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Monrovia Church Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

Bright O, Lagos, Nigeria — Saturday, 23 December 2017

The church in Monrovia, Liberia recently celebrated their 20th Anniversary with pomp, and so much excitement. What would you expect from a people who had survived two civil wars that spanned a period of almost ten years and later plagued by a disease (Ebola) of epidemic proportion for three years, yet survived all these, and as a church remained united and strong in the power of the Holy Spirit. Truly, they deserved a rousing celebration.

The events officially kicked off on December 1st, with a Musical Concert and Honoring Program for those who have served and contributed immensely to the growth of the church. Among whom are, Paul Okolo, an Evangelist in the Abidjan Church of Christ, Cote d'Ivoire, and her Excellency, Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, who attends the church from time to time and had contributed financially to their church building project.

On Friday, December 8th during the Opening Ceremony which was marked by colorful traditional dances, the Lead Evangelist John Cawray commented in his opening speech; "In the last two months, we have prayed, fasted and put our resources together to make this anniversary a memorable one. Isaiah 60:1 says, "Arise, shine, for your lights has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." The preceding week has been eventful and exciting. We learned from God's word, served the poor, reached out to those who need Christ and continue to have a great time of fellowship. Twenty years is a milestone in a lifetime journey, which is good enough to celebrate.

And celebrate they did! The grand finale Sunday Worship Service which held on December 10th, had over 700 in attendance. Special guests came from churches representing countries in the West Africa sub-region namely Godwin Onwughara, an Evangelist with his leadership team from Freetown, Sierra Leone, Gilbert and Perita Kimeng (Teaching Ministry), and Frank and Femi Okodugha (Serving Elder) from the Lagos Church in Nigeria.

To God be the glory!
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- **"THRIVE" Northeast US Conference July 20-22**
The THRIVE Conference Coordinators Team, Boston, MA, USA — Saturday, 23 December 2017

We are so looking forward to gathering with thousands of you from the Northeast and around the globe to be inspired, equipped and empowered to THRIVE at the

- **Good News as "Moonlight Helmsman" Grows in Popularity**

Disciples Today — Tuesday, 19 December 2017

We previously published a news article about retired evangelist Rick Maule and his book Moonlight Helmsman. His goal to raise at least \$20,000 in sales from the book has been exceeded, and the Lord has...

- **Merry Christmas from the OYC Guys**
One Year Challenge — Friday, 22 December 2017
This week, the OYC Guys present you a special episode: The Best Christmas Gift. Why does being on a One Year Challenge during Christmas make the holiday special? During Christmas, disciples get to give to people who have not heard of Jesus a chance to hear...

- **Last Chance to Apply to Alaska Ministry Internship**
Great Land Christian Church, Anchorage, AK, USA — Tuesday, 19 December 2017

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2017 Middle East Arab Conference Report

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Recently the world has been boiling from terrorist attacks and evil spreading everywhere and especially in the Middle East. The latest news that hit us hard were the genocides against Egyptian Christians carried by terrorist groups.

That instilled fear and doubts of whether the Middle East Arab Conference 2017 should take place in Egypt or elsewhere. Yet God has shown us throughout the years, through our experience with wars, explosions and terrorism that "He is able to make all grace abound to us, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, we may have an abundance for every good deed." — 2 Corinthians 9:8

Definitely Satan tried to paralyze us and make us feel that we should not join the conference. But faith overcame and the conference was successfully held in its arranged time and place. 251 disciples attended from Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, Egypt and USA. What added to our joy was witnessing two conferences done at the same time, one for the youth and another for the adults. The Middle Eastern Youth Camp had 65 people attending it. Many were so touched by the "Recharge" messages given to them.

As for the Middle East Arab Conference 2017, it was so convicting and encouraging to witness speakers from different regions of the world sharing messages related to the conference title "God is Able." Our faith was built because we felt God's presence powerfully during those few fruitful days.

We kindly urge you to keep praying for our churches in the Middle East as the days are getting more evil. "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." — Ephesian 3:20

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• UPCOMING EVENTS

Ring in 2018! New Year's Eve Party
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA
December 31, 2017

Spring Leadership Meetings
Orlando, Florida USA
March 19-23, 2018

International Campus Ministry Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio USA
July 5-8, 2018

2018 NE US Christian Conference
Providence, Rhode Island USA
July 20-22, 2018

International Singles Conference
Phoenix, Arizona USA
August 30 - September 3, 2018

Central American Conference
Panama City, Panama
October 5 - 7, 2018

2020 World Discipleship Summit
Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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