



NIGERIA HERE WE COME!

After 5 weeks in East Africa, we travelled to Nigeria for 3 weeks of ministry. The RCCG Holy Ghost Congress, the annual event that we attend every December took place in the final week of our time there. To see the video that accompanies this report please click here:



<https://youtu.be/rACDkUMv1y0>

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Pastor E.A. Adeboye, affectionately known as Daddy G.O. (General Overseer) authorised a Toyota Coaster bus and a driver to be assigned to us for our transport throughout our time of ministry, which is always a huge blessing and privilege for us.

We stayed at the Redemption Camp in Ogun State at the Redemption Resort, just outside of Lagos but travelled into Lagos on the mainland and Victoria Island for our entire ministry prior to the congress.

We would travel between 17-35 miles each way for each ministry, which on paper is not very far at all, but for anyone who knows the Lagos-Ibadan

Expressway and Lagos traffic, those journeys can take anywhere from 1 hour to upwards of 2 hours depending on the traffic and road conditions.

The Lagos-Ibadan Expressway is notorious for accidents and terrible traffic jams. It is a true testimony that in all the time that we travelled to and from the Redemption Camp into Lagos we did not get stuck in any major traffic jams. Praise God!



CHURCHES

Ministry in Nigeria was exciting! Everywhere we went the congregations were excited to be receiving the ministry and the expectancy for what God would do through the ministry was high.

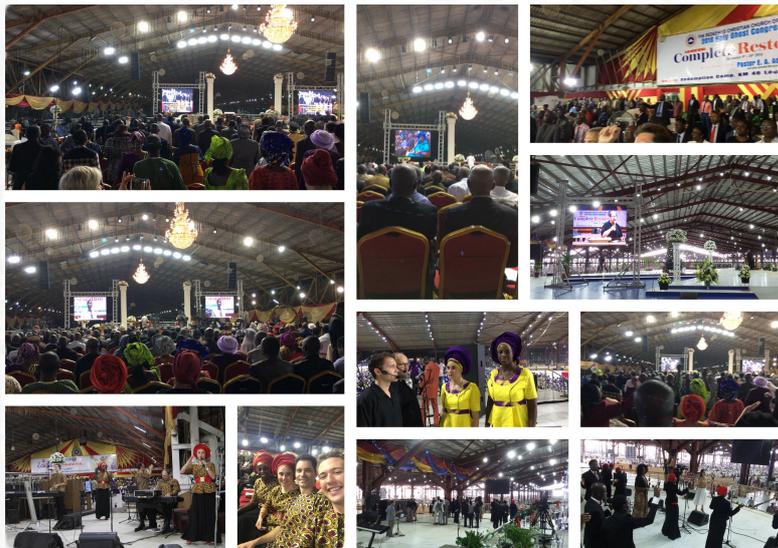
Since our last time of extended ministry in Nigeria, 4 years ago, some of the churches have now moved into the new buildings that were being built during that time. One church meets in a high quality tent and since our last visit the church has relocated further down the road to a permanent site and a bigger tent. They also built the road to the church, which has triggered a huge redevelopment of the area.



We have seen how the presence of the churches has truly brought the Lord's blessing and favour to the immediate community. In addition to the example above, there are other examples where 4 years ago, the new church building was pretty much the only thing in the area, but now new buildings have gone up, businesses have moved in, residential buildings have been built and the areas have been totally transformed.

COMPLETE RESTORATION - RCCG HOLY GHOST CONGRESS

The RCCG Holy Ghost Congress took place over a six-day period from 5th - 10th December. It is an event that we always look forward to for a time of refreshing, reflection and encouragement. As with previous years, Pastor John wrote a Theme song for the congress which was entitled 'Complete Restoration'.



We were honoured to minister on 4 out of the 6 nights to the multitudes that gathered there. The first three nights were held in the old arena and the last three nights were held in the new 3km² arena.

BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

On Saturday morning in the new auditorium, Pastor John took a session on 'Bless the Lord at all Times'. The teaching was so powerful, yet gentle and compelling as he spoke about the Lord being our Shepherd, pulling us out of the 'rut' that we often get comfortable in. As we sink deeper, Jesus is compelled by love and compassion to pull us out and save us.



The worship and the teaching made way for such an intimate time with the Lord and hundreds responded to the message by descending on the altar to pray and fall into the arms of God.

To see our other short news reports click on the images below:



<http://www.vinesong.com/newsletter/Rwanda2016Newsletter.pdf>



<http://www.vinesong.com/newsletter/Uganda2016Newsletter.pdf>



<http://www.vinesong.com/newsletter/Tanzania2016Newsletter.pdf>