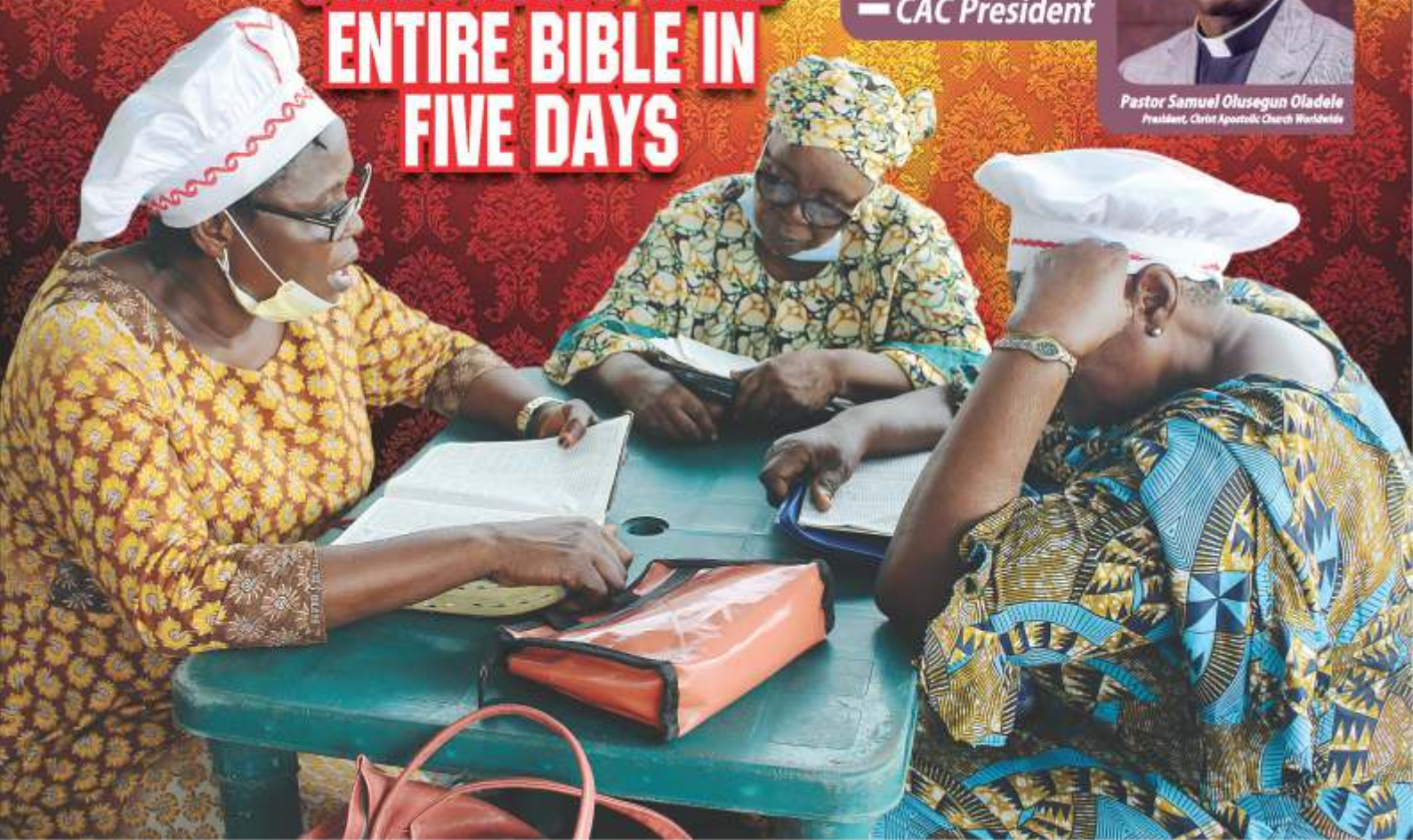
## The Burden of Bible Distribution

**EXCITEMENT AS  
CHRISTIANS READ  
ENTIRE BIBLE IN  
FIVE DAYS**

*Let's lead  
by example*  
— CAC President



Pastor Samuel Olusegun Oladele  
President, Christian Apostolic Church Worldwide



## Courage to move on

A long time ago, I had an experience that greatly discouraged me as a young school leaver who was relatively young in the faith (less than 10 years as a Christian). I almost renounced my faith in Christ. I was facing many challenges during that period, especially my inability to secure admission into a higher institution of learning five years after leaving secondary school. Most of my colleagues had gained admission. Some had even graduated while I was still battling with entrance examinations. As a youth leader in my Church, some of those I was leading in the fellowship had secured admission while I had none. When I was eventually given admissions, I had no money nor a sponsor to help me pay the fees. Virtually everyone around me disappointed me.

In a bid to remain active in the Church, I summoned the courage to attend a particular Saturday workers' preparatory class, just to enable me to lead the youth fellowship the following Sunday. My intention was to leave immediately after the class. However, my immediate supervisor forced me to wait after the preview class. Thank God I waited. For the first time I heard a message with just one-word title, **DISCOURAGEMENT**. The message aptly described my situation. It was as if someone had reported me to the minister of God that day. After the minister ended his message, I had to ask God for forgiveness and thank my leader who insisted that I should wait till the end of the service. This is one of the discouraging situations I have faced in life. But thanks to God as the rest is now history.

According to Grant Cardone in his book, **The 10X Rule**, courage is the "quality of mind or spirit that compels people to face dangerous situations despite fear. People rarely feel or are described as courageous before the event that compels them to act in this way. Rather, they're referred to as such as a result of taking action regardless of their fears." The opposite of courage is discouragement or fear.

It is obvious that the times we currently live in is full of discouragements and dreads. This period is fulfilling the scripture that says, "**the just shall live by faith**" (Rom. 1:17). Many individuals, families, organisations and government at various levels are being confronted by a lot of challenges, ranging from insecurity, poor level of education, high poverty rate,

unemployment, business failure, socio-economic and political instability to pandemic. The list is endless. Whatever situation you find yourself, I have a word from the Lord Jesus Christ to you. He said in John 16:33, "**These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**" Christ has overcome and in Him alone we have our victory. Do not renounce your faith because of the temporal challenges currently confronting you. Trust in the Lord, and you shall soon sing the victory song. Do not give in to discouragement and do not listen to the enemy's voice. Your tomorrow shall be better. Do not give up, only believe and victory shall be yours.

Courage comes to those who act, not to those who think, wait, procrastinate, or wonder. Nobody wants to transact any business with anyone who gives in easily or is full of excuses. The only way to overcome these trying times is to take positive actions towards achieving your goals and objectives. Seek godly counsel from trusted fellows where necessary. Avoid peer pressure and do not allow depression. Suicide is never the answer. So, continue instantly in your prayers to God. Do you plan to start a good project? Don't wait till every condition is perfect. Start something no matter how small, and be disciplined. No one wants to invest in a project whose initiator is inactive, lack the courage and confidence to move ahead.

Someone advised that you should do what you fear the most, and you will overcome fear because F.E.A.R. means **False Evidence (Expressions) Appearing Real**. Fear not, only believe in yourself, believe in God and believe in your godly projects and you will soon share your testimony. The world is waiting to hear your testimony. Success does not need explanation and failure has no alibi. With God's help you will succeed despite the varying degree of discouragements around you. Move on with courage and God will be with you as He was with Joshua.

Joshua 1:6-9

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# The Burden of Bible Distribution

**T**he Bible Society of Nigeria is irrevocably committed to meeting the scripture needs of Nigerians, but it is being confronted regularly with different challenges hampering Bible distribution.

One of the many challenges, according to Femi Oyebo, a distribution staff of the BSN, is the bad state of roads across the country. During a recent trip from Jos, the Society's distribution truck broke down at Omale in Kogi State. "This happens frequently because of the many bad roads," he said.

He added that another major challenge is armed robbery attacks. Several times, they had been robbed of their money and other valuables on the road. Other challenges include: high cost of diesel and increasing cost of repairs of the distribution trucks which frequently breaks down due to bad roads.

Bibles are distributed to the nooks and crannies of Nigeria. The BSN has five Bible distribution centres across the country. They are in Lagos, Ibadan, Abuja, Jos and Aba.

The BSN will continue to defer all odds to ensure the Bible is distributed for life transformation with the support of God and well meaning Nigerian.



BSN truck stuck in a deplorable road

## BSN President enthroned as Bishop

**T**he President of The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN), Bishop Olubunmi Timothy Banwo, has been consecrated and enthroned as the Presiding Bishop of the Living Word International Church, Abeokuta, Ogun State, on September 18, 2021.

Bishop Wale Oke, President and Founder, The Sword of The Spirit Ministries International, who was the Chief Consecrator and Prelate Bishop, Calvary Grace International College of Bishops, said the new Bishop has become a different man as he has received a new unction and grace.



Prelate, Calvary Grace International College of Bishops, Bishop Wale Oke pouring anointing oil on Timothy Banwo during his consecration as a Bishop

He added that Bishop Banwo has become untouchable because of the new level of divine protection he will begin to enjoy.

Bishop Felix Adejumo of The

Agape Christian Centre Worldwide and the Presbyter, Calvary Grace International College of Bishops, who gave the sermon at the occasion in Abeokuta, admonished the new Bishop that his office is not ceremonial but a higher calling of service.

He noted the new grace Bishop Banwo has received will change his story and give him unfathomable success in every sphere of his life.

In his Episcopal response, the new Bishop accepted the responsibilities associated with his new office and appreciated all those who graced the occasion.

# Let's lead by example

**CAC**  
President

**T**he President of the Christ Apostolic Church Worldwide, Pastor Samuel Oladele has committed most of his life to the work of the ministry of Jesus Christ, rising through the ranks to head one of the country's first indigenous Pentecostal Churches. In an exclusive interview with the SOWER magazine, he tasked Christian leaders to live an exemplary life and reject gifts from corrupt people, as through these acts the church will help rid the society of social decadence. Excerpts:

**You joined the ministry at a very young age of 14. What motivated you to join the ministry that early or were you compelled to become a pastor?**

Not at all. I was practically "prayed" into existence and when I got to know that the Lord would have me come into ministry sometimes in the future, I felt it was better to prepare for that future rather than waste my time doing other things.

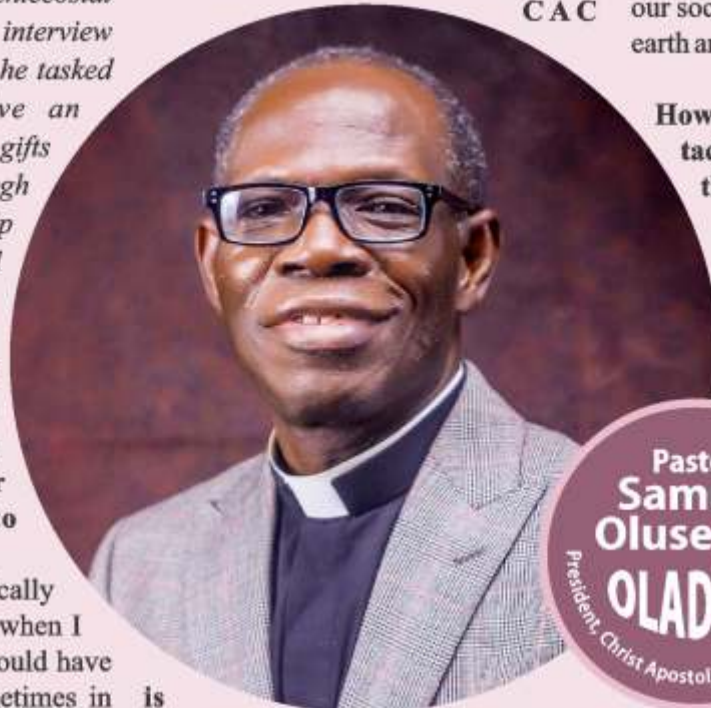
**In the early part of your ministry, you were more into the educational aspect of the ministry. Why did you make that choice?**

I did not make such choice. My very first experience in the ministry was to serve as Tutelage under two great servants of God, Pastors Ogundiran and J.B. Akande. It was Baba Ogundiran who inspired me to go for formal training at the Bible Training Centre (BTC) Akure, a Christ Apostolic Church Theological Training Institution. After my studies, I was retained as the youngest tutor, at age 19. That was how my sojourn in Christian education began. Subsequently, I lectured at the CACTS Ile Ife before going on to pastor some of our assemblies.

**Having been inaugurated as the 8th**

**president of CAC Worldwide early in the year, what is your vision for the Church?**

We have a three-prong vision to grow the Church: reconciliation, human capital development and evangelism.



CAC

**The Nigerian Church is believed to part be of the societal decadence. What is your take on this?**

If that is with respect to the Church being a subset of the society, yes. However, it is still the Church that gives the modicum of sanity which exists in our society today. We are the salt of the earth and light of the world.

**How can the Church help in tackling the social decadence in the country?**

By practising what we preach and rejecting the gifts of those who practise corruption. I believe in the Acts of the Apostles, not just in talks.

**The Church has been seriously hit by the insecurity in the country like other sections of the society. What can the Church do in the face of this challenge?**

Pray. That is our master key. The LORD says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." And in Psalm 50:15 He says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." If we can pray, there is a God who will answer (Matthew 7:7).

**What is your favourite Bible version?**

The NKJV.

**What is the Bible verse that appeals to you the most?**

My favourite Bible verse is 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

**is the first Aladura Pentecostal Church in Nigeria, according to Wikipedia. 81 years down the line, can we still describe CAC as an Aladura Church?**

Yes. Aladura means "people of prayer". Christ Apostolics remain some of the most praying group of Christians that I know of in the world. We are a praying Church.

**The Church in Nigeria was a major promoter of free education. For instance, you attended CAC Primary School, which was free. This seemed to have changed. What informed this change?**

Nothing is entirely free in life. Some people usually pay for those things you call "free". However, to answer your question, the efforts of the Church in subsidising education is largely undermined by the extremely high cost of running organisations in Nigeria, schools inclusive.



*The GS-CEO, Pastor Samuel Sanusi, his wife and children during the thanksgiving service*

## Cultivate the habit of thanksgiving, Rev Akinyemi tasks Christians



Rev. Tony Akinyemi

**T**he Senior Pastor of The Shepherd's Flock International Church, Reverend Tony Akinyemi has charged Christians to cultivate the habit of thanking God in all situations.

Rev. Akinyemi gave the charge while preaching during the thanksgiving service for the appointment and installation of Pastor Samuel Sanusi as the new General Secretary/CEO of The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN).

According to him, it is God's commandment that we thank him. He buttressed his point with the story of the 10 lepers who were cleansed by Jesus Christ but only one of

them returned to thank him and Jesus asked for the other nine. "God expects us to thank him," he added.

Rev. Akinyemi further said that thanksgiving and praises create a habitat for God because He inhabits the praises of his people. He commended the BSN for organising a thanksgiving service for a successful leadership transition that took place in the organisation.

Meanwhile, Pastor Samuel Sanusi, the new General Secretary/CEO of the BSN, thanked God for his faithfulness. He narrated how he lost his father as an infant, but God saw him through all the challenges that he encountered and made him the CEO of an organisation.

The thanksgiving service was attended by the two former General Secretaries/CEOs of the BSN, Rev Dr Fred Odutola and Dr Dare Ajiboye; Honorary Treasurer of the BSN, Mr. Bolaji Adisa; friends and staff members of the Society.

People reading the Bible in one of the reading centres



# Excitement as Christians read entire Bible in five days

Christians in 13 states across the country trooped out in their hundreds with excitement to read the Bible in their preferred languages, as the full Bible was read in four centres within the five days.

The centres where the entire Bible was read are Christ Anglican Church, Agege; The Eternal Sacred Order of C& S, Abule Egba; Power of Redemption Ministry, Alagbado and First Baptist Church, Ojo, all in Lagos. Only 43 people read the complete Bible at the First Baptist Church.

The Coordinator at the Anglican Church, Agege, Mrs Mary Awoyemi, said people of different social status-motorcycle riders, artisans, students, etc., were mobilized to read the Bible and they all read with joy. According to her, the 162 people who participated in the exercise at the centre read the Bible in different languages ranging from Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba, French to English. They read the entire Bible

in four days and repeated Genesis to Numbers on Friday.

**Oladimeji Opayemi, a student at Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, participated at the Cherubim and Seraphim Church, Isolo, Lagos, where she read Genesis Chapter 1-25. She said reading the Bible**

**to thank the BSN which made it possible for me to read Genesis. I am happy that I discovered for myself today where the story of Abraham is in the Bible.”**

Master Elijah Oloruntimilehin, 12, a student at Estate Primary School, Isolo, Lagos, who was among school children that

participated in the exercise, read Genesis 26-32. He described his participation in the Bible reading exercise as eating a spiritual food and gaining more knowledge. He advised those who do not read their Bible to do so as they can only know God through reading the Scriptures.

The Coordinator of First Baptist Church, Festac, Mr Adebisi, said the attendance has been encouraging as people turned out in their numbers to participate in the exercise. She said that participants testified that the Bible portions they read were always new to them. According to Mrs Adebisi if people will read and obey God, the



People reading the Bible in one of the reading centres

**aloud takes her closer to God and gives her better understanding of the Scriptures. “When I pick up my Bible, I do not usually read Genesis. I know the story of Abraham and Isaac, but I have never read it in the Bible. I want**

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**society will be peaceful and harmonious.** She commended the Bible Society of Nigeria for organising the programme, adding that the programme brings Christians from different denomination together.

The holiday period afforded many children the opportunity to be part of the exercise. At The Apostolic Church, Akoka, eight-year-old Joshua Adetunji was unhappy when the centre coordinator prevented him from participating in the exercise because of his age. He was, however, allowed to read Genesis 31 after the intervention of a BSN official.

At ECWA Church, Amukoko, Omoniyi Opemipo, 11-year-old JSS 1 student at Iponri Junior

School who read Genesis 6, said that he had never read the Bible until he took part in the Marathon Bible Reading exercise. He express



Mrs. Roseline Igwe reading at one of the centres in Maiduguri, Borno State.

his resolve to be part of it in subsequent years. Ajide Omotayo, an 11-year-old student at Eric Moore Grammar School (JSS 1) also read Genesis 7.

Mrs Bukola Adewale, a 48-year-old teacher disclosed that she had been struggling unsuccessfully to read the entire Genesis. She was grateful for the platform provided by the BSN to achieve it. Mrs. Mary Agi, a teacher, said that she had never been able to read two chapters of the Bible but was elated when she successfully read Genesis 4 and 5.

A total of 4,328 participants were part of this year's edition of the Marathon Bible Reading in 121 centres- 63 in Lagos and 58 across 12 other states of the country.



The Eternal Sacred Order of C&S, 8, Moshood Bello Street, Abule Egba, Lagos



12-year-old Master Elijah Oloruntimilehin reading in one of the centres



A participant reading at one of the centres



Pastor Mrs O. A. Onlyide reading in one of the centres

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Photo Gallery



*BSN President, Dr Olubunmi Banwo (5th left) with his wife and other Bishops after his enthronement as Bishop.*



*BSN management staff during a management retreat with Dr Peter Ogudoro, a consultant (3rd right).*



*(L-R) Immediate past General Secretary, Dr Dare Ajiboye, current General Secretary, Pastor Samuel Sanusi and another former General Secretary, Rev Dr. Fred Odotola during the thanksgiving service for Pastor Sanusi.*



*L-R Mrs Rufus , Area Clerk; Bishop David Asoore, Chairman; The Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba, Primate, Church of Nigeria [Ang Comm]; Caleb Yakubu, Area Secretary and Ven Olusegun Adesokan, alternate Board Member during a courtesy visit to Primate Ndukuba by the executive of Abuja/Nasarawa Area.*



*Osun Area II Chairman, Very Rev Samson Awoyede (2nd right); the General Secretary, Pastor Samuel Sanusi (4th left) and other management staff during a courtesy visit to the Ooni of Ife [m].*



*A cross section of staff during a retreat organized by the management for staff.*



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Photo Gallery



The Bible Society of Nigeria Benue Area donates a set of Braille Bible to Mr. Ortese Gabriel (2nd right), with him are the BSN Area Chairman, Dr. Isaac Agbidiye (m), ASP James Dzingwe, 2nd Vice Chairman (2nd left) and two special members of BSN in Benue Area.



The Chaplain of Nigerian Airforce Protestant Church, Rev Tyem Ezekiel [4<sup>th</sup> right] and his assistant, Rev Innocent Ezeonuebuchi [3<sup>rd</sup> left] with the Kano/Katsina/Jigawa Area Secretary, Simon Onazi [4<sup>th</sup> left] and other Area Executives during a courtesy visit to the church.



Borno Yobe Area Chairman Mr. Jaftya Musa presenting a copy of the Bura Bible to Rev Diamo Yunana of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Maiduguri



General Secretary/CEO, Pastor Samuel Sanusi presenting a copy of the Bible to the Most Rev Adewale Martins, Archbishop Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos.



The General Secretary, Pastor Samuel Sanusi presenting a copies of the Bible to the Executive Chairman of Apapa Local Government, Hon Idowu Sebanjo during a courtesy visit to her office.



Acting BSN Niger Area Chairman, Elder Paul Salawu [5<sup>th</sup> left], CAN Chairman, Niger State Chapter, Rev Mathias Echoda [2<sup>nd</sup> left] with students and teachers of Niger State School for Special Education, Bosso, Minna, Niger State during the presentation of cartons of Braille Bible donated by The Bible Society of Nigeria to the school.



Participants of the National Bible Competition organized by the BSN. With them are the General Secretary/CEO Pastor Samuel Sanusi [4th left] and one of the staff, Mrs. Ogolowa [1st right].

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:” Matthew 6:20 (KJV)

## In what condition would you like your property to be after you have gone?

**Have you really considered what may happen to the property you laboured for?**

Over the years, you worked hard to build and acquire your assets. Knowing the worth and value of these property, you maintained them constantly so as not to lose their market value. Unfortunately, experience has shown that most of the property left behind soon dilapidate or are wasted by the people whom such are entrusted into their care.

One of the surest ways to guarantee that your property and asset will remain, long after you have gone, is to bequeath it as a legacy to an organisation that can take care of it. Such an organisation is The Bible Society of Nigeria.



Your property may be in this state if not bequeathed to a reputable organisation like The Bible Society of Nigeria



If bequeathed to an organisation like The Bible Society of Nigeria, it will remain like this for a long time

For over 50 years, we have remained in the service of making the Word of God available to Nigerians through Bible translation, publishing, distribution and organising life-transforming programmes. So far, we have the complete Bible in 26 Nigerian Languages and are at the moment translating/revising the Bible in over 8 Nigerian Languages at the cost of ₦72 million per language. The money realized from such charitable bequests including shares will help us continue the good work of making the WORD of God available, affordable and FREE for the less privileged. We therefore encourage you to partner with God by bequeathing any of your assets to The Bible Society of Nigeria.



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# BSN emerges among top 10 in global full Bible Downloads in 2020



The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) has been rated among the top 10 countries in Full Bible downloads, the Scripture Distribution Report 2020 released by the United Bible Societies has shown.

The BSN was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> globally with 200,000 Full Bible Downloads with the Bible Society of Brazil topping the list with 1.72 million downloads, and USA (0.86 million downloads) and Mexico (0.68 million) came second and third respectively.

Bible Society of South Africa led in Africa in Full Bible downloads last year with 0.26 million downloads and was followed by the BSN (0.20 million downloads).

The total Bible downloads increased by 113% year-to-year, underpinned on the impact of global lockdown which characterised greater part of 2020.

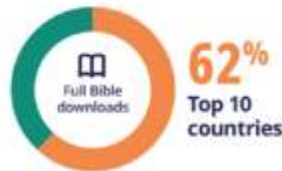
Despite the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on world economy in 2020, Bible Societies distributed 30.9 million copies of full Bibles during that period.

Over 190 million Scripture items, including Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, and

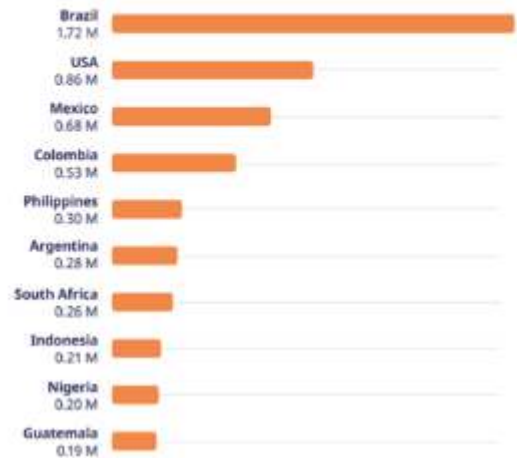
## Top 10 Countries for Full Bible downloads in 2020

### Top 10 Countries for Bible downloads

Based on the country in which the full Bible was downloaded from the YouVersion app.



Ten countries accounted for 62% of all full Bible downloads online



## Global Scripture Distribution by Bible Societies in 2020

### 191.6 million Scriptures

**Full Bibles**  
30.9 million  
(38% downloaded)

**New Testaments**  
5.7 million

**Portions/Selections\***  
155.0 million



smaller Scripture portions and selections were distributed globally, which was 37% lower when compared with 2019.

The Bible Society of Nigeria continues to lead in Africa with a Full Bible distribution figure of 1.5m copies

accounting for 25.42 per cent of the total 5.9m copies distributed by over 40 Bible Societies in Africa.

The total full Bibles distributed last year was down by 37% in comparison to 2019, and New Testament distribution declined by 63%.

# Healthy Living

With Rev. Tony Akinyemi | Email: tony\_tutu@yahoo.com



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**W**atermelon is rich in *lycopene* which supports prostate health in men. It has **B-vitamins** which are responsible for a lot of our body's energy production. Eating watermelon can give us substantial energy. Eating watermelon is a safe alternative to taking energy drinks or sports drinks prior to exercise. It also hydrates us due to its high-water content as opposed to caffeine-filled energy drinks that dehydrate us.

Watermelon also has high amounts of magnesium and potassium. It is loaded with beta carotene, vitamins A and C, which are powerful antioxidants. It protects against macular degeneration, helps to fight heart disease, reduces the risk of cancer, prevents erectile dysfunction and may help to prevent the formation of kidney stones and may even help to dissolve them.

Chilled Watermelon Juice during a hot afternoon helps to cool the body.

I naturally wash my watermelon very clean. I then cut it into pieces without throwing any part of it away. I juice it

with the green back, white inner layer, red fruit, and even the black seeds. Every part of the watermelon is loaded with nutrients. There is nothing to throw away. However, if your watermelon is not organically grown, you may want to peel off the back to minimize your intake of

*helps* fight **IMPOTENCY**, strengthens our bodies so that they are less prone to hernias, cleanses the urogenital canal, the kidneys, and the bladder, and contributes to a healthy prostate. You also get more *potassium, iodine, nucleic acids,* and *enzymes* that aid with digestion.

Watermelon rind also delivers an *antioxidant* that scavenges for free radicals and *reverses the peroxide emission* that dying cells put forth. It also effectively acts as an *anti-aging agent*.

Watermelon delivers pure plant-distilled water that

helps with *kidney stones* and *arthritis*.

Melons are excellent tonics that help with elimination of wastes from the body.

Watermelons are better eaten alone because they are a fast-digesting fruit. Watermelon digests in **15-30 minutes**.

Watermelon, cranberries, and cucumbers are good **diuretics**.

toxic chemicals that were used to spray it.

The sweet red watermelon flesh contains *minerals, tissue salts, water,* and *fibre*. However, **95%** of the nutrients is in the rind. So, juicing delivers great value.

When you juice the green rind of the watermelon, you get *chlorophyll, pro-vitamin A, protein,* and *potassium*.

When you juice the white inner rind of watermelon, you get *zinc, which*

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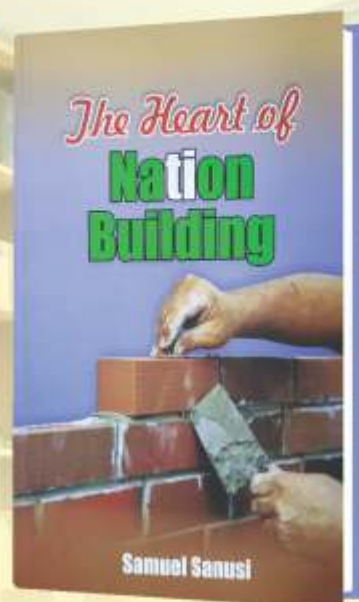
Vitamin C:  
**25%**

Vitamin B6:  
**10%**

Vitamin B1:  
**10%**

Magnesium:  
**7%**

Potassium:  
**5%**



## Prepare for your tomorrow, today

*Title: Fixing Your Tomorrow Today*  
*Author: Samuel Sanusi*  
*No of pages: 69*  
*Year of Publication: 2021*  
*Reviewer: Benjamin Mordi*

**F**ixing Your Tomorrow today is a book with seven chapters written by Samuel Sanusi to encourage and warn everyone to make effort to plan for tomorrow by making investment that can pay one's bills later in life.

The author establishes three important facts about life on page 6 and asks some pertinent rhetorical questions: "If someone dies too soon, what happens to the people left behind by the breadwinner?" "If one lives for too long, what happens if there is not enough money to take care of the old man/woman? and "If there is permanent disability, how will the breadwinner and his or her dependent be cared for?" He believes that God wants us to prosper and have increase, but everyone has a role to play. The author maintains that to achieve, we must act; to succeed, we must sweat; to reap, we must sow and to triumph, we must travail. According to him, it is wrong to wait for manna to fall. In chapter four of *Fixing Your Tomorrow Today*, the author explains what he calls the money quadrant which has four parts: the employee, self-employed, business owner and investor. He advises people to move from the level of employee to become an investor, where one's money will be working for them. He opines that employee and self-employed are the two disadvantaged positions because an employee may lose his job while everything revolves around a self-employed whose business may fold up if anything happens to the owner. The business owner has people working for him and may not necessarily have to be there before things can work while an investor allows his money to work for him even while he is sleeping. In chapter five of the book, the author lists several investment options one can take advantage of. They include investment in landed property, insurance policies, forex market, money market instruments, securities, and others. He devotes a lot of space to discuss how to invest in shares of companies and various insurance products. The earliest time you can start investing is now, so pick a copy of the book for a guide on how to go about fixing your tomorrow today. The book can be read in few hours and is reader friendly with a lot of white spaces.

## Foundation for Nation Building

*Title: The Heart of Nation Building*  
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**Y**outh are one of the greatest assets that any nation can have. Not only are they legitimately regarded as the future leaders, but they are also potentially and actually the greatest investment for a country's development.

This is the assertion with which Samuel Sanusi sets the tone of his book, *The Heart of Nation Building*. He claims the youth is the foundation upon which a great nation can be built. The youth he says are energetic, creative, ambitious, but unfortunately are operating in a socio-economic and political environment riddled with cultism, corruption, violence, and other vices. Regrettably, the youth are not getting the required guidance and training that can make a strong foundation for the nation as all the agents of socialization are not living up to expectation. On the contrary, if parents, teachers, the government, and other agents of socialization make deliberate and concerted efforts to bring up the children in a godly way, the foundation of the nation will be solidly laid. *The Heart of Nation Building* is a passionate appeal to all the relevant parties in character molding of the youth to do everything required to have a better nation. The author outlines some strategies in chapter four of the book that can make lasting impact in raising the youth. He mentions some of the qualities in youth leaders who will help achieve this. They include a born-again youth teacher who must be prayerful, and have a passionate interest in the affairs of the youth. In chapter seven of the book the author recommends the following strategies to impact the lives of the youth: accepting every child as he is, behaving well before them to make a lasting impression, caring for them according to their needs, desiring the best for each child, evangelizing children and youth every day, forgiving them when they err as they will always do, guiding them when confused and helping them when in difficulty, among others. The book, which is divided into seven chapters, is recommended for parents, teachers, the clergy, the youth and particularly all those involved in youth and young adult ministry.

# Alone With God

Below are the Bible portions which we believe will be useful for your meditation.

NOVEMBER 2021	DECEMBER 2021	JANUARY 2022
1. Matthew 5:42	1. Exodus 36:1	1. Isaiah 44:22
2. Deuteronomy 16:17	2. Mark 12:17	2. Acts 11:18
3. Matthew 11:28	3. Genesis 3:6	3. 2 Chronicles 7:14
4. 1 Kings 17:15	4. James 1:17	4. Proverbs 28:13
5. 1 Kings 17:13	5. Luke 20:34	5. Jonah 3:10
6. 2 Corinthians 8:3-4	6. Genesis 24:33	6. Matthew 3:2
7. 1 Corinthians 16:2	7. 2 Corinthians 9:7	7. Matthew 4:17
8. 2 Corinthians 5:17	8. Ezra 6:9-10	8. Luke 13:3
9. 2 Corinthians 9:7	9. Ephesians 5:20	9. Acts 17:30
10. Revelation 3:20	10. Romans 11:35	10. Romans 6:23
11. Psalm 69:30	11. Hebrews 13:16	11. 2 Peter 3:9
12. Psalm 33:2	12. 1 Corinthians 13:3	12. 1 John 1:9
13. Psalm 43:4	13. Psalm 13:1-2	13. Revelation 2:5
14. Ephesians 5:19	14. Luke 6:34	14. Revelation 3:3
15. Psalm 29:2	15. Matthew 6:1	15. Revelation 3:19
16. Psalm 149:3	16. 1 John 3:16	16. Matthew 21:32
17. Psalm 99:9	17. Proverbs 28:27	17. Luke 17:3
18. Psalm 147:1	18. 1 Corinthians 4:7	18. Matthew 24:46-48
19. Psalm 148:7	19. Job 14:5	19. Matthew 3:8
20. Psalm 52:9	20. Job 33:4	20. Isaiah 30:15
21. Psalm 22:23	21. James 1:5	21. Luke 5:31-32
22. Matthew 26:7	22. John 3:34	22. Acts 5:31
23. Romans 12:8	23. John 4:10	23. Acts 20:21
24. Romans 12:1-2	24. John 1:14	24. Romans 2:4
25. Matthew 6:3	25. Isaiah 9:6-7	25. 2 Corinthians 7:9
26. Exodus 36:5	26. Mark 11:9-10	26. Jeremiah 31:19
27. Matthew 7:7	27. Psalm 29:11	27. Luke 17:3-4
28. Acts 4:34		

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- 2 Pray that God will continue to watch over all our members and donors across the country
- 3 Pray that god will continue to protect us from COVID-19

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## 20 year old, Akhibi, wins BSN's NYSC annual essay competition

Miss Peace Akhibi, 20, has emerged winner of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the NYSC Essay Competition/National Symposium, organized by the Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN).

Akhibi, a corps member serving in Ogun State, outwitted five other finalists during the grand finale on August 19, 2021, held at the Bible Guest House, Palmgrove, Lagos. Tessy Onwudiwe, who is serving in Kwara State, emerged the first runner-up while Gift Modekwe was the second runner-up and Gbanger Shimasaan, David Hyacinth and Prosper Chukwuemeka came fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Over 100 corps members entered for the competition and six were shortlisted for the grand finale.

The corps members who spoke on the theme of the competition: Social Justice: A pathway to sustainable Peace and Progress in Nigeria, unanimously called for equity and fairness in the country.

They tasked Nigerians, especially those in leadership positions to promote social

justice without recourse to gender or ethnicity by giving merit its rightful place in the society.

The finalists urged the government to ensure that everybody's fundamental human rights are respected, and that social justice is institutionalised in the country.

Chief Kaoli Olusanya, Chief Learning Officer, Kith and Kin International College, who chaired the event, challenged Nigerian youths to push themselves beyond their comfort zones as God has given them everything they need to succeed in this clime.

He urged the youths to eschew complaints and engage in activities that will better their lots. "Nigeria is a great country, but we must make the greatness evident," Chief Olusanya said.

Rev. Dr Timothy Banwo, President of the BSN, charged all Nigerians to be involved in tackling the challenges confronting the country, noting that the citizens can bring the change they desire.

Pastor Sanusi, General Secretary/CEO, the BSN, said Nigerians can together make the

country a better place as it is usual to have challenges during developmental stages. "The country can be better and it will be better," he noted.

He called on Nigerian leaders to always do the right thing because the country cannot progress if social justice is not given its rightful place.

Rev. Dr Fred Odutola, former General Secretary/CEO, the BSN, encouraged the youths not to allow anybody to look down on them.

He challenged them to leave their comfort zones and be the architects of their fortunes.



L-R General Secretary/CEO of The Bible Society of Nigeria, Pastor Samuel Sanusi; winner of the NYSC Essay Competition, Miss Akhibi Peace; Mrs Beatrice Fayinto representative of the Lagos State NYSC Director, Chief Kaoli Olusanya, Chief Learning Officer, Kith and Kin International College, who chaired the event.

# Seven new staffers join BSN

To meet the ever-increasing task of giving Nigerians access to God's Word, The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) has added seven new staff members to its workforce.

**Mr Abimbola Alagbe** has resumed as the General Manager of The Bible Guest House Research & Development Centre. Until he joined the Bible Guest House, he was the Managing Director/CEO of Western Hotels Limited, a subsidiary of Odu'a Investment Company Ltd, Rondeoton Plaza Hotels Ltd, Abeokuta, Gateway Tourism Development Corporation as well as Gateway Hotels, Ota. He holds an M.A. in Communication & Language Arts among other qualifications. He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations.

**Mr Segun Balogun** joined the Society as Personal Assistant (P.A.) to General Secretary/CEO with 13 years' work experience. He had served as P.A. to the Managing Director of Morpol Engineering Ltd between 2015 to 2021. He had also worked in that same capacity to the Executive Director, Marketing, Nigerite Ltd (2010 – 2015). Mr Balogun

has an HND in Secretarial Studies from The Federal Polytechnic, Idah and he is an Associate Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR).

**Mr Dominic Lafua** was engaged as a Driver in the Head Office of the Society. He has over six years of experience as a professional driver.

He was a commercial bus driver between 2019 and 2021 and had worked as a patrol driver in Ashaka Security Company from 2016 to 2019.

**Adeleye Emmanuel Abiola** is one of the newly recruited security personnel in Lagos Bible Guest House. He has over seven years of experience as a security personnel, having worked in that capacity with Arksego Nigeria Limited (January 2021), Rapid Vigil Security Company Ltd (2017-2020) and Orion Marine Ltd (2014).

**Sunday Olaniyi** joins the Society with over 12 years' work experience. He was employed as a Laundry Attendant in the Abuja Bible Guest House. He had served as Laundry Head at The Envoy from 2017 until he joined the employ of the BSN. He

was a Supervisor with Kingdom Cleaning Services Ltd for a year. He holds a National Diploma (ND) in Public Administration from the Fidel Polytechnic Gboko, Benue State and Diploma in Computer Operation from the Fhobs Computer Institute, Abuja.

**Babalola Modupe Mabel** is a new Guest Service Agent at the Lagos Bible Guest House. The 2017 Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration graduate from University of Applied Management, Accra, Ghana, was a former Customer Service Officer with Louismed Specialist Hospital, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos from 2019 to 2020. He served as class teacher at the Awoyemi Commercial High School, Okeho, Oyo State as a corps member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) (2018-2019).

**Onyedeke Ikechukwu** joins Lagos Bible Guest House as Guest Room Attendant from EUC Demordern Hotel & Suites, where he was a Housekeeper/Kitchen Assistant from 2015 to 2020. He had earlier worked as a Machine Operator at Alkem Nigeria Limited between 2008 and 2011. He has his Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE) from Moonlight College in 2004.



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