

**The Babalola's  
IBM Missionary to Nigeria.**



**Dear Pastors, Partners, and Supporting Churches**

**October 28th, 2021.**

*"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."* Colossians 4:12.

Praise to God for His great work among us at Mainland Baptist Church! November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate our first-year anniversary. These past 12 months have been a great testimony of the Lord's doing. The Lord is working in His church and the gate of hell will not prevail. Thank you for being our Epaphras.

Brethren, we thought Nigerians are now overcoming some security challenges but it seems things are far from getting better. In the city of Oyo where we are, there was a heavy attack by fully armed and well-coordinated groups of men, on a Federal correctional facility (prison yard). Some unverifiable news posit that a particular bandit, Fulani warlord and high-profile serial killer was kept in that facility for some months now and his escapade was organized by some powerful men in the current administration. Two people died during the attack- a military man and a woman serving with the Oyo State Security Agency. A church member works at this facility, but she wasn't on duty during the attack.

A total of 907 prisoners escaped, and as at today only 446 have been re-arrested. The security of the state has been compromised. Also, hoodlums are using another tactic around the state now. They travel around on motorcycles with guns and shoot indiscriminately. Many have died through this but the news are underreported because media houses have been warned not to report some of these terrible news anymore.

**God is working!** We rejoice in the Lord as we had our first baptismal service on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Shay had the privilege of baptizing 16 souls out of the 24 initially planned for. Another baptismal service has been scheduled for next month, with about 15 people ready to obey the Lord's command. Six kids from Sunday School and Kids4Truth ministry were among those baptized. Please pray for their spiritual growth.

Ladies' Bible Study attendance has grown to an average of 8 faithful attendants. More of our Ladies are actively participating by preparing ahead while some are still struggling to make personal Bible study a habit. Please pray for growth in applying the truths of the Word to their everyday lives. Two ladies will also begin a one-on-one Bible study with Abigail. May we ask that you please pray for these ladies – some are going through family struggles such as dealing with unsaved spouses.

**Salvation Story** - The Lord added four new families to our fellowship these past weeks. Among these

new folks, is a Muslim family that Shay met through God's divine arrangement on Sunday afternoon (October 10). Shay was on a motorcycle, returning from an impromptu meeting at church when he passed by a woman lying on the ground, weak and bleeding profusely. He found out she was having a life-threatening medical emergency with a dead baby in her womb. The hospital she went to would not help due to lack of funds. After arranging with the hospital to provide some assistance with an initial deposit, the woman was hurriedly taken to the surgery room and the dead baby evacuated. She recovered and has been discharged. All the family, along with their aged parents came to our Bible Study on Wednesday. The husband trusted Christ, and the parents invited Shay to come and share the gospel message in their family home in town. The saved man requested for a Yoruba Bible, which has been provided to him. He has been reading his Bible, and all our Sunday school lesson notes. Praise the Lord for His work in the life of this Muslim Family.

**Church Building Project** – Kindly join us in prayers for our proposed church building project. We are trusting the Lord to start the construction by faith. We are waiting on the contractor and their quantity surveyor for final project costs.

**Thank you for praying for our health.** We are all doing well health wise and praise the Lord for that blessing.

**Our housing** - We thank God for His timely provision through some of our prayer partners. To construct our own permanent building, we needed a total of \$50,000 and the Lord has already supplied \$30,000. We rejoice in the Lord for this huge provision! The contractor is getting set to come to site to start construction Lord willing next month. Please pray that the Lord will supply the rest of the funds to finish and keep to contract agreement. We will also need alternative power supply- Solar power (10kva -20kva) to install in the building. We continue to trust our Father's timely provision for all these things. Please pray along with us.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Faithfulness and spiritual growth for the new believers and newcomers
- For the Church family- continued spiritual growth and commitment to the Lord
- More workers for children's ministry ( we have one new worker)
- Church building project
- Baptismal service and the Church's one year anniversary in November.
- Construction work for our house and provision to complete it.
- Good health
- Safety for Christians in Nigeria.

**Please check for few pictures on the next two pages.**

Thank you always for your prayers and support.

**In His Strength,**

**Shay Babalola & Family**  
**Your Missionaries to Nigeria**

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**Pic. 1. Shay & Taiwo (Muslim convert). Pic. 2. Soulwinning.**

**Pic. 3 & 4. Teen's Bible Club.**

**Pic. 5-10. Few pictures of our baptismal service.**





