



# THE JOURNEY SO FAR: CHERUBIM & SERAPHIM MOVEMENT CHURCH WORLDWIDE, DAKIBIYU DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA IN PERSPECTIVE

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

he Cherubim and Seraphim Movement Church Worldwide, Dakibiyu District Headquarters, Dakibiyu, Abuja has come a long way over these past 30 years, transiting from a very humble beginning, overcoming all challenges and enjoying God's grace to attain its current District status with some Branches under it. We thank God for seeing us through these past years. Indeed a lot of water have gone under the bridge as the Church grew. The events that unfolded over the years are captured in this presentation.

#### THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT THROUGH PROPHECY:

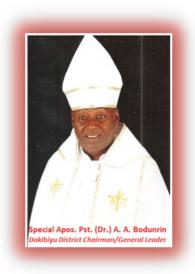
The Church was established through series of revelations and



Late Prophet (Dr) G. O. Fakeye

among these was the one from Snr. Apos. Prophet D. S. Jolayemi at C&S Movement Church, No 4, Ilorin on 31st January, 1987 that God would transfer then Snr. Apostle A. A. Bodunrin to Abuja for a special purpose and with respect to Church coordination. In May 1988, another revelation was made by Prophet J. I. O. Abiose (now Special Apostle) at C&S Movement Church, Sanusi Street, Kano where he prophesied that the General Leader/Chairman of Surulere District, Special Apos. Prophet (Dr.) G. O. Fakeye (of the blessed memory) will establish a Branch of the Church at Abuja through Special Apos. Pastor (Dr.) A. A. Bodunrin.

All these prophecies began to manifest when His Grace Baba Aladura, Pastor J. T. Agboola (of the blessed memory) in January, 1990 requested that Special Apos. Prophet (Dr.) G. O. Fakeye (the Chairman of the Central Planning Implementation Committee of C&S Movement Church Worldwide, Overseer of Abuja Area and Special Apostle for Evangelism), to tour the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) with some Church Elders; and they submitted their findings to then Baba Aladura at the National Headquarters, Kaduna. Their findings revealed that other Christian Denominations had many branches within FCT and noted with dismay that our sect; "C&S Movement Church Worldwide" had just one Branch within Abuja. Based on this report, the then Baba Aladura, Late Pastor J. T. Agboola directed that more lands should be acquired by this denomination for the expansion of the Church in FCT,



so that the gospel (word of God) would be propagated to win more souls for Christ and also to serve all new members and new converts all over FCT. This directive led to the establishment of the Church; and on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1990, the establishment of the (C&S Church



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Movement, Surulere Abuja Branch) was announced during the Anniversary Celebration of St. Peter's Band of C&S Movement Church, Surulere, Lagos, the Band of Special Apostle Pastor (Dr.) A. A. Bodunrin; and he was also pronounced the Leader- in-Charge of the newly established Church.

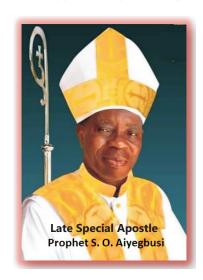
The Church had her inaugural service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1990 at No 5, Flat 1, Niami Street, Zone 2, Wuse, Abuja (popularly known as Block 406), then residence of S/M/I/I Ajoke Oluwafunmilayo Adegoke nee Oyelola (of blessed memory) with eleven (11) members in attendance. The objective of the Church establishment, according to God as was revealed on February 17, 1991 by Evang. K. Alamutu (now in Lagos) was on "TRUTH". That is, the Church should be truthful in all her ways through the propagation of the "true word of God" to the lost souls and members of the fold worldwide as indicated in John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free". It was further revealed that the glory of the Church will be seen worldwide. The Church Tenet of Faith was mainly "Believe in ONE GOD, ONE FAITH and LOVE the LORD GOD with all your heart, soul and might"; and secondly, to love all our neighbors as ourselves. Thus, the Vision of the Church is "The full relationship of Salvation of God to all men through the knowledge of Jesus Christ the truth of God"; and the Mission is "to promote the New Birth amongst all nations by preaching God's Righteousness for the remission of sins through faith in the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:28, and Roman 3:25)".

The following Church Elders of Surulere District also played prominent roles by constantly visiting Abuja, worshipping with the Branch, and guiding the Church through series of revelations and spiritual advice: Late Special Apostle Prophet S. O. Aiyegbusi (former Amazing Grace District Chairman/General Leader),

Late Special Apos. Prophet G. O. Jagun, Late M/S/Apos. Prophet G. O. Adeshina, Late M/S/Apos Prophet Olojo, etc.

#### TEETHING CHALLENGES AND GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

After the inauguration service, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 1990, the Church applied and paid for a piece



of land as a place of worship at Kubwa Resettlement Area within the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) Abuja as directed by Baba Aladura. Within some months, Block 406 (residence of M/I/I Adegoke) could not accommodate members due to the rapid influx of new members and new converts. Thus, with the moral and financial assistance from our Mother Church (C&S Movement Church, Surulere, Lagos) and Abuja Church members, the Church moved from Block 406 to a bigger place at Mambolo Street, Zone 2, Wuse and constructed a "batcher" as a place of worship.

The first service at Mambolo was held on Sunday 21st July 1991 with twenty-one (21) members in attendance. Eight months later (i. e. 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1992), the Church was given seven days notice to vacate the Church's new temporary site at Mambolo Street. But God rescued us immediately by providing the first permanent land that we earlier applied and paid for at Kubwa Resettlement Area with FCDA (the Land now presently occupied by the Gethsemane District Headquarters of C&S Movement Church Worldwide, Kubwa, Abuja). The Church building was erected and we had our first service at the new site with massive turnout of members and new members all around Abuja on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1992. A week later, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1992, there arose another persecution from our sister Church in Abuja and we were harassed by policemen at their instance. Under the circumstance, we were forced to abandon our Church there. This was done so as to avoid any open confrontation with our sister church, to abide with the instruction of the General Leader, Pro. G. O. Fakeye, and obey spiritual message. Consequently, we resorted to fellowshipping at members' houses. Firstly, the Church went back to Block 406 Wuse; the following week, the service was held at Snr. Apos. J. A. Adelowo's house at Kubwa and later back to Block 406 Wuse; until September 20<sup>th</sup> 1992, when we moved to the Mountain top at Kugbo, along Nyanya Road as directed by another revelation through Rev. Dr. Prophet Ade Martins, the Leader-in-Charge of Zaria Expressway, Kaduna. Here we conducted service under heavy





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rainfall and sunshine with no place to hide.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1992, we settled down at "UNDER THE BRIDGE" along Olusegun Obasanjo Way, Zone 7, Wuse, Abuja and more members joined the fold. At this new place, there arose another challenge from a top Military Officer, Brigadier General John Madaki (Rtd.) that owned the building next to the prayer house. Unknown to us, this fresh challenge was a blessing in disguise because it was instrumental to the acquisition of our second permanent site at Apo Village. Building work commenced at the Apo site and all our Friday Evening Covenant Services were observed at the site from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. We however remained "under the bridge" in Zone 2 for the rest of the other Church activities, because of bad road condition to the site and the lack of necessary infrastructure.

Every rainy season, while the Church was still under the bridge and whenever there was heavy rainfall, all Church properties were always washed away by flood. At under the bridge also, another persecution arose and this led to the burning of all the Church

properties. This eventually made us to shift our base from "UNDER THE BRIDGE" to C Α permanent plot "BESIDE THE BRIDGE" that was not occupied. Few months later, ICAN informed us to vacate

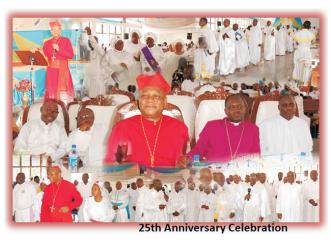
their land and we had to move again to the available <u>SPACE INBETWEEN ICAN LAND AND THE BRIDGE.</u>

These incessant problems at Wuse and the remoteness of our Apo Land made us to apply to F.C.D.A. Lands Department for another piece of land as a place of worship and school within Phase 2, Abuja. This development led to the acquisition of our third permanent site within Dakibiyu District, Abuja, and the church's present location. As directed by God, the Church had

its first service on this new site on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1999 and many members joined the Church after this service.

We are indeed grateful to God Almighty for seeing us through these past years, for we were greatly afflicted but God did not forsake us because we always held on to His promises. We constantly remember His word that says 'if God be for us who can be against us'' (Romans 8:31) and 'when God works, who can hinder it?'' (Isaiah 43:13). Surely nobody can! To God be the glory.

## UPGRADING OF THE CHURCH FROM CIRCUIT TO DISTRICT LEVEL AND ITS BRANCHES



In year 2005, the Church was upgraded from a Branch level to a Circuit level by our Surulere District Headquarters. At that time, the Church had the following Branches under her supervision: Minna Branch, Mararaba, Branch, Masaka Branch, Kado Branch, Pyakasa Branch (now Suleja Branch), Gauraka Branch and Kurudu Branch. In 2006, the Church never expected to be upgraded to a District level; but through God's injunction and the request by Prophet G. O. Fakeye for the Church to be upgraded to a District status



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as a result of its rapid landmark progress, the Church was miraculously upgraded after 16 years of inception from Surulere District - Abuja Circuit Headquarters, to Dakibiyu District. The Church Auditorium was also completed and dedicated as part of the activities to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration. To God be the glory. Dakibiyu District presently has the following Branches: Mararaba, Suleja, Gauraka, Kubwa, Kuje, Lugbe, Jikwoyi, Mararaba II, Gwagwalada, Anagada, Ikorodu and Keffi. Other Branches that already possess their permanent land allocation documents namely Pegi Branch,

Apo Branch and Yangoji Branch are to be established soon.

# DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BANDS AND THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The District Headquarters presently has eighteen (18) Bands namely: Choir, Emmanuel, Lydia and Samuel, Rhoda, Joseph, Faith, Ephraim, Warden, Prayerist, Anna, Esther, Mary, Good women, Daniel, King David, Show the Glory of God and Soldiers of Christ Bands. Other active groups are Evangelical and Shiloh. The church also has a functioning Children Ministry, Youth Fellowship and the Spiritual Medical Centre. The Theological

College will also commence soon.

Our prayer is that God Almighty will continue to strengthen and uphold the Bands, Branches, District Headquarters, the entire members of Dakibiyu District and C&S Movement Church Worldwide at large, Amen.

Long Live C & S Movement Church, Dakibiyu District

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Special Apostle Pastor (Dr.) Anthony Adedayo Bodunrin

And the Entire Members of

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