

CELEBRATING 3 DECADES OF GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE





We "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

It is with great joy and a heart bursting with thanksgiving that I welcome all distinguished well-wishers, our Guests from home and the Diaspora to the 30th Anniversary of founding Dakibiyu District Headquarters Church. This joyous occasion is indeed very unique in the sense that it is a double event as it is being held alongside the 2020 Harvest Thanksgiving of the Church. It is from the hindsight of the tremendous blessings and mercies that this Church has enjoyed over the past years through God's grace, coupled with this twin celebration, that the Theme for our thanksgiving is God's Steadfast Love (Psalm 108:4). Indeed, we attest to the fact that God's Steadfast love has been tremendous and never ceases, even in the face of tribulations. This is well expounded in Lamentations 3:22-23 which states that "The steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness".

From the time this journey started thirty years ago in 1990 up unto now, God has been faithful and merciful. The journey has been quite eventful. We passed through series

of tribulations and challenges in the course of time. We were crushed, perplexed and persecuted on several occasions but we always triumphed because His banner over us is love, and this which has permanently hovered us. God remains steadfast in His love towards us, and we have enjoyed God's favour, mercies and blessings in multifarious ways.

God has granted us the grace to stand as true Soldiers of Christ, staying in awe of God, fighting all battles with the true armour of God, triumphing in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ and basking under the power of the Holy Spirit. All these have made us excel in all our endeavours and service to God and Humanity.

Our experiences of these past years have shown that it is indeed good to serve the Lord in truth and in deed. I therefore admonish all our well wishes and everyone that we should continually live in love and unity with our brethren, while we worship God in truth. This has been our guiding standards and principles that propelled us successfully to our current enviable situation. God is always faithful.

We need to realise that God's Steadfast love for mankind is tremendous. We need to always tap into this to enjoy God's mercies and blessings on a continuous basis. This is rooted in the Bible because 1 Corinthians 13:4 says Love is patient, kind, does not envy, boast and it is not proud. Does not seek to dishonour others, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered keeps no records of wrongs. Love doesn't delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. God is love. We should clothe ourselves with these attributes of love and allow God to be fully expressed in us and remain steadfast in Him.

I wish to appreciate all our friends, co-worshippers and well-wishers for the extension of fellowship and identifying with us during this celebration. I pray that God's infinite mercies, blessings and protection will extend over your household, your businesses and the Nation. At this juncture, I cannot but enjoin all of us to speak well and pray earnestly for our great nation, Nigeria so that all our current national travails, including COVID-19 will become a thing of the past. May God deliver our country and give us the heart of God to live under His banner and Steadfast love. Amen

Thank you once again for celebrating with us. I pray that your various journeys shall be safe and in peace. May the Grace of God continue to abide with you, Amen.

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Yours in His Vineyard,

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