

RECOVERY GLOBAL MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (RGMI): OUR STORY

From a Spark of Obedience to a Global Mission

Every great move of God begins with one simple act of obedience.

Recovery Global Missions International (RGMI) did not begin with a strategic plan, abundant resources, or a large organization. It began with ordinary people whose hearts were completely surrendered to God and who were willing to go wherever He led them. Their desire was simple—to take the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who had never heard it.

What started as a quiet burden has, by God's grace, grown into a vibrant missionary movement that is reaching communities, planting churches, transforming lives, and raising disciples across nations.

The Beginning of a Divine Assignment

The story of RGMI began when Mrs. Christy Ajonu, with the unwavering support of her husband, Engr. Chima Ajonu, felt a deep burden from God to share the Gospel with her own people. Together, they mobilized a team of missionaries and organized a crusade in 2004. By the grace of God, the outreach led to the planting of Assemblies of God Church, Ezioko, Oko—their first missionary assignment, beginning in their own "Jerusalem."

A few years later in 2007, while studying at Rivers Bible College, Eleme, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria (now Pentecostal Theological Seminary), Mrs. Christy Ajonu met Chinemerem Omai and Chizoba Ogu. It quickly became clear that they shared the same passion—to dedicate their lives to taking the Gospel to the nations.

A defining moment came during a Missions and Communication class taught by the late Rev. G. Ojong. As he spoke about the many unreached communities in Cameroon and invited volunteers to accompany him, only a handful of students responded. Among those willing hearts were Christy, Chinemerem, and Chizoba. Although that particular mission trip never happened, God had already done

something significant. He had ignited a passion for missions that would never fade.

Building an Altar Before Building a Ministry

Rather than allowing disappointment to discourage them, the three missionaries were joined by Daddy Ajonu, whose heart burned with the same passion for reaching the lost, even while serving as a civil servant.

Together, they committed themselves to prayer.

Every Friday night, they gathered in the Ajonu family home to intercede for the nations, praying for unreached people groups and asking God to open doors for the Gospel. As the vision grew, others joined them, including Pastor Moses Esere. During these formative years, Bro. Kent Okafor became one of the ministry's earliest partners, standing faithfully with the vision through his encouragement, sacrificial support, and unwavering commitment to the missionary work. His partnership played a significant role in strengthening the ministry during its early years.

Those simple prayer meetings became the birthplace of what is now Recovery Global Missions International.

Long before missionaries were sent, prayers were offered.

Long before churches were planted, tears were shed in intercession.

Prayer became—and remains—the heartbeat of this ministry.

The First Mission Field

As these seasons of prayer continued, God placed a specific burden on the heart of Christy Ajonu to reach Iside Community in Ovia South-West Local Government Area of Edo State with the message of salvation and freedom found in Jesus Christ.

Months were spent praying, preparing, and building relationships within the community. Then God opened the door. In 2007, the team held Liberty Crusade 2007. Lives were transformed, many people surrendered their lives to Christ, and a church was planted. It marked the beginning of a harvest that continues to this day.

Expanding the Reach of the Gospel

As the ministry faithfully followed God's leading, one opportunity after another began to unfold. Missionary journeys expanded into different communities through evangelistic crusades, revival meetings, discipleship programmes, and church planting.

Among the early mission fields were:

- Taribo, Ondo State
- Agbado, Edo State
- Akainde, Edo State
- AT&P Community, Edo State
- Iguatakpa, Igbobazua, Edo State (Crusade and Revival Meetings)
- Owor-la-Umosi, Aba
- Ekeya Street, Calabar

Each community represented far more than another destination on a map. They represented lives changed by the Gospel, families restored, and new churches established as lights of hope in their communities.

Answering the Call to Cameroon

From the very beginning, one burden never left their hearts—the call to Cameroon. In God's perfect timing, that long-awaited door finally opened. Through Rev. F. C. M. Ogbuji, then Superintendent of Assemblies of God, Calabar District, the team was introduced to Rev. Timothy Bernard, a Nigerian missionary serving in Cameroon.

In 2009, what had once been only a prayer request became a reality. During a single missionary expedition, the Gospel reached new communities, resulting in evangelistic crusades and the planting of churches in:

- Mbonge
- Bogongo

God had fulfilled the vision He planted years earlier.

Strengthening the Harvest

For RGMI, the mission has never ended with a crusade. New believers needed discipleship. Young churches needed encouragement. Emerging leaders needed training. Throughout 2010, the ministry revisited churches planted in Izide,

Agbado, and Taribo, while also partnering with Assemblies of God congregations in Edo State to conduct revival meetings and evangelistic outreaches.

Recognizing the strategic importance of Siluko Community, the ministry stationed missionaries there, conducted evangelistic crusades, and planted Assemblies of God Siluko.

Establishing Lasting Foundations

The work continued to grow. In 2011, another church was planted in Okocha. To establish a lasting Kingdom presence, the ministry acquired land and constructed a fully equipped church building for the growing congregation. The newly planted church was entrusted to Pastor Ubani Ikechukwu, a committed member of the RGMI missionary team, who became its pioneering pastor and continued the work of nurturing the young congregation.

Every church planted became more than a place of worship. It became a place where lives are discipled, families are restored, leaders are raised, and communities experience the transforming power of Christ.

Extending the Mission to Togo

The Gospel knows no borders. In 2012, a delegation from RGMI travelled to Lomé, Togo, following an invitation from Rev. F. C. M. Ogbuji, then serving as President of Assemblées de Dieu Togo. Like the Macedonian call recorded in Scripture—"Come over and help us"—God was opening the door to another nation.

Following a period of prayer, spiritual mapping, and preparation, the team embarked on an extended missionary assignment that lasted approximately two years.

By 2013, Assemblées de Dieu Adakpamé, Togo, had been planted. The ministry also acquired land for the construction of a permanent worship centre, laying a foundation for generations of ministry to come.

Continuing the Mission

Upon returning to Nigeria, the team continued advancing the Gospel by planting another church in Oduoha 2, Rumuekpe, under the Ikwerre South District. The church was subsequently entrusted to Pastor Moses Esere, one of the ministry's earliest prayer partners and faithful member of the missionary team, who provided pastoral leadership for the growing congregation.

Since then, God has continued to open new mission fields, establish churches, raise disciples, and transform communities through the faithful service of His people. The story of Recovery Global Missions International is not ultimately about buildings, programmes, or numbers. It is the story of ordinary people who simply said "Yes" to God. It is the story of lives transformed by the Gospel. It is the story of communities discovering hope where there was once despair. Above all, it is the story of God's unfailing faithfulness.

The Mission Continues

Today, Recovery Global Missions International continues to carry the Gospel into unreached and underserved communities. One of our current mission projects is in Rigadan Sariki, where land has already been acquired and construction of a permanent worship centre is underway. This centre will become a place of worship, discipleship, community transformation, and missionary outreach for generations to come.

The work in Rigadan Sariki is presently being spearheaded by Pastor Chidi Promise and Christian Agbam, dedicated RGMI missionaries who are faithfully serving among the people, proclaiming the Gospel, discipling new believers, nurturing the growing congregation, and advancing the Kingdom through sacrificial missionary service.

Yet millions of people still live without hearing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Countless communities are still waiting. The harvest is still plentiful.

Join the Mission

Every church planted, every missionary sent, every soul reached, and every community transformed has been made possible through God's grace and the faithful prayers, generosity, and partnership of people who share this vision.

Today, you have the opportunity to become part of this story. Whether you pray, give financially, volunteer, or partner with us in missions, your involvement helps bring the hope of Christ to places where He is yet to be known.

Together, we can reach the unreached, plant life-giving churches, disciple nations, and proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

The mission is not finished. The next chapter of this story can be written through your partnership.