

The Maskeys in Nigeria

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Dear Praying Friends,

Encounter with a “Babalawo”

It has been a blessing travelling to our different church plants to preach for them and trying to be an encouragement to them. In February, we were with the Omagwa church plant for their 7th Anniversary and had a wonderful service. On the Friday before, we took two van loads of our people there to win souls and invite people to the special service. Pastor Botimi and I went together and made a few visits when we met a man sitting in front of his house with a suspicious looking signboard on it. Bro. Botimi said, “You should talk to this man. He’s a babalawo.” I said, “A what?” “He’s a babalawo. A native doctor” (another name for “witch doctor”). At first, I wanted to say to Bro. Botimi, “You talk to him. I’ll pray for you,” but the Holy Spirit impressed upon me to witness to him, and he seemed willing to listen. He told us several stories about his life, and that he doesn’t go to church, but believes in God. I prayed for God to give me wisdom and then gave him the Gospel. He seemed to listen intently, and when I invited him to pray and receive Christ, he reached out, took my hands, and prayed the sinners prayer, asking Christ to save him. After that he said, “I don’t go to church, but this Sunday I will come to your church.” To be honest, I didn’t think he would come, but on that Sunday in Omagwa, he came and sat on the front row. When I gave the invitation, he was the first to kneel at the altar and pray. It was a great day! That morning the church had a record attendance of 248, with 82 visitors, and 40 receiving Christ as their Savior. Very soon we will begin the building project on their new property as well. We are praying for God’s strength and provision for that.

More Praises and Prayer Requests...

1. In February, Rose was able to attend and speak in a ladies conference in Calabar with about 110 in attendance from 10 independent Baptist churches. There were several other speakers, and according to Rose and our ladies who attended, the teaching was very helpful and the fellowship was very uplifting.
2. On March 7-9, we had our first “Who Will Go?” Youth Conference with Pastor Adesina Adewale and Missionary Daniel Lang at the main church in Port Harcourt. We had about 120 attending from 12 churches and we praise the Lord for the good response. The preaching was excellent and there were many youths surrendering for Christian service. Pray that they follow through with those decisions.
3. On March 24th we also went to our Igwuruta church plant for their 12th Anniversary, and had another wonderful service, with 261 in attendance, 71 visitors, and 35 saved. Pastor Elvis and the church seemed to be very encouraged, and continue to pray for them.

Thanks again for being a blessing to us with your gifts and faithful support. **God bless you all!**

Yours for His Service,
David, Rose & Justin