

# DAKIBIYU @ 30: BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY...

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To the glory of God for his *Steadfast Love*, Dakibiyu District Headquarters is celebrating her 30th Year Anniversary. Though God's protection, mercies and blessings have been tremendous and immeasurable, there were however some challenges from different quarters which the Church overcame by the overbearing grace of God Almighty. A concise but vivid brief of the journey of Dakibiyu District Headquarters from inception in 1990 to date has been provided elsewhere in this commemorative document. It is however pertinent to mention that my involvement in Cherubim & Seraphim Movement Church (CSMC) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, preceded the inception of Dakibiyu District Headquarters. Providing this narrative will no doubt complete and complement the historical account of Dakibiyu District Headquarters Church in the FCT

My sojourn to Abuja took place in the early years after the FCT became the seat of the Federal Government. It happened when I was transferred by the organization I worked for then, the United Bank for Africa (UBA), to its Abuja Office on 14th March 1983, after a brief relief duty assignment as the Branch Accountant in Lapai, Niger State. I soon joined and worshipped at the C&S Movement Church (CSMC) Suleja, which was then a close sprawling satellite town to the FCT. To the glory of God, I soon became the Assistant Secretary of the Church while then Senior Apostle Emmanuel Olaogbebikan was the Church Secretary. In early 1984, tragedy struck when three members of the Suleja Branch of the C&S Movement Church died in a road accident along Berger Road in Abuja. This incident resulted in convening a meeting in Area 8 Garki, where it was resolved to set up a Branch of the C&S Movement Church in Abuja metropolis, in order to reduce the stress

of commuting over long distance by road from Abuja to Suleja and avoid associated risks. Present at the meeting were Apostle Omoniyi Ige (late), Apostle Emmanuel Afolabi (late), Alhaji Tunde Edu and my humble self (then an Evangelist). The meeting further resolved that Apostle Omoniyi Ige (late) should be the Leader-in-Charge, Apostle Emmanuel Afolabi be the Deputy Leader while my humble self was made the Church Secretary. The Church grew in spite of some teething challenges from time to time, which God helped to surmount.

With my transfer from Abuja to UBA, Afon Branch, Ilorin, Kwara State as the Branch Accountant in 1986, I handed over the Secretaryship position to Evangelist Reuben Omotayo. I soon joined and worshipped at the C&S Movement Church No. 4, Ilorin under the leadership of Snr. Apos. J. B. Opaleke (late). It was at this Church that divine revelation was proclaimed on 31st January, 1987 through Snr Apos. Prophet D. Jolayemi that I would soon be transferred out of Ilorin to Abuja for God's Mission. The vision came to pass in May, 1987 when I received a letter requesting me to report at UBA Abuja Area Office. On getting to Abuja, I returned to C&S Movement Church, Garki, Abuja which I helped founded; and became the Patron of the Choir Band and an Elder of the Church. The Church grew in leaps and bounds over the years.

In January 1990, His Grace Baba Aladura, Pastor J. T. Agboola (of the blessed memory) commissioned Prophet G. O. Fakeye (of Blessed memory), who was the then Chairman of Movement Central Planning Implementation Committee (CPIC) to tour the FCT and explore the feasibility of setting up C&S Movement Churches in the FCT Abuja. The report of the tour revealed that Movement Church

has only one Branch while other denominations have many Branches in FCT. Directive was therefore given by His Grace to establish more branches of the C&S Movement Church in the FCT. This gave birth to the *Abuja Branch of the C&S Movement Church, Surulere District*.

On 12th August, 1990, during the Anniversary Thanksgiving service of St. Peter Band at the Surulere District headquarters, Lagos, the establishment of Abuja Branch of Surulere District was announced and I was proclaimed as the Leader-in-Charge of the new Branch. With this proclamation, the inaugural worship took place on Sunday 2nd September, 1990 at No 5, Flat 1, Miami 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 Branch later got upgraded to *Surulere District -Abuja Circuit Headquarters* in 1995 and later to *Dakibiyu District* on 18th May 2006 after 16 years of establishment. This was as a result of its rapid landmark progress and achievements over the period

It is to the glory of God that the anniversary of the birth of Dakibiyu District headquarters which took place on the Sunday 2nd September, 1990 thirty years ago is being commemorated and celebrated. However, it is to be noted that the antecedents to the birth of the Church and the travails of its Chairman/General Leader in C&S Movement Churches in Abuja dated back to 14th March 1983. To God be the Glory for his *Steadfast Love*