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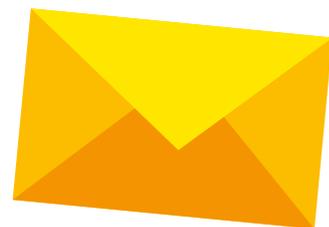
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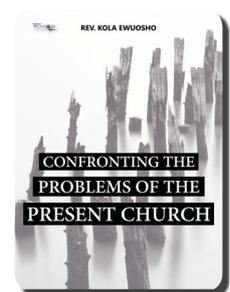
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

You are welcome to this special edition of the Wisdom Digest. God's faithfulness in keeping us these thirty years is remarkable and praiseworthy; to Him be all the glory. Little did we know that what started in Kano was going to become worldwide- touching so many lives (we have lost count)! God's grace has been our cornerstone; as He has enabled us to develop the right motives and focus for proper stewardship of kingdom resources. We have seen God's Word, power and love make the difference in many lives, through this ministry. Our vision, "Go create a forum where My (God's) people can flow with me", has become a reality on planet earth.

I want to celebrate my darling wife for her love for me, and our children; for her many sacrifices and devotion to God and His people and for going through the process that has produced such maturity in her life. Thank you my dear Bunchie for all you are doing for us all; your contribution is seen in every segment of our family, my life and the ministry. Thank you for letting God use you mightily. Love you loads, my dearest sweetheart. The Lord mightily reward you. God knew the one I needed for the future He has for us. I thank God I was helped by Him to make the right choice in marriage. To God be all the glory.

I also want to thank God for our children (Sam, Keji and Joanna), for identifying and participating with us in the ministry; may God reward all your contributions. Thank you all for the love, joy and blessings you've brought to us- to God be all the glory!

Thanks to our many true spiritual sons and daughters who have embraced the vision; for all their contributions and kingdom exploits in different parts of the world - as they partake of the same grace on this ministry through their relationship with my wife and I. Thank you all for your fellowship and partnership in the work. God bless you all real good.

A special mention to our many partners in different parts of the world: thank you for your contributions to the advancement of the vision of this ministry. May our God supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

May the Lord reward everyone for their labour of love for God and His people. He said we should seek first HIS kingdom and everything shall be added to us. Welcome again to this edition, as you digest God's goodness and great exploits in different parts of the world.

*God bless you,
Rev. Kola Ewuosho*

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30 YEARS TOGETHER

REVS. KOLA & FUNKE EWUOSHO'S 30 YEARS TOGETHER IN MARRIAGE & MINISTRY

1985/1986

How It All Began!

Rev. Kola and Rev. Mrs Funke met in Owerri, Imo State (Nigeria) late in 1985 (pictured bottom right). They were both posted by the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) as Corps members. Rev. Kola was a Mechanical Engineering graduate of the University of Benin, and Rev. Funke went straight from the Nigerian Law School (and was also a graduate of the University of Ibadan). During the 'Youth Service', Rev. Kola lectured at the College of Technology; while Rev. Funke practised Law with the Legal Aid Council.

They were both members of the Imo State Christian Corps Members Fellowship where Rev. Kola served as the General Bible Secretary and Rev. Funke as a Zonal Treasurer. The first message Rev. Funke heard him preach was titled- 'The Word and The Spirit' (...and she still thinks it was 'WoW!'). A close friendship started between both of them...almost effortlessly!

1986

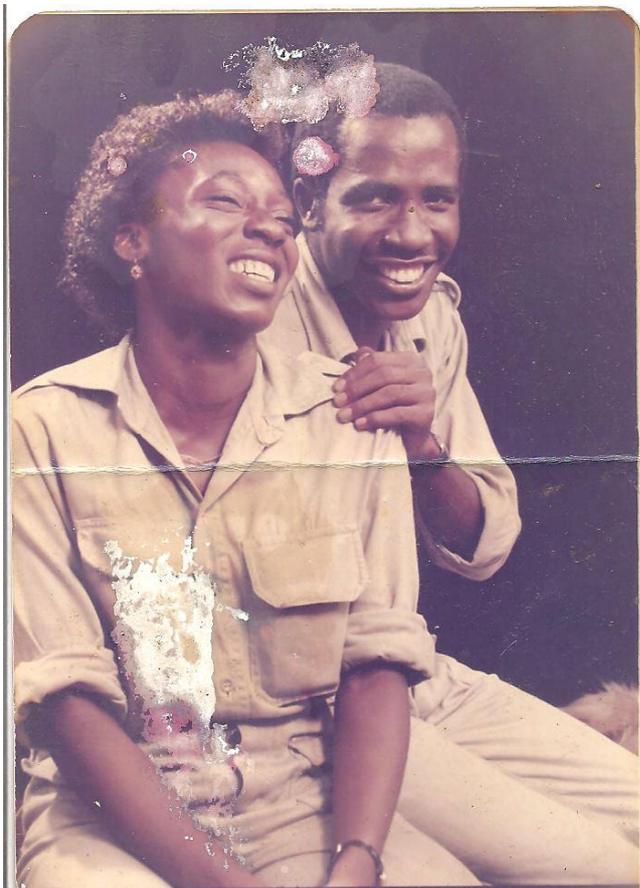
One evening (during their NYSC), Rev. Funke attended a Full Gospel Business Men's Meeting where one Brother Uche preached. The Second Annual Conference of the Living Faith Church, Kaduna, was advertised at the meeting. Rev. Funke recognised then that one of the speakers was Rev. Kola's old university friend so she took a flyer to him. Though neither of them had ever heard of Rev. David Oyedepo (now the Bishop), they both travelled with another sister from the fellowship, all the way from Owerri to Kaduna! That would also be Rev. Funke's first time in Northern Nigeria! The conference was extremely well attended and was held at the Ahmadu Bello Stadium. During the conference, the commencement of the Word of Faith Bible Institute (W.O.F.B.I) was announced. Two notable things happened during the conference: Rev. Kola had a witness to attend the Bible School; Rev. Kola asked Rev. Funke to marry him, to which she agreed! So, they both left Kaduna engaged, and knowing that Rev. Kola will be going back after the service year to start Bible School in preparation for fulltime ministry.

Meanwhile, Rev. Kola was leading a fellowship in his apartment (shared by two other Christian corps members). It was attended by some of the corps members (including Rev. Funke) as well as other non NYSC members. Rev. Kola also started ministering in different ministries in Owerri and outside Owerri. Rev. Funke went with him to those meet-

ings. One of such ministry trips was to Ogoja (in the then Cross River State).

Rev. Kola, up until he got a call into fulltime ministry, had thought he was going to keep on doing Ministry on the side, and his engineering practice as the main thing! Right from when he was on the university campus, Rev. Kola had been having 'fun' (in his own words) doing ministry; but God now told him, "I didn't put all that anointing on you for fun!"

Later in 1986, at the end of their Youth Service, Rev. Kola went off to Kaduna and Rev. Funke started a career as a State Counsel with the Ogun State Ministry of Justice, Abeokuta (after a stint as a solicitor with a law firm in Lagos!).



Kola and Funke during their NYSC year in Owerri, Imo State

IN MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY

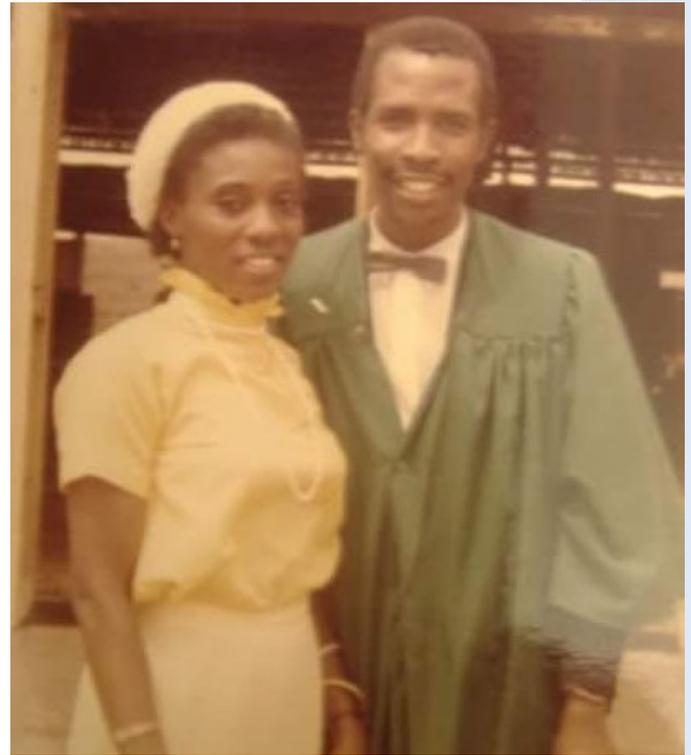
1986/1987

Bible School

Rev. Kola was among the pioneering students of WOFBI! He was not only a fulltime student, he also had the privilege of being a member of staff of the ministry; which gave him the opportunity to work with and learn directly from the Bishop.

Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke, though hundreds of miles apart, continued to nurture their love relationship. When Rev. Funke visited Rev. Kola at the Bible School; he introduced her to the Bishop as his wife-to-be. Among other things, the Bishop forewarned Rev. Funke that ministry life was like 'a life in the wilderness' and that she might not even have the basic amenities others enjoyed. (That showed what Ministry was like in the '80s- it wasn't as prosperous and popular as it is now!) And I was set for that; after all, Rev. Kola received the call into fulltime ministry, while they were both Corps members. Rev. Funke knew who she was getting married to; and now she was being told WHAT she was marrying into.

Rev. Kola graduated from WOFBI later in 1987; and Rev. Funke was proudly beside him at his graduation! (Pictured right)



*Above: Funke beside Kola during his graduation from bible school
Below: Kola at a class in bible school (sitting in the front row)*



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1987

The Birth of Word Of Faith Bible Church, Kano

Towards the end of the Bible School year, the Bishop asked the students to go and pray to know where God would have them go afterwards. Rev. Kola got a leading to go to Kano; but in the same period, he also got an offer from a minister-friend in Lagos to pastor a thriving church there! Of course, for many reasons, the Lagos option was more appealing and made more sense. Rev. Kola decided to get his fiancée's opinion about this; after all, they were in it together and it was also about their future together. Rev. Funke replied to him, saying that though she had never been to Kano, Kano rested with her heart! They were both in agreement about Kano (as Rev. Kola was originally led); so off to Kano he went at the end of the Bible School.

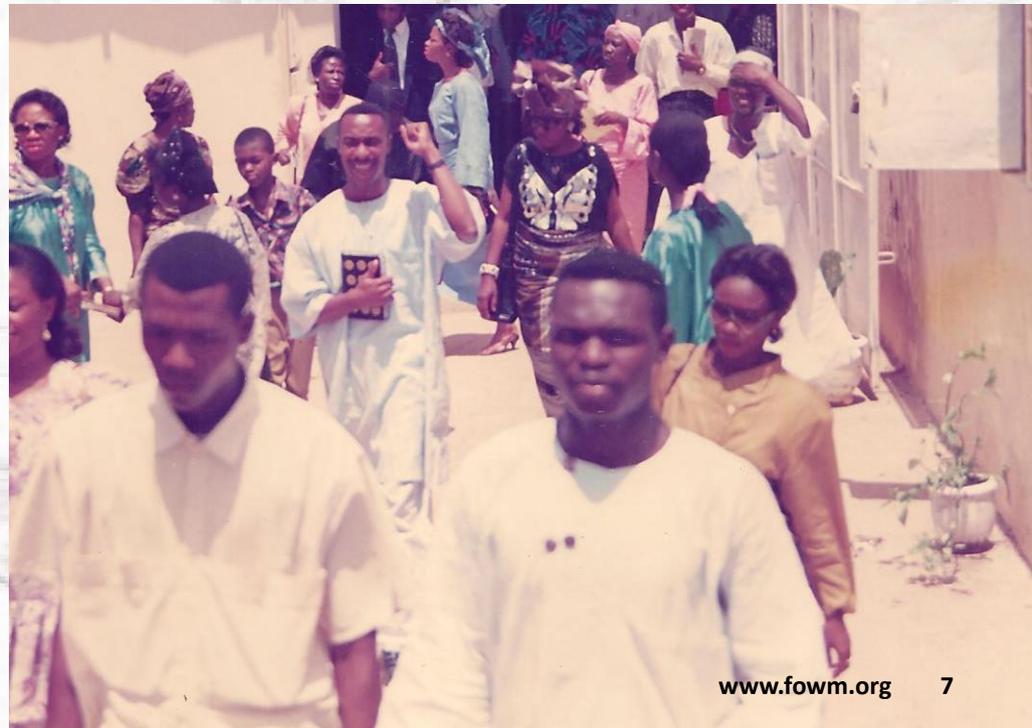
Rev. Kola had a letter of introduction from the Bible School and he was also introduced to a brother who was a member of the Kano Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. In those early days before the church started, he was also introduced to a small group of fellowship, where he also shared regularly. Rev. Kola's first day of 'showing' to Kano came up by what looked like a coincidence (but we know in God's economy, there are NO coincidences; as God works all things out for the good of those who love Him and who are the called according to His purpose!). The invited guest speaker for the Full Gospel meeting didn't turn up so Rev. Kola was brought in as a 'substitute.' And like someone said, Opportunity + Preparedness = Breakthrough! Rev. Kola was ready and so he gave a good account of himself; and from that day, a number of young men followed him.

Though the church was very young and few in number Rev. Kola was still very much preaching around and outside of Kano- which was his original and primary calling! Rev. Funke couldn't physically be a member of the church then, but she was very much a part of it. She had the opportunity to visit Kano from Abeokuta early in 1988 before she and Rev. Kola got married, later in the same year. The church was then meeting in a primary school in Sabon Gari, Kano.

Word of Faith Bible Church was later called Word of Faith Christian Centre (WOFCC) - as it's name is till date.

Photo collage on pages 6-7: early days of the church





1988

Wedding Bells!!!

Rev. Funke, a lawyer, wasn't sure about how her dad (now late) was going to handle the idea about her planning to marry a 'fulltime' pastor. So she had to pray 'hard' and wait for the right time to drop the 'bombshell.' It was also going to be her first time of talking to her disciplinarian dad about a suitor! She finally did and to her pleasant surprise, her dad asked her to invite Rev. Kola to come over to see him. Rev. Kola obviously impressed Rev. Funke's dad by the way he answered his question as to why he- a young man, chose fulltime pastoring above engineering practice. So impressed was her dad, that he got up from his seat and gave Rev. Kola a big hand shake! So, the road cleared for wedding preparations to begin!

On Saturday 22nd October 1988, Rev. Michael Kolawole Ewuosho got married to Miss Olufunke Olasubomi Sodeke, at the African Church Cathedral Church (Bethel), Broad Street, Lagos. Rev. Funke had resigned her appointment with the Ministry of Justice just before their wedding, and they both moved to Kano in November after their honeymoon. They were warmly received by an excited and very happy congregation (Rev. Funke still remembers Pastor Bayo Adenuga on the conga drums!). The church was meeting in the 'Pastor's house' then at Yankaba, off Hadejia road, Kano.

Because of the sensitive nature of Kano, the idea of using the house for church meetings was met with a lot of resistance; so at the end of the year's tenancy, they had to move!

Rev. Funke worked briefly as a lawyer for a foremost private law firm in Kano (J.B. Majiyagbe & Co) from December 1988, till 1989.

1989

Rev. Funke left law practice in July 1989 and she has since been in fulltime ministry with her husband.

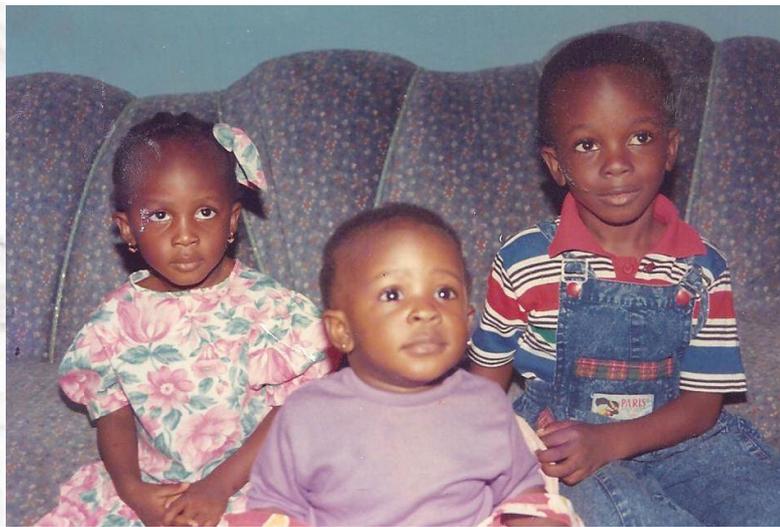
The Babies Started Coming!!!

In 1989, Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke moved to G.R.A. Hotoro, where they had all their three children, in close succession between 1989 and 1993!



Top photo: Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho's wedding in 1988

Middle photo: the couple after the church ceremony



*From top left:
Revs. Kola and Funke in the early
days of marriage;
their three children in the early 90s-
Samuel, Keji and Joanna;
a family photo taken at church;
Rev. Funke with Joanna, Sam and
Keji at her 50th birthday party in
Nigeria*



1992

The Beginning of International Ministry Trips 1994

The UK was the first international ministry trip. Sometime late in 1991, a minister-friend (whom Rev. Kola met when he was in Bible School), introduced them to some Elim ministers from the UK. They were visiting his church in Bauchi then when they said they would love to visit Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke's church in Kano too. When they came, they also invited Revs. Kola and Funke to the Elim Conference in the UK. So, the following year (1992) in the month of April, they took their first international ministry trip together! At the end of the conference, they ministered at the Elim church in Edinburgh, Scotland. That was the start of ministry trips to the UK, which later translated to a relocation of the family in the year 2000.



Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho's first trip to the UK

Rev. Kola had always had a leading to go to Kenya. He recalled that, in the early days of the work in Kano, whenever he wanted to pray for Kano, he would 'strangely' find himself say 'Kenya'! This happened repeatedly and so he believed God must have something for him to do in Kenya. That was the beginning of the quest for Kenya; but because he didn't know of anybody who had a link with Kenya, he didn't know it would become a reality.

Sometime in 1993, Revs. Kola and Funke invited a couple who were missionaries (the Hocketts), to minister at their church. In the course of their preaching, they mentioned that they ministered regularly in Kenya! Then it clicked! Rev. Funke thought that was the answer to the quest in Rev. Kola's heart for Kenya, so she then suggested to Rev. Kola to speak with them. He did, and the Hocketts became God's answer to the Kenya 'puzzle'! So, in the following year- 1994- Rev. Kola took his first 'eventful' trip to Kenya. Alas, nobody met him at the airport; and when the devil jeered at him, his response was, "If you don't back off my case, I will have offices in Kenya, I will have churches here...." And to God's glory, that is a reality today! (The trip, however, ended well; as Rev. Kola eventually met his host and had his first set of meetings in Kenya). Revs. Kola and Funke subsequently began to take Ministry trips together to Kenya.



Rev. Kola's first trip to Kenya



UNITED KINGDOM

2000

Rev. and Rev. Funke Ewuosho and their three children re-located as missionaries to the UK in the year 2000 to start a new phase of ministry.

On their arrival into the U.K they began working with a small church of about nine people, encouraging and equipping the believers there. Within a short space of time the church experienced amazing growth and Rev. Kola and Funke were asked to take over the church as a Fountain of Wisdom Ministries church.

2003

Shortly after, the church was re-named Harvestime Church and in 2003 they moved into their own building in Virginia Water, which is currently the head-quarters for FOWM in the UK.



Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho in the early 2000s in the UK.



Today, Harvestime Church has touched thousands of people's lives. Through regular outreaches, ministry events, and live streaming, the church is affecting lives in different cities across the UK. God is enabling the Harvestime Church in the United Kingdom to act as a base for the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries (FOWM) worldwide, with over 5000 viewers connected to live streamed services on Facebook and YouTube. The office in the UK is helping to send CDs, DVDs and publications to nations around the world. Many pastors from around the world are also connecting with the ministry through these training materials.

Pictured below: Barnabas Lawson in 2004 - one of the early members of Harvestime Church. Today he leads the media department and is blessed with a family (photo on the right)



If not for FOWM I do not know where i would be today. It is a taste of heaven on earth a forum founded by the leading of God. The Founders Rev Kola & Rev Funke have affected my life in a profound way. It was at Harvestime Church the UK arm of FOWM that I came to give my life to God and ask Jesus to be my Lord. As a result of the impact in my life I have met many great people, My wife being the numero uno. I have graduated Uni in the area of my church service (Media) and I have my first son growing up surrounded by great people. I want to publicly express my gratitude to God and let anyone who reads this know that this kind of place exists.

- Barnabas Lawson (2017)



Bottom photo spread: Harvestime Church membership class graduants in 2017



Celebrating God's Faithfulness in 30 years!

To God be all the glory for His goodness, mercy, grace and faithfulness in keeping us all these years of marriage and ministry. He deserves all the praise and glory for all the good things He has accomplished in and through us.

The beginnings...

God in His mercies helped one to be open to His Word at an early stage of being born again. There were so many questions that went unanswered as one came into the faith. I thank God for the members of the Christian union of the university of Benin, in Nigeria, who spent days in prayer and fasting before our set of new students resumed school at the university. I responded to the altar call during the very first week in school after a drama piece displaying the reality of hell. I did not want to go there so I responded to the call for those who would like to stay out of hell.

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A portrait of Rev. Kola Ewuosho, a Black man with short hair and glasses, smiling warmly. He is wearing a patterned button-down shirt with a black pocket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

Not long after that I was exposed to the teachings of the now late Kenneth E. Hagin, from the USA. The Word of Faith became the foundation for my understanding of the Word of God. Through various experiences in God as the Spirit of God moved on me and my friends and as God would have it, we enjoyed real fellowship with God in prayers, making intercession for many, and in praying for the sick amongst many other things. Little did I know that those experiences were preparing me for a future in ministry. One day in prayers, I heard these words "Go create a forum where My people can flow with Me". It came out of a heart hunger, realising that many of God's people will not fulfil the purposes or destiny He had for them. I heard these in my spirit and began to pray and after some time in prayer, He said to go create a forum where His people can flow with Him. Little did I know then that it was a calling. Much later I was reminded of this experience and He told me that He had called me to work for Him in carrying out this mandate. I was being trained to lay every part of my life on the Word of God and not on feelings or human opinions. So as I thought of marriage, I thought about knowing what God's Word says about it. I wanted the wife that God had for me and went into His Word to see how He wanted marriage to be.

Ephesians 5:25-29

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

How was I to love like Christ loved the church? By laying down my pride like He laid down His life for the church. I needed to stay in touch with Christ so He could teach me how to do this. I had such intimate times with the Lord that I asked loads of questions. I felt very free to express my thoughts and open to receive His. He said on one occasion that a wife is one who is Willing and Intends to be Faithful to the End; an acronym for WIFE is so spelt out.

I spent time in prayer, in the study of books related to the Bible, in fellowship with God and with likeminded believers with whom I did some exploits in evangelism as well as praying for people generally.

I met my wife during youth service at the city of Owerri in IMO State of Nigeria. During a Christian service she simply said something in response to some issues being discussed and a light went on inside me. Something happened inside me that made me know a cord had been struck and I needed to know this person better. The friendship started soon after that and the closer we got the more value I saw in her. Eventually I asked God if she was the one and I got a go ahead in my spirit. Wow!

When I let her know that I perceived that I was going fully into the ministry she was in full support. She has been

involved in all major decisions where ministry or family are concerned since then. God is indeed a matchmaker. When I was at Bible school and she was working as a state counsel in Ogun state of Nigeria, we were praying along similar lines as I shared with her major decisions I needed to take. Like when God put Kano in my heart to be the place to start ministry, she was the one I shared it with. I had an invitation to become a pastor of an existing church in Lagos but as we prayed individually she said Kano rested well with her. What an encouragement.

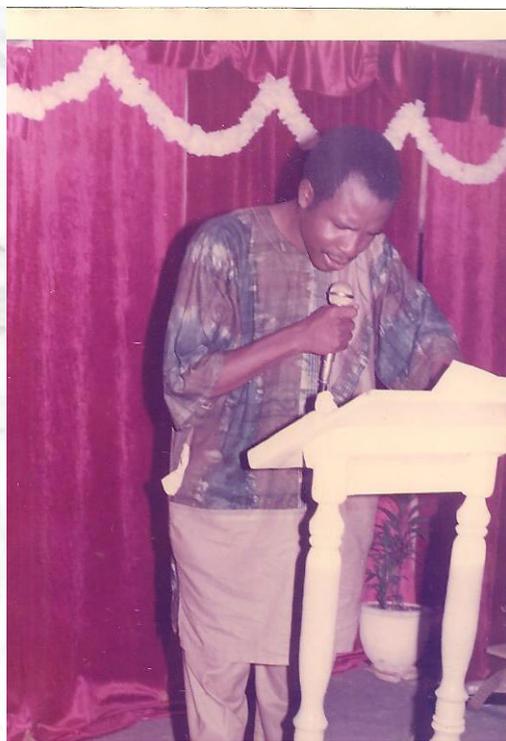
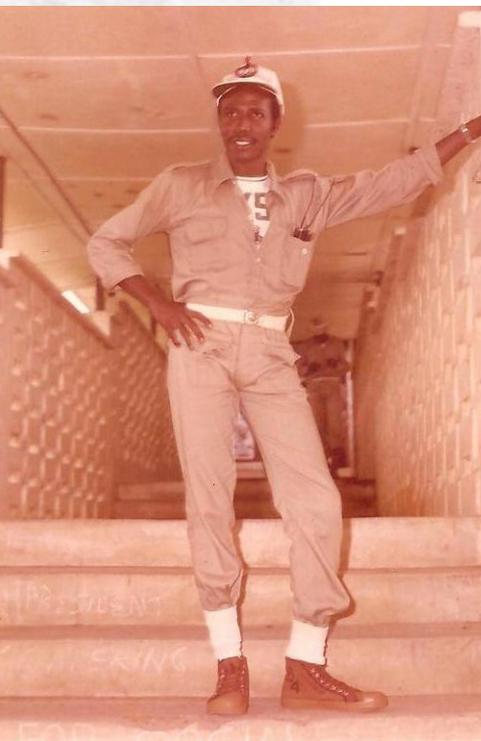
Testimonies abound as to God's faithfulness in our lives as we began the journey in matrimony and ministry. Lessons were learnt as each person brought their unique contribution and strength into the relationship and ministry. God is indeed faithful. We eventually got married in 1988 and she joined me right after the wedding and ministry was what we both did in Kano.

Summary of some lessons learnt over time

1. The genuineness of your hunger for God will determine a lot of things you will experience in God.
2. There are tests to pass for real kingdom promotion to take place.
3. The motive, focus and obedience to God will determine how real kingdom work will be done in and through your life and ministry.
4. The secret of longevity is found in building up others for God's purposes to be fulfilled in their lives.
5. Wherever God leads, His provision shall be there.
6. Meeting, valuing and treating the people God brings into your life in the right way goes a long way to reaping future harvests.
7. Honouring God, His Word and His ways will determine how you navigate through the challenges of life.
8. Learn contentment and give God all the glory for all His grace accomplishes in and through you. Stay humble in your own eyes and in His too. Stay teachable as you will never grow beyond being willing to learn even the things you thought you knew. There will always be new perspectives to old knowledge.

I have learnt a lot from my wife. As she grew in her callings and gifting, she has taught me loads of things and contributed loads to my life, our family and the ministry. She has had her unique dealings with God and she shares from her heart whatever God gives her to share. In her systematic and prophetic teachings she brings God's Word to be so very applicable to people's lives and miracles take place so many times as a result of her ministry and prayers. God is good.

Today many lives have been impacted and are being impacted in the many nations God has opened doors for us to go into. Then by social media, many more lives are being affected by God's grace through this ministry. To God be all the glory!



In summary, one of the greatest things I have seen happen in this ministry is when the Almighty God chooses to use another human being to impact others, through the teachings of the Word, and their lives are never the same again. They have been changed by God's power for good. When this happens hundreds of times in different countries around the world, it is awesome. Also, having a companion whose gifting complements yours, and is willing to make the sacrifices needed to see God's purposes fulfilled, is simply fantastic!



For those who are younger or just starting out or having challenges, first of all be sure you are in obedience to God's instructions to you, especially where ministry is concerned. A most common thing is to interpret instructions from God according to the prevailing mindset where you are or where you were brought up, or whatever influence you are under. For example, in any region on earth, where many who feel called to ministry, it will seem normal to anyone who senses a call to think it's a call to start a church. But God may be calling the person for something else. So stay in sincere obedience to God.



Stay in faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is enhanced by your intimacy with God through prayers and meditation in the Word of God.

Receive courage to obey and stay in obedience even when there are oppositions. Having healthy relationships that can inspire you to obedience and give fresh perspectives and bring about healthy growth in you really helps.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho



From top left: Rev. Kola as a Corp member during his NYSC days; ministering in the early 90s; ministering in Kenya; ministering in Costa Rica in 2016





FOWM'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN CONFERENCE

International women conference is the Annual Convention of Restoring True Womanhood (RTW). Over the years, God has enabled Rev. (Mrs) Funke Ewuosho to impact thousands of women. The women's conference takes place in Kano, Nigeria. (Top photo)

WISEMENS NETWORK

Founded by Rev. Kola Ewuosho, one of the goals of the Wisemen's Network is to create an elaborate and intensive mentoring system and structure, designed to position men to be an all-round success in life. Annual conferences take place in Nigeria and the UK. (Middle photo)

STRATEGIC EQUIPPERS' CONFERENCES

Our East and Central Africa conferences take place annually in Kenya. The West Africa conferences take place annually in Ghana. The goal is to equip the saints and leaders to fulfil purpose and be built up.

INGATHERING CONFERENCE

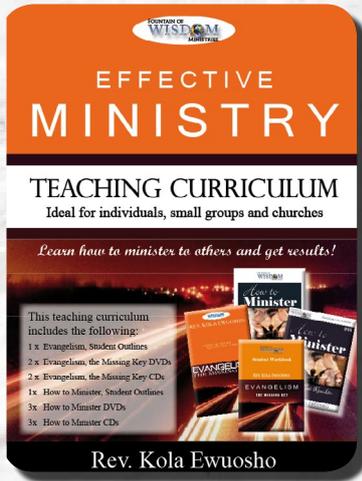
Ingathering is the Annual Convention of Word of Faith Christian Centre (WOFCC), Kano. Over the years, God has enabled Rev. Kola and Rev. (Mrs) Funke Ewuosho to impact thousands of people through WOFCC and who are now in different places over the world. Ingathering is a time when the many sons and daughters come back home to be refreshed and retire back home to disciple the nations of the world. (Third photo)

MEN AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CONFERENCES

FOWM's breakfast conferences take place in the UK. FOWM's Men and women's ministries are touching thousands of lives. Everyone is welcome.

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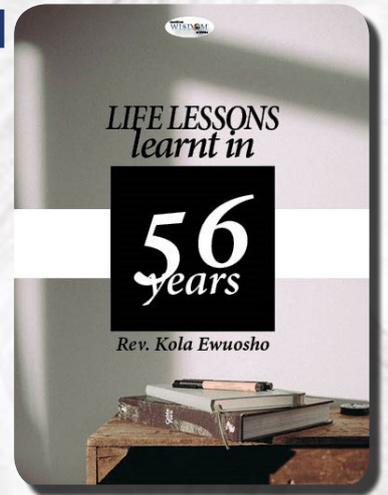
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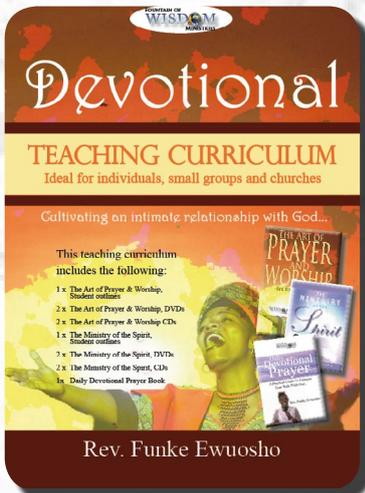
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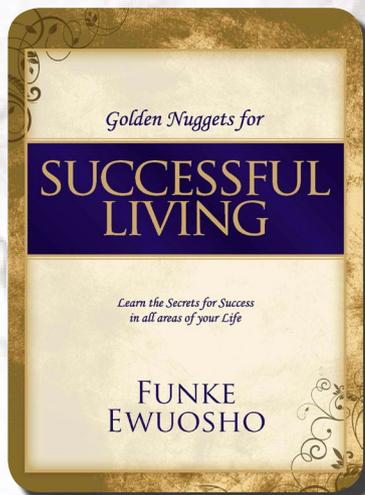
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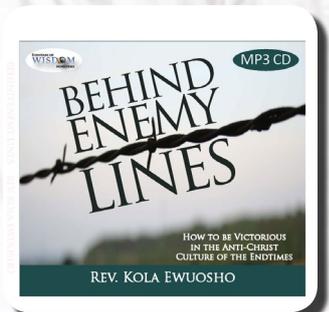
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A close-up portrait of Rev. Funke Ewunsho, a Black woman with voluminous, curly hair in shades of brown and black. She is smiling warmly at the camera, wearing large gold hoop earrings and a gold necklace. She is dressed in a light-colored, possibly beige or cream, blazer over a patterned top. The background is a soft-focus, light-colored wall.

Q : What have you enjoyed the most/ achieved in your years of fulltime ministry?

Looking back till date, I can say that one thing- among others- that I have enjoyed the most is relationship with people. I would also consider it one of my greatest achievements in ministry. Though, interestingly, it's also where I've experienced the greatest pain; which affirms the saying, "no gain without pain!"

I have always been somebody who took interest in relationships and people. I remember my late dad saying, "Funke has many friends". During school holidays, I would go around visiting friends, even those living far away from me in places I had never been before and different from where we lived. I also would write letters to those living in other parts of the country just to encourage them in their faith (I told myself I had a 'letter-writing ministry'!). Making friends has always come easy for me. I made friends everywhere I found myself and at different facets of my life. Relationships have always played major roles in my life. I spent quite a great chunk of my life away from home in boarding school for both my O' and A' Levels; at the university; during my National Youth service in an entirely different culture (where my husband and I met!); and then for another two years working as a state counsel (before getting married). In all those years, friends were like family to me! Like the bible says, "Never abandon a friend—either yours or your father's. When disaster strikes, you won't have to ask your brother for assistance. It's better to go to a neighbor than to a brother who lives far away." (Proverbs 27:10 NLT).

Rev. Funke Ewunsho

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It was like God was all the while showing me the kind of future He has for me; and also preparing me for it. Because, when the time came for me to leave not only my family but also my environment and culture, to make my home in northern Nigeria, I wasn't fazed at all!

In 1988, at a young age of twenty five years old, right after our wedding I moved to Kano. The only person I was familiar with was my dear husband; I had no relatives- not even a long lost cousin or friend! But I was also well prepared and equipped; praise God. I started building relationships with the few people I met in the church (and the ones that joined us afterwards); and again I felt like I had always known them and like I had always lived in Kano. I embraced the people as my family. Even when our kids started coming and as they grew up, church folks were the 'uncles' and 'aunties' they first got used to, as our natural families were far away in the South (Lagos)!

Relationships played a major role in my maturing process as a pastor's wife and also in coming into the realisation of God's calling in my life. I'm grateful to God that my husband didn't shield me from the people (in trying to 'protect' me), because that allowed me to make my mistakes and learn from them. He also did not impose me on the people as a leader; and because of this, I was able to grow through my pains into the true leader I am today. I can't talk about the making of 'me' without talking about the different 'generations' of church folks.

It's also been a joy, watching people grow in their walk with God, develop in their faith in God, and experience huge transformation in every area of their lives- just by coming in contact with the ministry God has given us. One of the uniquenesses of our ministry is the 'family spirit' we enjoy. Over the years, we've witnessed the reality of this Word- "God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;" (Psalms 68:6b). Most of our folks in Nigeria came into the church young, fresh out of university, single, away from home, etc.; they are now married, with their own families, and prospering in every way!

The hardest part for me when God called us out to the UK was leaving the Kano church family! I said, like the Shunammite woman; "I dwell among my own people." (2 Kings 4:13c). Yes, they were my people- though I didn't know anyone of them from 'Adam'! The early days of living in the UK were quite tough for me; I was always looking forward to going back home to 'my people'. As we began the work of ministry in the UK, God began to build for us again another family. Today, we have a strong family here in the UK- the Harvestime Church- in addition to what we had before! I learnt that truly God's intention (among other things) was not to 'take' from us, but to add to us another family of people. We wouldn't have known these wonderful people, if we hadn't left Kano in obedience to God. Recently, God showed me the similarities between what He's been doing with us (my husband and I); and Abraham's calling- 'Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing". (Genesis 12:1-2).

Today, God has given us families not only in Nigeria, but also in different parts of the world. Leaving Kano was an opportunity to touch more lives, to be a blessing to many more and also to increase the scope and influence of our ministry.

Q. What lessons or words of encouragement can you give to those starting out or having challenges in ministry?

I used to say, I wish I knew all I know now when I was younger; until I realised that I couldn't have! I, nevertheless, thank God for what I now know; because they've brought me a greater degree of freedom. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32).

My words to those who are just starting out; especially to young pastors' wives and women in ministry would be:

1. Be secured in God. When Jesus stepped out into ministry, the words of affirmation from the Father were, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17c). What should matter to you first and foremost is to be pleasing to God. Don't try to please people; because you won't succeed anyway! Different people in church have different ideas, opinions, pictures, etc., of what you should be. So, how then could you please everyone? It's also a wrong focus to have; and a waste of your time and resources. But focusing on pleasing the Lord who called you, will be more rewarding- not only will you be able to achieve your purpose in life, you will also gain the acceptance of people. Get your priorities right so you don't become a loser; because people like to associate with success at the end of the day- "Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them." (Proverbs 19:4 NIV). Early in ministry, God taught me that; "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Proverbs 16:7). So, stop looking for how to please people and start seeking to please God.

2. Be yourself! Don't try to be who you're not- not even your husband. It may sound radical but trust me, it's the truth- tried and tested for thirty good years! Be yourself: do what you're 'comfortable' with. Saul tried to 'help' David by dressing him in his armour. After trying to walk around in them, David said, "I cannot go in these," "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. (1 Samuel 17:39 NIV). David defeated Goliath with his sling and stones; you can't go to battle, wearing someone else's armour.

Don't hide behind your husband. Unity isn't uniformity. Rather there is diversity in unity. The bible says, "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function," (Romans 12:4). I've found out that a lot of stuff people teach, preach and practice today, are nothing but religious and cultural traditions; because they serve and suit their agenda. Life rewards us according to our contributions and people will remember us for the impact we made; so be bold to make your contributions. Don't be afraid of making mistakes; don't be afraid of being criticised or ridiculed; don't be afraid of being misunderstood, misjudged and wrongly accused. Don't be afraid of being rejected or of the unknown; but still go ahead and make your contributions. Be encouraged! I went through all of that (and sometimes still do), but I can tell you it's worth everything! I wouldn't trade where I am today and what I've been able to accomplish (by the grace of God- 1 Corinthians 15:10) for any of those things.

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3. Be happy! Make up your mind to be a happy person. Being happy is a choice; it doesn't depend on other people or the circumstances of your life-though they can contribute to your happiness! Many pastors' wives and women in ministry aren't happy and it's been statistically proven that more women than men are depressed!

Here's my happiness recipe: (a) focus on doing what gives you a sense of worth in life; (b) focus on doing what you enjoy; and (c) focus on doing what gives you inner peace and you will be happy! Don't live somebody else's life; my motto is 'live and let live'. I am bold to say- to the glory of God- after thirty years in marriage (and still counting) that I am a happy woman.

I also want to use this opportunity to celebrate and thank my husband of thirty years (and still counting), Rev. Kola Ewuosho, for letting me be me (as I've let him be himself). I celebrate and salute him for his commitment to Ephesians 5:25- loving me AS Christ loved the church and not yielding to tradition and religion, even when it wasn't natural, convenient and popular not to do so! Thanks my 'Bunchi', I love you loads; and I greatly look forward to our next thirty years together, in Jesus' name!

God bless you all,
Rev. Funke Ewuosho.



*From top left: Rev. Funke ministering in the 90s;
Rev. Funke ministering in Latin America;
Rev. Funke ministering at the Restoring True
Womanhood conference in 2017*

TESTIMONIES

from our friends and partners...

Hello FOWM Family,

I got to know about FOWM (Word of Faith Christian Center - WOFCC, Kano) at Ungogo Camp in Kano, Nigeria in January 2002 during NYSC (National Youth Service Corps). Though I was invited during camp then to WOFCC, Kano, I actually did not start attending WOFCC until later on that year. I got born again in 2000 and after I got born again, I prayed to be connected to a congregation where the truth of God's Word was taught and also where there was freedom in the Spirit with godly boundaries.

The first time I stepped into WOFCC Kano, I remember saying to myself, "this is what I have been searching for". Around November/December 2002, I had a leading by the Holy Spirit to go work as a Marketing/Sales Officer at FOWM, Kano, selling the tapes, CDs and books of Rev Kola and Rev Funke Ewuosho to everyone both in WOFCC and all over Kano. By God's grace, I got hired January 2003 and FOWM has been my best employer till this day, even after working in different places due to relocation. I met my husband, Dr Victor Ola-Akande in WOFCC Kano and we got married in 2005 and I moved to Canada to be with him afterwards.

While working in FOWM Kano, God used the teachings of Rev Kola and Rev Funke Ewuosho to shape my character better and propel me into my divine destiny. Being responsible for the marketing and sales of the ministry's materials and then eventually being a part of the production of the tapes and CDs in Kano, I had to listen to the different tapes, CDs and read the books of Rev Kola and Rev Funke in order to effectively sell these materials to others. In doing so, God was pruning me and exposing quite a number of heart issues I needed to deal with by the help of the Holy Spirit.

I am eternally grateful to God for connecting me with the FOWM family, because through this ministry I met my wonderful husband and we continue to apply what we have learnt from Rev Kola and Rev Funke in our lives, marriage and in raising our children. We have also used what we learnt in FOWM to be a blessing and impact others for the sake of the Gospel here in Canada.

May God bless and reward you both, Sir and Ma for your investment in the kingdom and in the lives of others, and for your passion to see others develop and grow in their God-given destinies. Wishing Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke a happy 30th wedding anniversary; and wishing us all a wonderful 30th ministry anniversary as a family in FOWM.

Blessings,
Toghwemu (Teegee) Akande

My wife and I have been greatly privileged to enjoy the spiritual parenthood of Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho. They are one of very few authentic and down to earth Christian leaders in today's 21st century. They are both full of uncommon integrity, wisdom, experience, faith and maturity in the pursuit of their purpose in God. My wife and I have been impacted greatly by the grace that they carry upon their lives and ministry. We look forward to their leadership in our lives for many more years to come by the grace of God.

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish Revs Kola and Funke a very blessed 30th anniversary in marriage and ministry. We celebrate you Dad and Mum in this season and know the best is yet to come. Greater exploits by the Spirit of God await you in the near future in Jesus' name! Amen!

Lots of Love - Pastors Ishola and Doris Ishola (ROCKChurch UK)

Words are not adequate enough to describe the depth of gratitude in my heart to God, for blessing me with my mother and father in the Lord (Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho). I have been richly blessed by the grace of God upon their lives. It was through observing their lives that I saw how faith in God's Word works practically. I had the awesome privilege of living with them for a number of years, which afforded me the indescribable blessing of walking closely with my mother in the Lord. The lessons of life I caught from her in the process are priceless, and they have shaped me to become the woman of God that I am today. It was while living with them that I believed God for a godly home like theirs, and God answered me.

Today, my husband and I do enjoy a wonderful marriage because God used them both to show us the way. In the early years of our marriage, they both helped us to navigate our way through different situations. We are eternally grateful to them.

It's been over two decades of knowing them, yet their impact continues to speak loud in our lives. They are truly our gifts from God, we give God the glory for this, and we celebrate and honor them on their 30th anniversary.

We pray that God will preserve their lives and reward every seed they have sown into our lives and the lives of others, with bountiful harvests in Jesus' name.

Toyin John



Pastors Emmanuel and Toyin John with their family

Thank God for His amazing grace granted to FOWM through Rev. and Rev. Mom for these thirty solid years. It's indeed worth celebrating.

I have been a partner with FOWM for about five years now by the grace of God. I became a partner because I received an understanding from the Lord on the need to help Rev. and Rev. Mom advance His kingdom and to partake of their grace (1 Chronicles 12:17-18).

The benefits have been wonderful, seeing the validation of those words given to me by the Lord over the years as I and my family have been receiving from his fullness, grace for grace.

On behalf of my wife and our three lovely children, I congratulate our father and mother (Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho) and the entire FOWM family and staff for these thirty years of faith and grace journey knowing that the next thirty years will be more glorious by his grace and mercy.

Thank you and God bless you,
Pastor Brown Ndubuisi

KANO, NIGERIA

A spotlight on the mother church of FOWM, Word of Faith Christian Centre (WOFCC).

We chat to the 6 residing pastors at WOFCC, Kano, as they share their pastoral journey and role/s in this thriving church.

www.wofcc.org



WOFCC in the 90s.



Pastor Wole Ogunnaike, describe church health in your own words. How many members are there now?

I joined WOFCC in 1993 and have been a pastor here for over 20 years. My role/pastoral focus is church health and I give oversight to the departments. **Church health is ensuring members are healthy in their relationships with God and one another.** We have membership of about 750



Bottom left to right:

WOFCC during the Ingathering conference 2016;
Pastor Bayo Adenuga; and Pastor Wole Ogunnaike



Pastor Bayo Adenuga, how would you describe the early days of WOFCC? And what do you think has contributed to her success today?

I joined WOFCC in 1989 and was ordained as a pastor in 1992. I started out as a church administrator and worked in the finance department. My pastoral focus is prayer: leading prayer for the church and ministry as well as for the Reverends. I also currently oversee the church's finances, marriage counselling, and members' welfare.

As I think back on the early days of WOFCC, it is beautiful to see how the church has grown. **We did not despise the days of little beginnings. We were content with the little God gave us at that time.** A lot of people have passed through Word of Faith. It's like a training camp and thousands of lives have been positively transformed by the church. There are many factors that have contributed to the success of WOFCC Kano. The first is the undiluted preaching of the uncompromising Word of God. I also believe that the strong leadership from Rev. and Rev. Mother has contributed to her success. The evolving team work of all pastors as well as the unity amongst us and the ability to submit to each other has been a great help. Finally, I believe that God has blessed the church and committed stable sons and daughters, trained and armed by the leadership of the church, who have drunken into the spirit of our leaders. We are glad to be able to invest a huge part of our lives into this Kingdom work.

Pastor Brown Ndubuisi, can you shed some light on GMI? How do you encourage people in church to get involved with missions?

I was ordained a pastor in WOFCC in the year 2000. My role is pastoral with a focus on missions (Director of Missions), projects and maintenance. **Global Mission International (GMI) by FOWM, is Gods' heartbeat for the mission field.** Our desire is to reach out to the unreached, starting from Kano. We encourage members to get involved through benevolence offerings, attending organised trainings and conferences, one on one contact, materials distribution of our brochures, documentaries and prayers/outreaches.

for more info on FOWM's
social impact projects-
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Pastor Bisi Illori, please tell us about the church's training and membership programs. How often do they run?

I have been a pastor here for about 15 years. I am in charge of the youth, training, and counselling units. Within the training units, **we run Apostolic Training Classes (ATC), which are part of our membership school;** these run throughout the year on Sunday mornings before the main service. We also run eight-week Bible School classes twice a year; these occur in the months of March and September.



Pastor Victor Charles, how has the scope of the music ministry changed over the years? The worship experience in WOFCC Kano can be described as an unforgettable experience. What factors do you think contribute to this?

I joined the ministry 1996 when I came for my youth service in Kano. I have been with the music department since then. I served as an assistant to 'Uncle Mike' and became music director and a pastor in charge of music years later. One of the things that have helped us in the music ministry here is that our Rev. and Rev. Mum have a very different vision for music and worship. They were willing to stay true to what God had put in their hearts even when it meant not being able to attract the best musicians in town. **Over the years they have insisted we maintain the right focus of making it all about God, not our talents, fame etc;** and with the help of my wife and other leaders, what we see today is a result of us aligning with that focus.

Pastor Remi Owolabi, what station/s do we broadcast to in Nigeria? What are our media activities and how are they funded?

I became a pastor at WOFCC Kano in 2002. I oversee the Kazaure church, and I'm also part of the pastoral team in Kano. I'm involved with our TV broadcast: presently, we broadcast on Hosanna Television on MYTV decoder.

We are on every day from 3.00-3.30pm (UTC+1) and have **many people calling in to testify about the way the broadcasts have blessed them.** Lately we have been focusing a lot on making content available for our social media campaigns. The media activities of the ministry are funded by FOWM.



Photographed: Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho at WOFCC during an Ingathering Conference.

TOUCHING HEARTS
CHANGING LIVES

Bottom left to right:

Pastor Brown Ndubuisi; Pastor Remi Owolabi;
Pastor Bisi Illori; and Pastor Victor Charles



TESTIMONIES

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My husband and I have been married for nine years without a child. My husband beat me every day, shouted at me and threw the food I made for him on me; it has been a life of torture.

I googled Fountain of Wisdom Ministries and sent a prayer request. They called me and counselled me on forgiveness and I spoke to one of the pastors who prayed for me. That same day, I got home from my exams hoping to start the peace process in my home. But, to my greatest surprise, when I came in my husband came to tell me that he had fried chips and invited me to join him at the table. I was shocked so I waited for a few minutes. He came back to call me again saying the meal would get cold. So, I went out of the bedroom. I noticed he had even fried eggs. We ate together that day and that was the beginning of peace in my home. Since I got married to my husband, I have never experienced such peace. My husband is so loving now and caring. The peace in my heart is overwhelming and I believe with the new development kids are right round the corner. I want to thank God for Fountain of Wisdom Ministries for their prayers and consistent follow-up.

MRS. DEBORAH IBRAHIM

I called FOWM to pray with us, we have been trusting God for the fruit of the womb for the past two years. April this year we received good news about my wife's pregnancy, but months later we noticed blood and we went to the hospital for a scan and the doctor said that my wife wasn't pregnant and that she just had a fibroid. We rejected it and we held onto God's Word and promises for us and asked in prayer that God should turn the report in our favour. Thanks be to God. We went for a test recently and it was confirmed that my wife is pregnant.

LEKE ADEWALE

I have received deliverance from a satanic attack and have also received healing from a broken knee. Praise God! My knee is back on form and I have even started driving. After I contacted FOWM they started praying in agreement with me. Now I can even drive my car to the glory of God.

SAMSON KASSON

"Ah Lord God! Behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee". Jeremiah 32:17

My husband and I got married September 12, 2009. We joined the Word of Faith family in December 2009 when my husband's cousin invited us. We never thought that getting pregnant and having kids would be a challenge until a few months into our marriage when I had the first miscarriage. By the end of the year 2015, we had more unexplained miscarriages, went through several medical procedures and a surgery... yet no viable pregnancy. January 2016, I got pregnant again and we were so joyful and hopeful that

I would carry it to term. At the first scan, an anomaly was detected. The fetus wasn't growing like it should and from other subsequent scans, it was concluded that I had a molar pregnancy which needed to be evacuated immediately. Shortly afterwards, I started bleeding. Further examination showed that some supposedly evacuated cells had kept growing and multiplying which made my beta hcg hormone to rise to ridiculous levels.

I was taken to the theatre for the second evacuation (suction evacuation). Samples were taken and examined. All the while, the bleeding persisted. At some point, the senior O&G consultant managing me explained that what was happening with me was a rare complication of pregnancy, affecting only 0.02% of women. The cause is not known and how to prevent a reoccurrence is not known either. He recommended I start chemotherapy as soon as possible to prevent damage to my lungs and to stop the bleeding. I felt drained and blank. The enemy painted lots of pictures in my mind.

It was May 2016 already and it was that time of the year we usually have our conference with Rev. Mum in Lagos church. My husband asked for permission on my behalf to attend the conference before commencing chemo. I met with Rev Mum during the conference, told her what the diagnosis was and she prayed for me. I went back to the hospital after the conference with a renewed strength and lots of audio messages. I already learnt from Rev on how to create a cycle of life with my mouth so I kept speaking, kept believing whilst scriptures were being imprinted in my heart. My parents, friends and siblings were all involved; praying, speaking faith filled words and trusting God for the supernatural.

I had several courses of chemo. My hair didn't fall out and the bleeding of about four months stopped as well. Eventually I was through with the treatments. My doctor looked at me and told me that I would still be taking the beta hcg test periodically for a year so as to ensure that there won't be a spike again in the numbers. He then said I shouldn't fall pregnant so as to eliminate the risk altogether. Infact medically, a normal pregnancy was almost impossible with the procedure I had been through. With this medical verdict, I was discharged and I came back home.

We are grateful for covenant relationships, a faith atmosphere, power encounters – all of which money cannot buy. Pastor Bode and Pastor Wole kept encouraging and praying with us, urging us not to give up trying. I began to address my fears and faith started to build up within me again and every service became a lifeline for me. In the same attitude, we arrived in Kano for Ingathering 2017. We were expectant, trusting God to do what medical science says might not be possible again and God heard us.

On Wednesday May 2nd 2018 our miracle made her appearance; a bundle of cuteness! Erioluwa, Karen, Ayomide was born and an end came to nine years of infertility struggle.

DOTUN AND FISAYO ADESINA

THE EXPANSION OF FOWM... NIGERIA

1993

SULEJA CHURCH

We started a house fellowship in my sitting room. Later my wife, Minister Celestina Ogundele and Pastor Kola Olatunde joined me in the work. On 22nd December, 1993, we had our first Sunday service with Pastor Kofi and twenty-two other people in attendance.

In April 1996, we got a plot of land and moved to our present facility.

Today the church has grown well with about a hundred members and a satellite church in another part of the city. We run outreaches to Nigerian Christian Corpers Fellowship and students. We have an apostolic impartation programme with our spiritual parents on a yearly basis. We give glory to God and thanks to our spiritual parents, Reverend Kola and Pastor (Mrs.) Funke Ewuosho for their encouragement and support.
Pastor Sunday Ogundele

In that time period, someone came in contact with the Ministry and also started a church in Kazaure under FOWM. People would travel from faraway places such as the suburbs of Badawa and Panshekara in Kano, which led to satellite churches. They come together from time to time to the mother church (Kano) for celebration services.

2000

ABUJA CHURCH

In year 2000 another leader relocated to Abuja and also started a work there. The Abuja fellowship started with about 12 people, and the church has since grown to about 200 members. Back in 2010, the church bought its own land, where services now take place.

2004: Pastor Bayo and Deaconess Ayo Okediran started a fellowship in their home in Kaduna; and in 2010 the Kaduna church was officially launched.

2007

LAGOS CHURCH

WOFCC Lagos started eleven years ago. The first service took place on the 18th of November 2007 at Pastor Bode Bankole's residence in Gbadaga, Lagos. The church moved from Gbadaga to Elomaz Hotel in Maryland, Lagos and was commissioned by the Rev Kola and Rev Mrs Funke Ewuosho in December of the same year. The church grew and moved again from Elomaz Hotel to Wisdom Hall, at 9/11 Kudirat Abiola Way Oregun, Ikeja where it is, till date. The church, which started with about eighteen people in attendance at its first service, has grown to about an average of a hundred and fifty members as of today.

The Present – Services and Programmes

Every first Saturday of the month is the church's outreach/evangelism day. Cell meetings are held on every third Saturday of the month. "Shout of Praise & Thanksgiving" takes place once every quarter and we have two monthly vigils.

Weekly programme includes, Sunday Service (8am), Tuesday Bible Study (6pm), Egbeda Outreach prayer meeting on Wednesdays (6pm) for the Egbeda brethren, and fasting with prayer service held every Thursday (6pm). Also, the first Sunday every October, WOFCC Lagos has their African Sunday where the congregation gets to celebrate our cultural diversity and pray for the nation of Nigeria.

Those are their two conferences yearly, the first one happens in May with Rev Mum and the second one which is centred on our anniversary happens in December with Rev Kola. To wrap up the year, we have the "End of the Year Children's Party" where they celebrate their children as well as reach out to other children around them. They also have the Workers' Appreciation Dinner (WAD) where we get to celebrate the workforce, reward remarkable efforts/ service and also relay the goals for the in-coming year. Noteworthy is the FBQ(Family Bible Quiz), where are children & their parents engage with the Word.

The Present - Workforce

Presently, there are eleven departments and two major fellowships (Youths and Couples). They also have the deaconry and the pastoral team. The workforce makes up about 60% of the church membership. They have a workers' meeting every Sunday before the main service, a review meeting every fourth Sunday (after the service) and a workers' monthly vigil.

The future – Goals and Growth Plan

The growth plan for the year 2018 was to double their attendance before the end of the year. The plan during WAD 2018 was to ensure that every member win & disciple at least one soul every month during their monthly outreaches. 2018 was to ensure every member wins & disciples at least one soul every month, during our monthly Outreaches.

Bottom left to right: Lagos church inaugural service in 2007; the Children's church ministration in 2017; Pastors Bode Bankole, ID Oguntona and Caleb Izeddonmi at Rev. Funke's 55th birthday party celebration in Lagos.



GHANA

1999

Pastor Apenteng Freduah-Agyemang came in contact with the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries (FOWM) in 1988 in Kano. He met his wife while attending Word of Faith Christian Center, Kano. The Ghana church of FOWM (called Fountain of Wisdom Chapel) started in December 1999, in a sitting room in Kanda Estate, Accra Ghana. It moved to different locations before settling in her current location in 2012, which is owned by the church.

Presently, the church has planted an additional branch at the Central Region in Ghana. The main church runs two services on Sundays.

We run a clinic on the premises, which takes care of the community from time to time with the help of our medical personnel who offer voluntary services. The clinic was born in 2015 as a result of our yearly medical outreaches to the community which started in 2010; thus it became necessary to have a facility to take care of the community. The medical outreaches are usually sponsored by Pharmaceutical companies such as Ernest Chemist, Pro-Life Pharmacy, Pharmanova Ghana Ltd, M and G pharmaceuticals, LEKMA Hospital and Spintex chemist. Food and beverage companies such as Nestle Ghana and JM Addo & Sons Ltd also sponsor the medical outreaches. Meals, clothing, shoes and bags are also distributed to all the people who attend the programme. The medical outreach has been in operation since the year 2010.

The church has affected various schools in this country with our student outreaches. Also, we are involved in musical concerts, youth dance and festivals, film shows, outdoor game competitions, hospital outreach, prison outreaches to mention a few of the activities which seek to impact the people of the land.

Yearly, the church feeds children in the community. This programme attracts a large number of children and they are also blessed with various gift items.

The ministry has been organising an annual conference dubbed Strategic Equippers' Conference with our Daddy

and Mummy being the speakers. The programme attracts pastors from within and outside Ghana. Ivory Coast, Togo, Nigeria, Liberia and Kenya are some of the countries that have had representation in the programme.

Our Bible school is being run in the nation of Liberia with two campuses.

Through the Ghana church, the ministry's materials have reached some of our neighbouring countries, South Africa as well as some Asian countries. We are trusting the Lord for more open doors for the ministry in Asia.

The ministry also engages in pastors' conferences in the northern part of the country. This seeks to impact pastors with the apostolic doctrine. In addition to this they are blessed with clothing and some necessities to encourage them in the work of the ministry. Pastors' conferences are also organized in Accra.

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Photo above: Pastors Apenteng and Arabah Freduah-Agyemang

*Bottom left: the land acquired for FOWM Ghana
Bottom right: the church today*



MEDICAL OUTREACH IN GHANA

The Wisdom Health Center in Ghana

Other photos: outreaches hosted by the Ghana church to feed children; and supply health care to the communities.



KENYA

2003

After Rev. Kola Ewuosho's first trip to Kenya in the 90s, a lady there was led to register the ministry in Kenya. She was responsible for the distribution of the ministry's materials in Kenya. Her church became the base for the distribution of those materials.

While preaching in Uganda in 2003, Rev. Kola met Pastor Job Simiyu, a Kenyan who was mightily impacted by what he heard and saw. From that time Pastor Job began communicating with Rev. Kola via email. In 2005, he also invited Rev. Kola to come and speak at a conference that was to be held at his church in Eldoret. The Lord spoke through His servant and those who attended the conference were convinced that the church needed the grace upon this man of God. After that, the church began inviting Rev. Kola yearly until 2007 when the church fully submitted to FOWM, giving birth to the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel.

After sometime the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel leadership began to see the need to reach out to other local churches

in Kenya and neighbouring countries. As a result, FOWM's office was established and is touching many lives in East and Central Africa through; annual conferences, the ministry website, and training materials such as DVDs, CDs, magazines and books. Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke have continued to be a blessing to the body of Christ in Kenya.

Today, by the grace of God, Fountain of Wisdom Chapel, of FOWM has born branches which are affecting other parts of the country. These include: Fountain of Wisdom Chapel Nairobi, Harvestime Church Kericho, and other churches who still relate with the ministry. Many East African countries are represented in the East and Central Africa Strategic Equippers Conferences, which are held annually.

For well over ten years, God has been building the hearts of His people through the East and Central Africa Strategic Equippers' conference- hosted by FOWM Kenya. God uses His servants, Rev. Kola and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho to truly bless the body of Christ in Kenya.



Photos: Strategic Equippers' Conference in East and Central Africa (hosted at Fountain of Wisdom Chapel, Kenya)



UNITED STATES

Pastor Kenny and Kemi Ogunfunmi both serve as Pastor of Rejoyce Christian Center located in Brentwood California. Pastor Kenny loves to tell people, "We've got a good thing going in Christ Jesus". He believes that the new life in Christ is real and should be cause for rejoicing.

Pastor Kenny Ogunfunmi got saved in 1985 during his final year at the university. The next year, during his National Youth Service Corp program, he served in Kano, Nigeria where he was introduced to the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries founded by Rev Kola Ewuosho. He served in various roles within the church. In 1991, he enrolled and graduated from the Dunamis Bible Training Institute, the training arm of the ministry. Since then, Kenny began to sense the call of God upon his life. In 1992, he moved to the United States for further his engineering studies. Between 1994 and 2003, he conducted seminars, prayer meetings while coordinating a Christian fellowship. In 2003, he was ordained as a pastor and Rejoyce Christian Center was started that same year.

CAMEROON

2005

Pastor Olivier Atemengue arrived in Cameroon in October 2005 with a burning desire to reach out to Cameroon and the Francophone nations with the word he had received at The Word of Faith Christian Center- Kano. He started evangelising and opened a cell in his house. With his nine converts, he organised the first program in April 2006, inviting Pastor Kofi from Ghana as the guest speaker. By the grace of God the ministry started growing, getting more people saved and establishing them in the knowledge of Christ.

The Lord took us faithfully from the little place where we were, gradually expanded us to where we are today. By the grace of God, the power of the Word has been challenging and has been changing mind-sets, which was one of the great obstacles we encountered. The church is affecting her environment; many couples are being blessed and restored by the couples' fellowship which has had a great impact. The women's fellowship, through their prayer breakfast meetings, have testimonies of God's healing, visitation and intervention. After twelve years of ministry we can see believers standing on their own, believing God, standing strong in front of adversity and seeing God honouring their faith. We can see how God took people who lost all hope at a point in their life. Today they are happy because hope was restored through the Word.

Through this ministry in Cameroon...

- Many souls have been won to the kingdom of God, lives transformed by the Word through discipleship, conferences, seminars, couples' fellowship, women's prayer breakfasts, magazines, books and tapes and CDs of Rev. and Rev. mother's messages.
- Hope and the joy of salvation has been restored to many
- Marriages healed and couples restored
- Outreach to widows, orphans and the needy

The ministry here has benefited from live preaching and ministration of our parents Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke, Pastor Wole, Pastor Kofi, Pastor Brown and Pastor Bayo.

Future Projects include...

- Extension of the ministry to Yaounde - Cameroon
- Radio and TV broadcast of messages
- Reaching out to the Francophone nations



*Photographs from Cameroon church.
Third photo: Pastor Olivier and
Minister Lipem Atemengue*

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LATIN AMERICA

The vision of FOWM always has been to reach and disciple the nations. We eager to see the impact of God's Word and His wisdom in the lives of people over the world. In the past years Latin America has been on our heart. One of the things we do is working together in partnership with other churches in Latin America, bringing God's Word to people, challenging them to grow and to rise up to be all they can be. We offer them leadership and discipleship training and we participate in regular outreaches to help in different countries of Latin America.

OUR BEGINNING

The connection with Latin America started when God began to bring Spanish-speaking people from that part of the world to our church in the United Kingdom. As these people were impacted by the grace on this ministry and their lives were transformed, they had a burden to see messages translated and taken to their own people.

OUR MISSIONARY TRIPS

2006

Our first missionary trip was in 2006 to Nicaragua (Managua) where this journey began.



2009

In 2009 we held our first conference in Argentina (Mar de Plata) where our connections with leaders were strengthened. We found the body of Christ in Latin America really hungry for God. (photo on right)



2011-2012

In 2011 and 2012 Rev. Funke & Rev. Kola travelled to several cities in Peru where they ministered and prayed. The lives of people were impacted, restored and encouraged.



2013

In 2013, we were given the opportunity to share God's Word on one of the radio stations in Mar de Plata (Argentina).



2014-2015

BIBLE SCHOOL

Translation of audio and video Bible School

We have translated three editions of our Wisdom Digest magazine, books, audio messages and tracts into Spanish and we have started translating into Portuguese too. Approximately 4000 copies of our magazines have been distributed over Latin America.

The work of FOWM in Latin America has been spreading rapidly and we are now touching about 100 churches, their pastors and more than 1,000 people through our Latin America Facebook page.

Spanish Bible School

The goal of our Bible School is that people can be taught, equipped and grow in the wisdom of God to fulfil the will of God in their lives, churches and communities.

In June 2014 we were able to introduce our Bible School in Cuba where churches were equipped with our translated materials; these have been used as a powerful tool to disciple Christians in that country.

Also, in the same year, we travelled to Ecuador and Costa Rica to minister God's Word. Lives were blessed, the sick were healed, churches were strengthened and God was glorified as people experienced His life-transforming power and wisdom in a fresh way.



2016-2017

In 2016 and 2017 we travelled to Costa Rica where we had the privilege of preaching, teaching, praying for the sick as well as for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and many spoke in tongues.



2018

In the month of May (2018) Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke Ewuosho had the opportunity to visit Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. During this trip they ministered in different churches around the country and the hunger for God's Word was really felt in the lives of people and God's power was so evident. We believe lives were changed during this visit.



OUR FUTURE

FOWM's vision for Latin America is to see the lives of people be transformed in the knowledge and wisdom of God's Word to fulfil His will. Our commitment to building and nurturing good relationships with the natives has given the ministry an opportunity to work with leaders and churches. We desire to build up the body of Christ in every nation. We are also working on translating our ministry materials into Portuguese.

We are grateful to God for the privilege to be used by Him in the nation of Brazil. FOWM appreciates your monetary and prayer support for God's Kingdom to advance in the nations and for His glory to be made manifest.

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WISDOM FOUNDATION

FOR HEALTH CARE AND LIFE DEVELOPMENT

Wisdom Foundation is an initiative of the FOWM church in Kano, Nigeria that seeks to intervene and possibly break the vicious cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, premature death and unfulfilled potentials so prevalent in Nigeria and indeed Africa. Our vision is to provide broader, quicker and cheaper access to quality, community based and patient-focused medical care, considered basic in other parts of the world.

The Wisdom Foundation Hospital was established in August 2010 in Kano Nigeria. It is a well-equipped centre with facilities to cater for patients requiring obstetrics, gynaecology, paediatrics and surgery services. We have assembled teams of dedicated, well-trained and highly skilled experts in these areas.

We sponsor and provide health care for individuals in need but unable to afford for such services. This is carried out through our various campaigns and projects:

1. Medical interventions
2. Surgical interventions
3. Correction of Congenital Limb deformities in children and young adults
4. Health Insurance schemes
5. Community Outreaches that provide:
 - Bore-holes for Portable Water
 - Free Health Education, General Medical, Check-ups and treatments

2014

This year saw the Club Foot correction project kick off. The Foundation has over forty success stories from this corrective treatment, including Aisha's completed treatment in 2015 (pictured right: before and after the treatment). She is one of the beneficiaries at the Ponseti Center in the hospital

The Foundation, amongst other activities carries out Health campaigns in under-served communities riddled with various water and airborne diseases mostly due to lack of basic health services. Many individuals in these communities endure intense pain, discomfort and live with diseases that can be mitigated by making available to them the most basic health care.

Between 700-1000 benefited from these campaigns during one of our health campaigns in Panisau community Kano, Nigeria. (pictured right)



2016

The Foundation's health campaign was in partnership with the Nigerian Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Project. The community was offered free consultations, malaria tests, HIV tests and counselling (voluntary), drugs, mosquito nets and clothing. Over 60 medical and support individuals/volunteers were present for more than 7 hours.

The Foundation's projects include:

- A) SPECIALIZED SURGERY
- B) COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMPAIGNS
- C) OPERATION SURE FOOT FOR CLUB FOOT
- D) POLIO IMMUNIZATION
- E) HEALTH RADIO PROGRAMS



Photo: The equipment being operated in a village community is a borehole drilling machine to provide clean water for the villages

Today...

In the Foundation's pipelines:
SKILLS ACQUISITION

We aim to reduce unemployment and generate income by training individuals in local artistry and by encouraging existing artisans to improve their skills. Artisans will be educated on the benefits of developing potentials, being innovative, creative and futuristic in their line of work. The programme will be designed to enable recipients to imbibe required professionalism, ensuring they are reckoned with internationally.

EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

In view of the low standard of education obtainable in Nigeria and the need to improve the number of girls enrolled in not just primary levels but also secondary and tertiary institutions, the foundation will in the near future execute educational interventions which will entail the establishment of academic institutions with world standard educations. Interventions will also adopt learning techniques that will benefit the physically challenged in the society.

For more enquiries and information on partnerships, sponsorships and donations towards the vision, please find details below:

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