

story was told in 2 Kings 4:1-7 of a certain son of the Prophet who died leaving behind a huge debt burden, so much so that his widow cried out that his creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondsmen. Here was a son of the prophet, who should lack nothing. How can you work under a prophet like Elisha and be in debt? In our contemporary time, the character can be likened to a pastor in training. Though under the mentorship of Prophet Elisha, he died in penury and apparently untimely. He had a prophet in the mould of Elisha as master yet was entangled in such a debt that mortgaged his sons. He was in great financial distress but could not open up to his Man of God, who had the wherewithal to put him in sound financial footing. This was obviously because that particular son of the prophet was out of order.

Prophet Elisha is indeed capable of pulling this his son from economic woes because 2 Kings 6:1-7 tells us of him coming to the aid of his other son whose borrowed axe-head fell into the river. Elisha, who was powerful enough to make the drown axe-head float on the water, is therefore able to help this his impoverished son of 2 Kings 4:1 without him having to go a-borrowing. Elisha's assistance was not sought by him because the man was disconnected from his spiritual cover. We could also see Elisha's resourcefulness when the widow of the deceased pastor-in-training cried to Elisha. After carrying out what the Prophet asked her to do, 2 Kings 4:7 reads, Then she came and told the man of God. And he said,

### Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of then rest.

Please note that the Prophet did not just afford the widow the money she needed to pay off the debt, but she made extra cash with which to sustain herself and her children. So, there is no doubting the fact that the late son of the Prophet had this great insurance in Elisha but could not resort to him when in need because his heart was not where it should be. In fact, the man should not have been poor in the first place. Prophet Elisha was not poor as there was no record of him being in want at any time. This glory of the Prophet should naturally find expression in his sons once there is heart-to-heart connection.

But this was not the case with the deceased son because he was distracted and indulged in the here-and-there ministry mentioned in 1 Kings 20:40. Today, there are people who mock the grace and anointing. They may be with the man of God but their heart is not with him. They may be coming to Church but are not in the Church. The deceased son of the Prophet must have joined Elisha's ministry with a different motive. People of God, stay under your spiritual cover. You cannot be in Highland Church and not reflect the glory of the ministry.

Don't connect to the man of God with your mouth while something else is in your heart. It is when you are true to your spiritual cover that what it embodies can flow towards you. Our subject-matter was a son of the Prophet yet did not reflect the greatness of

his spiritual father, in his lifetime. He died in debt. He was ashamed to open up on his financial difficulties until what came after his death forced the wife to cry out to the man of God. We have consistently said you cannot be in Highland Church for three months without experiencing a positive change of trajectory. If this experience, which has been the testimony of many, does not happen in your life, then there is a problem. God is too faithful to fail and is not going to experiment failure with you.

God is never to blame if your fortune doesn't improve after three months in this ministry. If that doesn't happen, check your life and where you go. You can't come to Church on Sunday and go visiting a witch doctor or spiritualist the next day, that is akin to the here-and-there ministry. The God we serve is too jealous to share His glory with any man. Resolve today not to mix anything with the grace of God. Always follow the counsel of your pastors. Your next level is in the mouth of your man of God. This is why 2 Chronicles 20:20b says, Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. Hosea 12:13 corroborates this thus: By a prophet, the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. Let these scripture and the fate of that pastor-in-training in 2 Kings 4:1 make you truly stay connected with your spiritual cover. Shalom!

Joseph Shoroway

#### **Counseling/Prayer Lines**

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#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
August 1	Hebrews 10:19-39 & Ezekiel 3-4	August 5	Hebrews 12:14-29 & Ezekiel 13-15
August 2	Hebrews 11:1-16 & Ezekiel 5-7	August 6	Hebrews 13 & Ezekiel 16
August 3	Hebrews 11:17-40 & Ezekiel 8-10	August 7	James 1 & Ezekiel 17-19
August 4	Hebrews 12:1-13 & Ezekiel 11-12		



### Relocation to The UK through Highland Church Upgrade

Praise the Lord! It gives me and my family unspeakable joy to testify of God's goodness in our life and family. For some years now, we have been trusting God for relocation abroad but all efforts in that regard were to no avail. I remembered that during the last Days of Grace themed: "Upgrade", our Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa, kept prophesying that it was our turn for an outstanding Upgrade. He even mentioned that doors of all nations have been opened as far as we desire it. As he said this, me and my family keyed into the prophecy and kept praying that the prophetic declaration must become a reality for us in this third quarter. In this month of July, we applied for the UK Study Visa and ensured we submitted our application on the week of Highland Church's First Anniversary. We used the celebration period as an opportunity to trust God for the realization of the 'Upgrade' prophetic declaration. We want to appreciate Pastor Andrew Akinduro and his family for their support and prayers with us during the process. We prayed to God to give our family an Anniversary testimony and God has now proven to us that he is truly not a scam by enabling us to be granted the Visa we applied for. Brethren, we return all the glory to the Almighty God for going ahead of us all through the process and for granting our family this "Upgrade".

**Bro Samuel Alao** 

# First Timer Delivered from Chronic Pornography Addiction

I attended last week's Sunday service as a first timer to Highland Church. I have been battling with an addiction to pornography for years. During the worship session while Victoria Orenze was ministering, I felt sorry for hurting God and was carried away by the worship session that I was crying all through. At a point, I felt free in my spirit as Isaiah 43:1 came to my mind. Also, I was in debt at the time. During the service, Pastor prophesied that God will miraculously come through for us. This prophecy came through in my life and last Thursday, I was able to pay a part of the debt. I give all praises to the Lord who has now made me free from pornography.

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Boost the belief of the brethren in God by telling of your wins, gains and victories via: testimonies@highlandchurch.com.ng

- Your story has changed forever
- Somebody has just come out of debt, the Lord will supernaturally pay your debt and you will no more be in bondage
- Your harvest will start speaking from now
- By the mercy of God, you shall rise
- What you have been expecting from the Lord is done
- This week, you shall accomplish what you couldn't since the start of this year.
- Receive the grace to do whatever you want to do.
- Divine health is your portion
- They will be calling you from all quarters to deliver good news to you
- You won't look for money, money will look for you.
- No matter how long you have been sick, you are healed right now in the name of Jesus.

#### Mike Aremu Brings the Word Alongside Music to Highland Church

Gospel jazz sensation, Mike Aremu was in Highland Church last Sunday and gave a very melodious yet lively ministration on the altar. This roused worshipers of the Lord in Church to let loose in dance and singing of praises to the Lord. In the midst of the two sessions he handled, the widely-travelled minstrel came off his saxophone to minister the following Word to the congregation: "I salute the grace of God upon this house. Can't believe this Church is just a year old? It was inaugurated during the COVID-19 lockdown but just imagine the growth? You

don't need anything to convince you that the Lord is at work here. Once you can connect with a Church like this at this time, as the Church is growing, you too are growing. I've been with a ministry for 24 years; those who were there by the time I joined are now captains of industry. With Highland Church growing at such an alarming rate, if you are here and not growing, then check your life to see what is wrong." Turning to the Senior Pastor, Mike Aremu said "I am glad to be connected to you, Sir. Thank you very much for having me here".

### For Your Information •

#### <u>Link to Greater Works Conference Now</u> Available

By logging in to https://bit.ly/3z8vKre this Saturday, you shall be able to participate in the much anticipated International Conference of Highland Church themed: Greater Works. This meeting which comes up on July 31 shall bring together all our brethren in Diaspora for a pleasant fellowship. The Global Grace pillar of the Church shall take center stage in this virtual meeting tagged Greater Works. From our headquarters in Oregun, Highlanders from different countries of the world shall connect with the Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa ministering.

#### Here's an Opportunity to Become Spoken Word Star

If you are a member of Highland Church and you are highly poetic or proficient in Spoken Word delivery, then this information is yours. A Spoken Word Team has been launched by Highland Church to provide the platform and train Highlanders who are gifted in making sense with rhythmic words and rhymes. This team is also for Highlanders who are blessed with strong vocal chords and can add life to memorized scripts. Contact Pastor Tolu Adeseri to sign you up to the group of highly talented brethren now.

#### **Believers' Foundation Class**

Speaking in tongues is like the lingua franca in Highland Church. There is no time that the Church prays that there won't be a time when Highlanders will power their prayers by speaking in tongues. The Believers Foundation Class is the platform where members of this Church are imbued with the unction to pray in the Spirit among other spiritual training. This class also sets new members on the path of joining the Church's workforce. The next BFC holds on Sunday, 8th and 15th of August, 2021. Time is 7:30am at Goshen.

#### No Cell Meeting this Saturday

The Highland Cell Meeting, which is our small group fellowship, will not be holding this Saturday, July 31, 2021. This is in order for Highlanders to participate in the first ever international conference of the ministry holding virtually on the same date by 3pm GMT + 1. We are all encouraged to hook up online or be in Goshen so we can use this conference to fellowship with our Diaspora brethren.

#### **Operation Save Them Now Personal**

Don't let the evangelism fire which Operation Save Them has kindled in you to quench. Now is the time to go a-fishing on your own. Use the time Highlanders use to have corporate evangelism on Saturday mornings to move around your estate and neighbourhood, telling people about Christ and the gospel according to Highland Church. You can pick fliers about our service days from the Church Office with which you will preach the good news to the people living around you.

#### **Introducing Highland Events Centre**

The highly functional facility of Highland Church at No 22 Oweh Street, Jibowu, Yaba, Lagos State is now open for your events and programmes. If you are planning on organizing birthday parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, annual general meetings of your organisation, then take advantage of this spacious and readily accessible compound in the heart of Lagos mainland as venue. The well-equipped facility also offers spaces for seminars and short-let offices. This Highland Event Centre boasts of security guards, constant power supply with a 65KVA generating set on standby, giant air conditioning sets. For bookings and other enquiry, please call: 08160150407.



### • For Your Information

# <u>God Needs Your Home in Oregun, Ikeja Environs as HCM Centres</u>

Do you live in Oregun, Olusosun, Ojota, Opebi and environs and want the ark of God to tabernacle in your house? Do you like how services go in Highland Church and you want this glory and awesomeness to be replicated in your home? Do you have space to host between 5-15 adults? If your answers to these questions are in the positive, then be a host of the Highland Cell Meeting. This is so that the brethren living around you can have a place to worship and learn under the feet of our master, Jesus, on Saturday evenings for just one hour 15 minutes. You can signify interest in making your home available for the Highland Cell Meeting by contacting Pastor Andrew on 08033750542 or the Church office on 08068967686. The kind of blessings enjoyed by Obed Edom within the three months the Ark of Covenant stayed in his house awaits you when you heed this call.

## Free Bus from Fadeyi to Goshen Leaves 7:30am

Members coming to Goshen from Fadeyi and environs should endeavor to be in Bethel not later than 7:30am on Sundays to join the free bus ride to Goshen at Plot 2/3 Kudirat Abiola Way, Oregun. After the service, the buses will be on ground to convey worshippers back to Fadeyi which will be stopping at Palmgrove and Onipanu for those living in those areas to alight.





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