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## Divine Favor Like I Have Never Seen Before

By Rob Welch

### The Lord Gave Me the Desire of My Heart

For years I have waited for the Lord to open the door for us to minister in West Africa. Recently the Lord gave me the desire of my heart as our team was invited to go to Nigeria and begin laying the foundation for future ministry there. Nigeria is the most strategic nation in Africa, largely because its population of 214 million people makes it the most populated country on the continent. Nigeria is an intense spiritual battleground as well, with roughly half the population being Muslim. There is a great deal of persecution and violence, especially in the North.

Our recent trip to Nigeria reminded me of the Lord speaking to Abram (Abraham) in Genesis 14 after He had brought Abram to the Promised Land: **“The Lord said to Abram...’Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever... Arise, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.’ ”** (Gen 13:14-15,17 ESV)

In much the same way as Abraham, we went to Nigeria to survey the land and see what the Lord has for us to do in this nation. I believe that Nigeria is critical and central to seeing the continent of Africa being reached for Christ.

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Mission Team Arriving at the Glory Dome of Dunamis Church in Abuja



**Divine favor like I have never seen before** is how I would best describe our three-week Nigeria mission. This amazing favor of God was especially apparent as I met with top church leaders in the nation.

One prominent example of God's favor during this trip was when I met the incoming president of a denomination with over 2,000 churches, who said to me, "I don't know why I'm doing this..." referring to his surprise at his immediate embrace of Training for Trainers (T4T) and his desire to have ALL of the pastors in his denomination equipped to multiply their disciple making through the T4T model. This is a remarkable response as this church is known to be conservative and cautious in their approach to adopting new things.

## **A Church With 10 Million Members Embraces T4T**

Pastor Baba Bulus is For His Glory's new Ministry Liaison to Nigeria. Baba did an amazing job connecting us with key church leaders during our time in the Nigerian cities of Abuja and Jos. Baba's uncle and aunt, Dr. Stephen Baba and Naomi Panya, lead the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA),



**Rob Welch & Mark Levesque with Key Leaders at T4T Training in Abuja**

a church with over 6,000 congregations and about 10 million members.

Not only did Baba's uncle and aunt treat our team like family, they did everything they could to see ECWA fully embrace T4T and facilitate the launch of disciple-making movements through their churches.



**T4T Training with Key Church Leaders in Abuja**



## **We Introduced T4T to 7,000 Pastors**

Dr. Panya gave Mark and me the opportunity to address 7,000 pastors at their annual meeting to introduce them to T4T. Mark then had the opportunity to train over 2,000 pastors the first day with an introduction to T4T and then more in-depth training for about 850 pastors over the next two days, covering the key elements of T4T.



I believe a true partnership in discipleship has been forged between ECWA and For His Glory, and I look forward with anticipation of what the Lord will do.

Before leaving Nigeria, our ministry team agreed that our first mission will be in Jos, Nigeria, in November, 2022. We look forward to sharing more as the Lord opens doors for the Gospel in this amazing country.

## God Has Called For His Glory into a Rich Legacy

*By Laura Parli*

Dr. Stephen Baba Panya and his wife Naomi are the current Executive President and First Lady of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) denomination in Nigeria which has over 10 million members. Stephen's father, Panya Baba, is known as the father of Nigerian missions because of his history of bringing Christ to people all over Nigeria, starting when he was 17 in 1949 and heard the call from God. Dr. Panya and Naomi have invited For His Glory to not only train their 10,000 plus pastors, but even more revolutionary, to train the 10,000 plus pastors' wives.

Traditionally, the wives have shadowed their husband's ministries; however, last year, in a movement led by Naomi, the pastors' wives are now encouraged to have their own ministries, marking a significant cultural change. During this mission, Mark Levesque and I trained the first 400 of these pastors' wives on T4T disciple-making.



**Mark Levesque Leading T4T Training with Pastors' Wives of ECWA in Jos**

During this training, Mark and I gave Biblical examples of women in the Bible - specifically, the woman at the well and Esther, who were used by God to further His Kingdom in the earth. We encouraged these women to seek and to fulfill God's new position for them in their churches and communities.



**Laura Parli in Jos with ECWA Pastors' Wives (Naomi Panya 2nd from Right)**

Upon completion of this training, Naomi invited For His Glory to return in March to provide an expanded 5-day, hands-on T4T training for 425 women who have been specifically selected.

These 425 will go back to the 85 districts within the ECWA denomination that cover all of Nigeria and will train additional women in disciple making. We are very excited and honored to continue the rich legacy started by Dr. Panya's father over 70 years ago.



## 2021 - A Year in Review

Here are a few 2021 highlights:

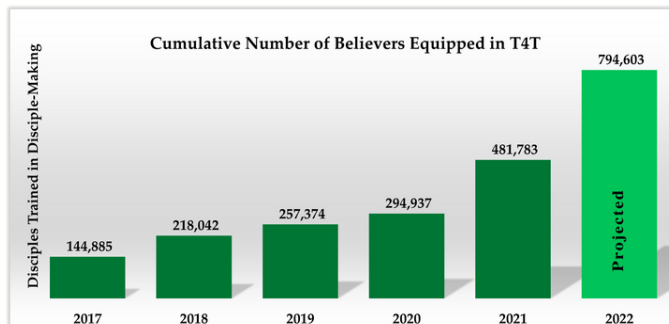
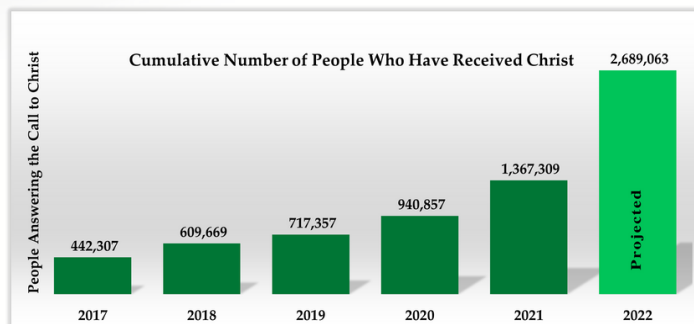
- For His Glory reached the 1 million people receiving Christ milestone in June.
- 357,123 people received Christ through For His Glory's ministry in Africa.
- Over 60,000 people a month are now coming to Christ through T4T (the Training for Trainers disciple-making model) in Africa.
- Over 154,000 believers were trained to multiply and launch disciple-making movements.
- Over 120,000 believers joined T4T discipleship groups.
- 178,064 people came to faith in Christ through T4T from September 1 to December 31, 2021, in the five African cities where we currently track ministry results.

## Reaching Nigeria for Christ

Reaching Nigeria for Christ is critical to seeing all of Africa transformed by the power of the Gospel! With this in mind, in addition to continuing our multi-year focus to reach the Democratic Republic of the Congo for Christ, we will begin in 2022 to strategically focus on a multi-year plan to reach Nigeria for Christ.

- Nigeria is the most populated country in Africa, with 214 million people living there, roughly 20% of the total population of Africa.
- Nigeria is an intense spiritual battleground, with about half the population being Muslim.
- Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), a church with 10 million members and over 6,000 churches, has asked For His Glory to help them incorporate Training for Trainers (T4T) throughout all of their churches.
- There is intense persecution of Christians by radical Muslims in many parts of Nigeria.

### Looking Ahead to God's Plans with For His Glory Past 5 Years and Future Projections for 2022



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Baba Bulus, Mark Levesque, Rob Welch and Tony Vincent Met with Top Leaders at the New Life for All Mission to the Muslims in Northern Nigeria Sharing T4T