

Power in the Word Raising the Amazons at (EWAMC) 2010

Lechi **EKE**

Not only do tough people outlast tough times, tough people overcome them! This seems to be the undertone of the 2010 edition of *Every Woman a Minister Conference* with the theme "Raising the Amazons".

The conference is a clarion call for Christian women to raise and overcome challenges of life which they encounter. To show that it is not an ordinary conference, pastors wives staged the opening act. They portrayed such outstanding Biblical females like Mary Mother of Jesus, Mary, Lazarus' sister (that poured the precious oil on the master's feet), Deborah, Esther, Dorcas etc. Since the Bible is still being written by believers, an uncanonised female figure closed the opening act as our own sister Ngozi, portrayed Bishop Peace Okonkwo who has the mandate to raise godly amazons for our God.



❖ Bishop Peace giving her opening address at the conference. Pastor Obii Pax-Harry, a fiery speaker with a prophetic Ministry was this year's

“ every woman must be visionary if she knows why she is in the world, discern the time and rise up to it. ”

Conference guest speaker. On the opening day, she examined the mystery of womanhood which she believes is locked up in the purpose for her creation. Drawing from Gen. 1:26 & 27, she stated that woman is made in the image and likeness of God to have dominion. So, it is not a gender issue, the woman is supposed to exercise dominion in her own areas of influence. Referring to Prov. 29:18, the speaker pointed out that the woman must be a visionary if she knows why she is in the world. Read the rest story in the next edition of *Power in the word* magazine. ■

7th Edition of Mike Okonkwo National Essay Competition 2010 Winners Emerge



Onyinye Okoli 1st prize winner Ahia Fego 2nd prize winner A. Iyabode Cliff 3rd prize winner

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The erudite man of God made assertions that were thought provoking. Among which were, "never ask for money for business – when in debt" what we need is a rich mind not a rich background: He further opined that, there are no menial jobs, but minds. He went ahead to embellish these assertions with biblical and contemporary illustrations. It was also his position, that poor backgrounds has always been manure
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Christian Men at Settlement Centre

Buchi **UBANY**

This year's Men's camp meeting was spiritually edifying as it was exhilarating. What happened is better experienced than being told. One can hardly put what transpired at that SETTLEMENT CENTRE (Redemption Camp) in words. Only eternity can fully articulate it and the Holy Spirit of course. Prior to the trip, members undertook a seven-day prayer and fasting session meant to cleanse and sanctify them for God's visitation.

This was coupled with daily encouraging text messages that continued to pour in even after the camp-meeting. Before arriving the

camp, there was prophecy that settlement awaits us there.

The programme was packaged in such a way that it addressed the total man. There were sessions on Sanctification, Thanksgiving, financial increase, Healthy living, spiritual warfare, Godly Homes and the family. One of the major highlights of the meeting was Rev. Francis Oleghe's message captioned. "Accessing God's Great Abundance". With Luke 15:14-20, he admonished his audience, saying that life was never really unfair, and that any body that goes down can only get up, and get going again.

MCWT: Come up Hither, Bishop urges Men

Monday **UDEZE**

The July 2010 edition of the "Men can we talk" programme will long be remembered by the men of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission in Lagos zone due to the various activities that featured. With the theme 'come up hither,' one could easily say it was timely especially, considering the global situation currently.

With persistent news of famine, earthquakes, wars, rumours of wars, catastrophes, and corruptions and so on, God is saying to His people, come up hither, and I will show you the things that must be

hereafter Rev. 4:1.

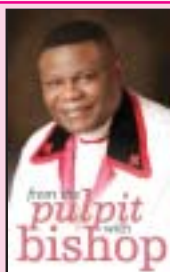
The presiding Bishop Okonkwo of TREM, Dr. Mike Okonkwo who ministered at the meeting, stated that often times, the challenge has always been, our inability to understand who we are, and the potentials we have in life, and that this has intimidated and limited us. The man of God pointed out that Satan has over the years cashed in on one of man's challenges which is identity crisis, and has used it as a weapon against man. He made it clear that as we all know ignorance is not an excuse, and so, if a man

does not realise who he is in Christ, then he will not know what he can achieve as well. The man of God was of the view that the time for us to shine and be revealed to our world is now and therefore, we must not allow the things we are going through to deny us our leadership roles. Instead, we must come up hither from all, limitations and enter boldly into the fullness of all we were created for.

In addition to business talks, one brother, Kingsley Opara, a Ministries-in-Training teacher from TREM Apapa, testified of how
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The Hand of God

When we talk about the hand of God what does it really mean?



In our context it could mean His power or His authority. It could also mean divine enablement for you to do that which ordinary you cannot do. And there are abundant evidences for us in the Bible.

I Sam 5 for example, tells of the capture of the ark of the Lord by the enemy, the Philistines. Not only did they capture the Ark of God, they had the effrontery of keeping the ark in the house of dagon their god. But by the time they woke up the next day they discovered that dagon had fallen on its face its hand cut off. It was then they realised that the ark was not an ordinary one.

❖ To this effect, every enemy hand that is pointing your direction I command them to be destroyed.

❖ Whatever the enemy has packaged against your life, against your success; charms, enchantments and incantations, spells, divinations and occult manifestations that have been fashioned to withstand what God has ordained in your life, today, I command them to fall.

Pharaoh, King of Egypt is another example. I guess you know the story of how he resisted God in not allowing the Israelites to go, but the hand of God changed all that, and the captivity of so many years was removed: *By the reason of God's Hands, whatever has kept you down all these years, is today removed.* There are lessons to draw from the story. You cannot be totally sold out to God, without God being totally sold out for you. That was what Moses prayed when he insisted before Pharaoh that they were leaving with everything they had, to go and serve God. You should know that you are a covenant child and whoever touches you touches God. Infact, there are many of you now in tight situation and you are wondering how you will come out. The Israelites were in a similar dilemma but God brought them out that same God will bring you out, Amen!

Further readings: **Neh. 2, Ezek. 8:21-23, Ex.9:1-7, Num. 11:18-23. For full details, get the tape.**

Word Alive 2010: Afolabi Brown Street, Akoka Feels The Impact

Nmecha **AKUMA**

The Word Alive conference, an annual programme of the Akoka Branch of TREM has come and gone. This year's edition with the theme "Grace for the race" held from the 16th to the 18th of July 2010. The guest speaker Pastor Taiwo Odukoya, the Senior Pastor of Fountain of Life Church, spoke on the theme.



❖ Members distributing refuse bins to residents of Afolabi brown street.

In his message he pointed out that everybody is in a race and each person must determine the starting point of his race. He however observed that the word of God is filled with promises that should encourage every child of God to finish his race well. He emphasized that the grace to finish well comes from focusing on Christ. The theme song for the conference will continue to resonate in the hearts of the members. It is a song that preaches the message of the conference in a melodious way but something else will continue to resonate on that street. As part of the activities of the conference the church made its impact felt

on Afolabi Street where the church is located. On the Saturday 17th of July the church mobilized and embarked on a street cleaning exercise.

It saw the members cutting grass and clearing the clogged drainage. But the highpoint of that exercise was the distribution of TREM branded industrial refuse bins, to all the houses on the street. The resident Pastor Rev. Akintola Oni mentioned that the church has a vision to construct a proper drainage system to ease the flow of water down the street into the lagoon. ■

Bishops, others grace Ijesha "Open Heavens"

Samuel **AJAYI** & Josephat **UNEKE**

The Ijesha branch of TREM had a rare privilege of hosting many anointed men of God recently when it held this year's edition of its annual programme "Open Heavens". Among the distinguished personalities in attendance were the Presiding Bishop of TREM, Bishop Mike Okonkwo, his wife, Bishop Peace Okonkwo, Bishop Kanayo Enuma, Bishop Bethuel Korape, Rev Christian Ajoku, Rev Patience Obiakor and Rev Monday Ojo and Rose Nweze, amongst many others.

representative in Nigeria. The man's life totally changed for good.

And on hand to receive these dignitaries was Bishop Walter Mbamara and his wife, Rev Nnenna Mbamara who preside over the Ijesha Expressway church. It was not a surprise that from the opening day, July 27 to August 1, 2010, there was a great outpouring of the word of God, testimonies and scriptural exaltations. Opening preliminaries over, Bishop Peace Okonkwo prophesied for signs, wonders and miracles during and after the convention, asserting that the blowing of the wind of God enables believers see His glory of God, magnificence and majesty. She illustrated this with the story of the blind man in John 9:1-11, prophesying an end for struggles and financial strandedness, and declaring that any one who has God has everything. Bishop Peace illustrated this with the story of a young man who had nothing and how he met a rich man and later became his

She shared stories of miraculous interventions from God, including that of a tenant in Ejigbo area of Lagos and how he eventually became a landlord, declaring that God does miracles in a diversity of areas business, education, finance, health, child bearing etc. Finally, she said, God graces us in different areas on how a pastor had a phone conversation with a sister who had dialysis and few days later the doctor gazed at her and confirmed the kidney problem vanished according to the pastor's discourse. Amidst several other testimonies, Rev. Nnenna Mbamara thanked Bishop Mike Okonkwo for assisting her to become somebody in life, and Bishop Peace for her initiatives in the International Women Prayer Conference (IWPC).

Evang. J.T Kalejaiye of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) used the opportunity to commend Bishop Mike Okonkwo as a powerful man of God whom he has known for over thirty years in ministry. When the presiding Bishop came on Day five, he released a prophetic title in his message: "the best is ahead of you..." with which he charged the audience to be men of hope and ultimately faith. He prophesied that God will get into our situations and give us double on every delay. For further details, see next edition of Power in the Word magazine ■

TREM Iponri relocates; hosts BISHOP PEACE.

Christy ANYANWU

The month of March will not be forgotten in a hurry in Surulere and its environs. Precisely, on the 7th day of that month, Bishop Peace Okonkwo, paid a visit to TREM Surulere's new auditorium at No 1, Oduduwa Street, Ikate, Surulere. The event tagged: "An evening with Bishop Peace Okonkwo" attracted a large congregation of church members and members of the public who came out to have a glimpse of the people of God.

In her message, titled: 'surviving the challenges of today', (Haggai 2: 5-9) She admonished the congregation that the present shaking around the world was sign of the end time and that as children of God, we should not suffer in the midst of the



❖ Bishops Peace & Mike Okonkwo with new pastors after their induction course.

TREM Masha, urged to "see beyond the surface"

Mac-Chuks B. Nwadioha

In an explosive message titled "seeing beyond the surface" the branch pastor of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission TREM Masha branch, Pastor Alfred Jarikire has urged members to see beyond the surface and look unto the finisher and the author of their faith.

He said that the promise that God has made over our lives must come to pass if only we will see beyond the surface because God, in his wisdom knows how to preserve His people. According to him, some circumstances or challenges we face may make it possible for some to question God and demand for an answer but seeing beyond the surface helps us to overcome the challenges. Speaking further, he pointed out that God sometimes allows these challenges so that we will not lose focus and our trust in him. "Sometimes we may not understand God in the situation we find ourselves but there must be a particular lesson we must learn from that situation", he said citing the example of Paul and Silas. He enjoined the members to praise God even in time of such situation as praise helps to put devil under our feet. Other examples

shaking. According to Bishop Peace "The shaking is set up by God to fill His house with glory. The darker it is in the world, the brighter we shine as children of God." Truth, she said overrules fact and the truth is the word of God.

Being her first visit, since the church moved from its former location at Iponri, she thanked the members for their commitment and also encouraged them to keep upholding the hand of the man of God, Rev. Dickson Anderson.

The occasion also witnessed the presence of the pioneer pastors of the church, Rev. Akintola Oni, Rev. Maxwell Gbinijie and a host of TREM pastors, ex-TREM Surulere members, friends and well wishers. ■



❖ Dr Mike Okonkwo at African Shabach. Read stories in the next edition of power-in-the word magazine.



❖ The choir at TREM Maryland, USA ministering at "The Champions conference 2010. he cited include, the story of Jephthah who though was thrown out by his brothers, eventually became a leader and David who killed Goliath.

"Are you in any situation where you don't understand God? Are you in any situation where you have financial needs? Are you in a situation where your health is falling you? Then see God in that situation and see beyond the surface", the man of God charged his audience. ■

Reports Notes on the 2010 ANNUAL SYNOD

Aloy IDAM

An opening prayer at about 9.10am marked the commencement of the 2010 Annual Synod of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission (TREM).

The presiding bishop of TREM, Dr. Mike Okonkwo welcomed delegates to the Annual Synod. Taking his text from 1 Chronicles 28:1-(Emphasis on 9) the Bishop exhorted the delegates on what he titled "Know God in self". He lamented that there is a lot of ignorance in the knowledge of Christ in the church (body of Christ), an ignorance which is fatal in the fight against wiles of the enemy.

He observed that the heart of king David was tender and ready to yield to God, an attribute that made him "the man after God's heart" "even after all the sins he committed. In contrast King Saul was alright in the sight of men but not with God and eventually he ended in a witch doctor's house.

Below are the highlights of the Synod:

- ❖ G-12 was moved from the Ministry of Maturity to the Ministry of Missions
- ❖ Churches should work at increasing the number of their cell fellowships.
- ❖ Any church that has not keyed in to the G-12 vision will eventually be side-lined.
- ❖ Churches were advised to run along with the Global Impact vision by impacting on their immediate environments in whatever way possible, even in little matters as clearing neighborhood gutters and filling of pot holes
- ❖ Churches should embark on massive membership drive.
- ❖ The ministry to special people (deaf and dumb) was recognized, commended and applauded. People were encouraged to develop special ministry to the blind, drug addicts and prostitutes.
- ❖ The camp ground project is not dead; efforts are still being made towards it.
- ❖ The north of Nigeria is a mission field and will be given special treatment on the criteria for identification of a branch.
- ❖ A model of a standard Church building is to be developed.



❖ Presiding Bishop praying for Bishop Peace Okonkwo on the last day of EWAMC 2010



❖ Presiding Bishop answering questions from journalists after the EWAMC 2010 conference



❖ Chief (Mrs) Oluremi Tinubu in photograph with Minister Genet Chenier



❖ Bishop Peace, the conveyer of EWAMC answering questions from journalists after the conference



❖ Pastor (Mrs) Lizzy Ikem during the conference



❖ 21st edition anniversary cake of EWAMC 2010



❖ Bishop Mike Okonkwo being welcomed at TREM Ijesha "Open Heavens" 2010 programme



❖ Pastor (Mrs) Toyin Oni receiving performance gift from Bishop Peace Okonkwo the conference



❖ Members of TREM Akoka during the street cleaning exercise



❖ Bishop Okonkwo in a chat with Chief (Mrs) Oluremi Tinubu during the conference

TREM Obalende Branch: Shake off the shackles

Monday **UDEZE**

It was a mammoth gathering at City Mall Onikan, the venue for the programme tagged "shake off the shackles". The hall was full to capacity on the 4th of July 2010. It was a musical programme put together by the Obalende branch of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission (TREM).

In his opening remark, the pastor of the branch, Rev. Ikenna Orakwue stated that 'shake off the shackles' is a vision God gave them in the year 2007. According to him while meditating on the scripture he read one morning, and pondering on how to manage the various challenges faced by his branch, bearing in mind that their strength was very small, the Holy Ghost dropped this word in his spirit. "I gave you amongst other rods, a rod; it is time to use it for my glory and for the exposing of the potentials I have already deposited in your church"

Then he asked what that could mean and Acts 16:25-26 popped up in his heart so he remembered how Paul and Silas prayed
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and sang in the midnight unto God, and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly, there was earthquake so that the foundations of the prison shook, and all the doors were opened and every one's bands were loosed. Rev. Orakwue stated that it dawned on him that the Holy Ghost was talking to him concerning music. He pointed out that TREM is noted in three major areas – the word, prayer and music.

'Shake off the shackles had its debut in 2008; it was held in the church auditorium in Obalende with their choir and other gifted talents within the church. According to the man of God 'it was a bomb as we struggled with the crowd that thronged the venue'. He added that in 2009, the vision progressed and he was made to understand that 'shake off the shackles is to be an international event. With this understanding, they tactically rested the event for a year to enable them articulate and strategize in order to reposition the event The man of God was of the view that what have been

witnessed so far concerning the event is just a seed that will eventually give birth to an International Gospel Music concert. Rev. Orakwue used the occasion to thank the Presiding Bishop of TREM, Dr. Mike Okonkwo for giving them the privilege to interpret his vision in their location. The gospel music Artists who performed at the occasion include: Emmanuel Benjamin, also known as Eben, Provabs, Daniel Kalu, Jahdiel Grace Okodwa, De'lyte, Lucky Joseph, Jean Paul Kamal and Nathaniel Bassey.

Rev Sukanmi Obisesan in his remark described the event as a glorious moment in the presence of God. He stated that the music ministry is one of the major strengths of TREM. He promised that next year will be greater than this year. Other ministers who graced the occasion include Rev. Akintola Oni, National Youth Pastor of TREM, Rev. Obinna Nwankwo and Rev. Gideon Adebajo and his wife. ■



❖ Bishop Peace presenting gift items to a representative of Betheseda Home for the Blind.



❖ Bishop Peace Okonkwo receiving an award from Bishop Mike Okonkwo during the conference



❖ Bishop Peace Okonkwo presenting a gift to Dkns. Felicia Dele-Salau, past chairperson of EWAMC planning committee



❖ Bishop Walter Mbamara & wife cutting his birthday cake

TREM MUSHIN: X- RAY OF THE DEVOUT MAN
Joseph **OGBONNA**

The Mushin branch had a three day programme titled "the devout man". The programme which is the annual men convention held between the 4th and 6th of June 2010 featured word, dance and drama ministrations as well as a health seminar. Ministering during the programme were Rev. lyke Abbey and Rev Christian Adudu.

Also speaking during the health seminar on prostate cancer were doctors Ned Obiora and Yetunde Oludare, both of Lagos University Teaching Hospital. ■



❖ College of Bishops at TREM Ijesha "Open Heavens" 2010 programme



❖ Bishop Peace Okonkwo presenting a gift to Dkns. Helen Ogedwge, past chairperson of EWAMC



❖ Rev. Ikenna Orakwue, TREM Obalende in a group photograph with SOI ladies of TREM



❖ Pst. Bright & Sis Rita Okeiyi TREM Maryland USA, during their "Champions Conference" 2010 programme

Working with Dr. Mike Okonkwo is sweet
– Rev Joseph Asokomeh

(Portharcourt Branch)

Monday **UDEZE**

The year 2010 will remain for a long time in the memory of the members of the Zonal Headquarters of south-south zone I of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission as they witnessed its first zonal biennial convention. The zonal pastor, Rev Joseph Asokomeh stated that the programme was aimed at creating awareness and winning more souls to the kingdom of our God.

While speaking with the Dunamis Publications reporter during the 2010 annual synod of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission he maintained that the convention had to be biennial to allow the young people in the church to hold their own convention the following year. With this arrangement the financial burden will be less on them,



❖ A cross-section of pastors at TREM obalende during "shake off the shackles" programme.



❖ Pastor Gideon Adebajo in group photograph with MIT graduants at TREM Shomolu.



❖ Rev. Segun Akinbuwa assisted by his wife to cut his 49th Birthday cake

especially in view of other activities that involve money. The man of God sees the challenges that they face from time to time, as the gates of hell Jesus spoke about. According to him, Jesus has promised that in spite of the challenges, He will build His church and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. He added that it is with this belief that he has always overcome every challenge that comes to him.

Rev. Asokomeh described this year's synod as excellent. He made it clear that this year's synod could not be compared with the previous ones in terms of organisation. He pointed out that his experience working with the presiding Bishop of TREM Dr. Okonkwo has been "very sweet". He said 'I have had a very sweet experience. I was at the head quarters church before I was posted out. I have been in this ministry for 15 years now, if I have not had a sweet experience, I would not have been here. That doesn't mean that there are no challenges'. He adds that his relationship with the Presiding Bishop is that of father and son. ■

Mid Year Thanksgiving at TREM Ekore Oworo

Idowu ADELEYE

TREM Eko Oworo can be rightly described as a young church. The church held its midyear thanksgiving recently where the current and ex Chairmen of the Great Young Men Christian Fellowship Deacons Demola Agboola and Charles Onyenso of Trem HQs, were in attendance. In his opening remarks the resident pastor, Rev Maxwell thanked God for his faithfulness in keeping His people alive.

Rev. Obinna Egbuonu in his message titled *El Shaddai* took his text from Gen. 1:17 and Roman 4:13-24. According to him, Abraham understood God as one who is able to do what he has promised. Rev. Obinna urged the people to stake their lives on the word of God and believe in Him. He also emphasized the place of obedience to God's word, if members must move to the next level. ■



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for greatness, that one came from such ancestral is no licence for failure.

The legal luminary concluded by pointing his audience to ingredients for recovery which included looking inwards, decision to act even it when is seemingly difficult, like in the case of prodigal son and the three lepers at the gate of Samaria, the need to take a first step etc. Another major highlight was the health talk, in which Dr. Lucas Ale, a consultant and TREM deacon, examined various health challenges, and proffered solutions on how to address them. The three days program also afforded the president of CMF, Dr. Amobi Ofor the opportunity to review the state of affairs in the group, rewarded past officers who served meritoriously and admonished members to give towards the groups upliftment.

Deacon Evbodaghe, the erstwhile President, who Presided over some of the sessions, reviewed the business arms of the group. The leaders of four companies inaugurated last year in the same venue, were invited to rendered accounts and let us into the journey so far. The informations provided by them were very encouraging showing that a lot of ground work had been done. The companies will take off for business in the last quarter of this year, hopefully. The harvests from this years camp meeting with theme "God of great Abundance... our exceedingly great Reward" will be mind blowing. Like all good things with a beginning, the curtain was drawn on the event at about 7am Sunday, Aug. 1 2010. ■

Obalende: MEN LEARN HOW TO BREAK ALL LIMITATIONS

Monday UDEZE

The publicity was low, but the turnout was very high, that is the only way to describe the 2010 men's convention of TREM Obalende branch. This year's convention with the theme: **'Breaking all limitations'** will not be forgotten in a hurry by the participants due to the explosive message that came from God through his servant. Speaking at the occasion on the topic, **'Break the Limit'** Rev Sukanmi who was the guest speaker described limitation as that restriction which hinders a person from reaching a certain point in life. According to him, everyone is responsible for his or her own limit in the sense that a person is limited to the extent that he permits it. He pointed out that no one can be limited if he doesn't permit limitation.

The programme which held between the 15th & 16th of May 2010 came at the time most members of the branch considered timely. Though, it was an annual programme of the men's fellowship of that branch, the testimony of some of the

TREM SHOMOLU Graduation

Jeff DICKSON

TREM Shomolu (aka The House of Splendor) graduated 14 students that had undergone Ministries in training (MIT) on the 25th of April 2010. Here Pastor Gideon Adebajo and the coordinator Dcns Grace Egbunike and the teachers pose for a group photograph with the graduands. ■

WINNERS OF THE 7TH EDITION OF THE MIKE OKONKWO NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION EMERGE

A 15-year old student of Vivian Fowler Memorial College for Girls Oregun, Lagos State has emerged the overall winner of the 2010 Mike Okonkwo National Essay Competition from 516 entries that were received from students across the nation.

Miss Onyinye Okoli was announced as the star winner with a total score of 78% after a keenly contested and closely monitored essay competition for the best 10 candidates under the supervision of Prof. Akachi Ezigbo the Chief Examiner, who is a Professor of English, from University of Lagos at TREM Headquarters. As a result of emerging as the 2010 edition winner Miss Onyinye Okoli will be receiving the star prize of a laptop and N100,000 naira cash for herself



Audience at TREM Obalende "Shake the Shackles" programme

members is that this year's program was different.

While speaking with Dunamis Publications correspondent at the end of the programme, Bro John Paul, the music Director of the branch pointed out that the programme actually stirred them into action. According to him, the men are going back to the projects they had abandoned before the programme, having learnt that other people are succeeding in areas they had hitherto thought difficult. Generally other members expressed their determination to break all limitations and ensure that they are settled in this "year of settlement". ■



and 3 set of Internet ready Desktop computers with printer for her school. Master Ahia Fego of Brilliant Child College Bariga, Lagos came second with a total score of 64% and was closely followed by Miss Ann Iyabode Cliff of Vetland Senior Grammar School Lagos who scored 62%. The second best winner will be receiving a cash price of N75,000.00 for himself and 2 Internet Ready Desktop Computers with printer for his school, while the third best student will be receiving N50,000.00 for herself and a set of computer for the school. Consolation prices of N20,000 naira each will be given to the remaining seven finalist.

The Mike Okonkwo National Essay Competition was introduced as part of the activities to mark the Birthday Celebration of Dr. Mike Okonkwo, the Presiding Bishop of TREM. And also to improve the standard of education in the country in addition to exposing the young people's mind to issues that is of significant to nation building. The prizes will be presented to the winners at the 11th Mike Okonkwo Annual Lecture on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at the Shell Hall of the Muson Centre Onikan, Lagos by 9.30 a.m. The topic of the Annual Lecture which is Nigeria at 50: Its leadership, the Development and the future: and will be delivered by Major Gen. Ishola Williams. (Rtd) and will be chaired by Rear Admiral Ndubuisi Kanu (Rtd). ■

Still Waiting for The Youngmen

– Rev. Iwunze Osondu (Abakaliki Branch)

Monday UDEZE

In April 2009, the crusade Team of the Great Youngmen Christian Fellowship of TREM headquarters stormed Abakaliki the capital of Ebonyi state on a – three day power packed crusade. Though over a year now, the impact of the crusade is still being felt among the inhabitants of that ancient city. The residents of the City of Abakaliki described the crusade as the best thing that had happened in that area in the recent time.

One person who continues to ruminate on the impact of that single crusade is the resident pastor of TREM Abakaliki branch, Rev. Iwunze Osondu. While speaking with the Dunamis Publications correspondent during the 2010 Annual Synod of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission, the pastor stated that the increase the crusade brought to his branch was sustained. According to him, though many of the converts were students comprising of both degree and pre-degree students, many of them who gained admission remained with them; while some of them relocated to the hinterland where their campus is situated. According to the

Pastor, prior to the crusade, he saw himself as an Orphan in Abakaliki because the pastors of the other churches in that area didn't want to associate with him. After the crusade there is now a tremendous improvement in his relationship with ministers of other churches. He pointed out that in addition to the Christian Association of Nigeria and Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria he has become a member of the Ebonyi Ministers' Network.

Rev. Iwunze Osondu is thankful to the National office of TREM for granting the branch financial assistance which they used in raising their building to a manageable level. However he recalls that during the crusade in April 2009 he appealed to the Youngmen Christian fellowship to adopt his branch so that the fellowship will extend to them the same assistance they give to the branches planted by the group. The then chairman of the Great Youngmen Christian Fellowship Deacon Charles Onyenso promised him that his request would be granted. But till date he is still waiting for the fulfillment of that promise ■

Kidnapping is our major challenge

– Rev Jude Ugochukwu (Aba Branch)

Monday UDEZE & Aloy IDAM

It has been a mixed feeling and a source of worry for the members of TREM in Uwayabu village in Abia state for sometimes now. The completion of their church auditorium and moving into it recently can be described as a thing of joy. But their joy appears to be hanging on the balance due to the frequent activities of kidnapers in the area that have not only stagnated the growth of the church, but have also made members to desert the village for towns and neighboring states in search of safety.

The branch pastor Rev. Jude Ugochukwu in an exclusive interview with a Dunamis Publications reporter during the recent annual synod of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission, narrated his experience and that of his wife in the hands of kidnapers. According to the man of God, two weeks before he arrived Lagos to participate in the 2010 annual Synod, he and his wife ran into the hands of kidnapers around his



❖ Dkn Nmecha Akuma, fm. chairman Dunamis Publications Ministry receiving appreciation gift from Rev. Charles Akinmeji, representing Bishop Peace at Appreciation party

home when they came to kidnap the father of one of the sisters in their church.

Reflecting on his bitter experience in the hands of those hoodlums, the man of God recounted how they threatened to shoot him and his wife without any consequence. He said he assured them that if they killed them the consequence would follow their lineage. While in their custody he kept declaring the word of God that says 'touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm'. He pointed out that the incident saved the father of that sister they came to kidnap that night. At the end of their ordeal, those kidnapers released them without anybody paying any ransom.

Rev. Ugochukwu explained that he loved

“We are making progress”

– Rev. Ugochukwu Adeyemi Orgaly

Aloy IDAM

Rev Orgaly is a very active man who believes that issues should be treated with dispatch as they occur. At the close of the 2010 synod, this writer requested for an interview with him at a convenient place and time. Hear him “If you don't mind we can do it here. There are other things we are going to do today.”

Dunamis reporter fielded several questions on various aspects of his work. On his supervisory work over the South East Zone especially in the Enugu and Nsukka areas, he said that the grace of God is with them and they are making progress. In one of the branches where they met virtually nothing on the ground, the branch now has a TREM Property and their strength has grown from just 25 to over 180 active memberships. Apart from regular church services they have initiated a lot of activities like monthly meetings, programmes, seminars and lectures, all geared towards evangelism.

The Minister adds that the TREM campus fellowships has been revived and while the zonal youth pastor is doing very well, there are no capable hands for the ESUTH, UNN and IMT fellowships. ■



Come up Hither

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God delivered his entire family from what would have been a monumental catastrophe. According to him, for three days, his sister who came to spend some days with them from Cotonou, Benin Republic poured petrol into the stove thinking it was kerosene. She used it to cook for those days, while the brother was away from home, but God in His infinite mercy showed Himself strong on their behalf. This kind of situation has over the years, led to the extermination of entire families, but in their case nothing adverse happened. The presiding Bishop also used the occasion to preach against idleness, saying God will only bless what we are doing. ■



his experience as a pastor in TREM because it was in TREM that he got converted and eventually became a pastor. According to him, if he were to resign as a pastor today, he will still remain a member of TREM just to continue under Bishop Mike Okonkwo. “He is a good father.” ■

Organisers review gift items for Mike Okonkwo Essay competition

Lanre **FABIYI**

As part of the efforts to further invigorate participation in the annual Mike Okonkwo National Essay Competition, the organizers have done an upward review of the awards.

A release from the committee in charge of the competition said the winning school now stands the chance of winning 3 internet ready desktop computers, a printer and a trophy, while the best student goes home with a Laptop, ₦100,000.00 cash and a memorial plaque. The first runner-up school gets 2 internet ready desktop computers, a printer and cash prize of ₦75,000.00 with a plaque for the student. The second runner up school gets an internet ready computer, while the student gets ₦50,000.00 cash prize and a plaque. The prizes would be presented to the winners at the Mike Okonkwo Annual Lecture, which has been scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2010 at Muson Centre (Shell Hall) by 10.00 am prompt. The 2010 edition of the Essay Competition is part of the activities lined up to mark the 65th birthday of Dr. Mike

We have expansion plan – Rev Cole Ayodeji (Utako, Abuja Branch)

Monday **UDEZE**

TREM (Mission House) Abuja is one of the numerous branches of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission that has established themselves in their locations. In spite of the challenges the branch has not relented in its expansion programme.

The resident pastor of the branch, Rev. Cole Ayodeji was at the TREM 2010 Annual Synod and spoke with the Dunamis Publications reporter on the various projects of his branch. According to him, the ongoing project in their Branch is the construction of the second phase of their six storey building that will house their Ministry arms, Children department and the Young People's Church. He also, pointed out that, as part of their expansion plan, they have established TREM in Maiduguri and Taraba, and presently are planning to enter Benue state. He added that plan was under way to open more branches in FCT (with the help of God) this year and by the first quarter of the year 2011 to penetrate Kogi State depending on the man power that will be available to them.

Rev. Cole, who is currently, the Financial Secretary and also a member of board of Advisers of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria Abuja Chapter, stated that because of the security measures put in place in Abuja, they have not witnessed any form of religious uprising in their area. "But in places like Maiduguri and Taraba, where we have our branches there have been constant crises in those areas, but in all the crises, God has always protected our churches and pastors, we give God all the glory. ■

Okonkwo the presiding Bishop of TREM. This competition which is the 7th in the series is aimed at helping improve the standards of education in the nation.

The essay competition which started about seven years ago has helped some students that participated in the program to develop more interest in research work, and ability to read and write extensively and constructively on issues of topical significance and importance to the socio-economic development of our nation.

The chief sponsor and visioner of the program Dr. Mike Okonkwo, a man who believes in absolute development of mankind in all facet of life, is confident of the fact that Nigerian youths can compete favourably with their counterparts in developed nations if given the opportunity. The feedback from schools and students has really proved that the competition is achieving its objective of improving the studying and reading culture amongst the secondary school students ■

TREM Maryland (USA) holds Annual Convention.

Oluchi **OKORIE**

TREM Maryland had its annual conference known as The Champions conference from the 17th - 20th of June 2010. With the theme "Let's go to Shiloh" the four day program had several Ministers of God in attendance including Pastor Bright and Sis. Rita Okeiyi (Resident pastor), Pastor Chuka and Pastor Blessing Oguekwe (from Trem House of Mercy, Ireland), Rev & Mrs. Basil Osuji of Foursquare Gospel Church, Maryland, and Rev. Dr Abdul Sesay.

Pastor Bright Okeiyi in his message on Thursday admonished the congregation. He stated that God has released His light for our pathways. He did not bring us into the world to leave us unsettled. Pastor Chuka Oguekwe in his own message stated that Shiloh is an

Mid Year Thanksgiving at TREM Ijesha

Adeleye **IDOWU**

It was a concomitant service, even due season of celebration at TREM IJESHA (EXPRESS) where they were thanking God during the midyear thanksgiving service.

The guest speaker, Rev M.C exhorted the congregation on "the blessing of the Lord". He took his text from the book of Psalm 103: 1-5, emphasized that the blessing from the LORD is not about money or riches, but all his doings. He urged members to thank God, wherever they might be as a sacrifice and honor to him.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| SUNDAY | Celebrating Jesus 8.30am-12noon |
| TUESDAY | Power-For-Living (Bible Study) Morning Session Evening Session |
| WEDNESDAY | Counselling Session With Pastors: 9.00am-6.00pm |
| 1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH | All Night Service 9.00pm-5.00am |
| 3rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH | Miracle Rally 5.30pm - 8.00pm |

MISSION STATEMENT

This is a place where we gather together in quality Praise and Worship of the true and living God. Equipped with the Word of God for growth and fellowship with one another in covenant relationship and released to make a formidable impact in our world for the kingdom.

TREM is big enough to contain you, small enough to reach you and powerful enough to deal with anything the devil brings against you.

Here in TREM, we do not look at the bigness of our problem but at the bigness of our God.

experience and when we experience God, we become part of him. He also encouraged the congregation not to live a regimented life, and not to die unsung because every day we spend in life is an exit from this world. The programme ended on Sunday with brethren singing, dancing and rejoicing for a breakthrough. ■



The Minister laid emphasis on giving to God, stating that investment in the kingdom of God is a condition for settlement. According to him, many do not know that giving is the key to open doors, prosperity, abundance, achievement and many more. ■



❖ Evangel voices ministering during African Shabach