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“This One Thing I Do”

A Tribute To Samson Yomi Osewa

By Abiodun Fijabi

Samson, like every disruptive leader, is a bundle of contradictions. He embodies values and virtues that contrast with his upbringing, challenge his personality and distance from his seeming limitations.

For a starter, his circle of interests is small, perhaps too small for comfort. It consists of God, family, Ambassadors Group of Schools, Haggai International and Arsenal club. For Yomi, small is beautiful, as it helps him to focus on the essentials. During his session at the Haggai training in Maui, United States, Yomi knew his seemingly reclusive life had changed forever. He was going to step out and change the world as he saw it. That decision threw him in the limelight that he detested but willingly accepted for the sake of ending Gospel poverty. He accepted to be the Haggai- Nigeria’s first Executive Secretary without salary. In 2015, he was elected the Chairman of a reconstituted board at a time the Haggai Vision was still struggling. On May 31st, 2024, he concluded his two terms in office and was ready for another phase of commitment to a vision he has come to embody.



SAMSON YOMI OSEWA

A pharmacist and educationist and the Immediate Past Chairman Of The Board Of Haggai Nigeria



Yomi lives in Ota with his family from where he runs an International school that has turned Ota into an educational Mecca of some sort. Ota is almost cut off from the rest of Ogun state due to bad roads. Despite being an industrial hub because of its proximity to Lagos, Ota still struggles with poor internal roads, lack of essential amenities, and a grinding poverty - both of the minds and of the pockets. It is in this seemingly limiting town that Yomi has created a circle of influence that has extended to the ends of the earth. As a distinguished Haggai leader, Yomi is sold-out to strengthening families, turning them into havens of peace and launching pads for ending Gospel poverty. His monthly life broadcast - Sure Home - has pulled many marriages out of the brink of collapse and has strengthened many more homes to stay true to God's ideals for marriage. He constantly keeps tap on the younger generation to give them directions for life and to inculcate in them a vision to change their world.

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H.G. Wells.

Yomi was accustomed to poverty in his early years. He went to school through the generosity of others. Little wonder, he spares no costs to pull others up from under the poverty line and to give them a hope and a future. His giving is broad, almost without boundaries. However, no organization has benefited from his generosity as Haggai-Nigeria has. He pays his fares to seminars, picks up his accommodation charges and gives generously to the chapter inviting him to facilitate. As the Board Chairman, he bankrolled expenses with reckless abandonment. Yomi's maxim is: Be chargeable to no man.

For eight incredible years, he traveled the length and breadth of the nation bearing with tears the incredible and paradigm-shifting seed of the Haggai Vision. Today, he is rejoicing in the harvest of chapters across the nation and in the thousands of Haggai-trained men and women doing the work of evangelism and training others to do the same.

As he bows out of the leadership of a vision that has become his life and vocation, I join the highly distinguished members of the Nigerian board and over 10,000 Haggai alumni across the nation, in thanking him for his service and in wishing him a new beginning. If my knowledge of Yomi serves me right, he shares the same thoughts with Paul on attainment:

***“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,”* Philippians 3:12-13 KJV**

It will be foolhardy to think Yomi will go into hiding and enter the twilight zone of his years after stepping down as Chairman of the board and leader of Haggai-Nigeria. I can say without doubt that for Samson, *“the past is the beginning of the beginning and all that is and has been is but the twilight of the dawn.”* H.G. Wells.



A New Dawn

At the conclusion of the Haggai Nigeria Board meeting on May 31, 2024, Mr. Abiodun Fijabi – a public speaker, trainer and a Haggai senior faculty– was elected as the Chairman, alongside Rev (Dr) Ezekiel Adeleye – a Chartered Accountant and a National faculty – as the Financial Secretary / Treasurer.

About Abiodun Fijabi

Abiodun Fijabi is the CEO of Lord Princely Associates Limited – a firm of public speakers and trainers, working with leaders and organizations in four continents of the world. He was the host of Leading Right – an award winning daily inspirational on two radio stations in South West Nigeria.

He was the convocation speaker at Session 256 of Haggai International Training in January of 1998 in the island of Maui, Hawaii, USA. Four year later, in 2002, he became a junior faculty, facilitating ‘Communicating Effectively for Evangelism and Writing Skills for Evangelism’. In 2008, he rose in a record time to become a senior faculty.

He has facilitated Haggai Leader Experience in Nigeria and in many parts of the world. He has been a member of the board of Haggai-Nigeria since 2016 until June 2, 2024, when he took over as Chairman of the board and the head of Haggai-Nigeria.

Abiodun is a National Director of the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International and a former National Vice President, International Christian Chambers of Commerce, Nigeria. Abiodun heads up Church Envisioned International – an organization that helps develop the capacities of church leaders. across the world. He has represented Nigeria severally at the American Presidential Breakfast on the invitation of the Congressional Committee of the United States Congress.

Mr. Fijabi founded Highflyers-Nigeria and Elyon College and Leadership Academy – to prepare young adults for a lifetime of leadership development and service

He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Materials Science of the University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University) and a Master’s degree in Production Engineering and Management of the University of Lagos. He is a multiple academic and community award winner. Until recently, Abiodun was a non-academic member of the Senate of the Technical University of Ibadan.

He sits on the boards of many organizations, some of which he is privileged to chair. Abiodun is married to Mopelola – an educationist, and they make their home in Abeokuta, South West, Nigeria.

About Rev (Dr) Ezekiel Adeleye

Rev Dr. E. O. Adeleye, a thoroughly bred professional Chartered Accountant and Banker, is an award – winning member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria as well as a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

He is currently a bi-vocational ordained minister, serving as the Minister in-charge of ECWA in Lagos State as well as the chief executive and managing partner of a medium sized accounting firm of Olu Adeleye & Co. (Chartered Accountants).

He attended Haggai Institute International training at Singapore in 1998 and has facilitated Biblical Mandate for Evangelizing at National Seminars across the nation.



“Attempt something so impossible that unless God is in it, it’s doomed to failure.”

John Edmund Haggai





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To Equip & Inspire Strategically Positioned Leaders To More Effectively Demonstrate & Present The Gospel Of Jesus Christ & To Prepare others to do the same

Haggai Nigeria Board Meets With Chapter Officials

The Board of Haggai Nigeria met on the night of Thursday, May 30 and in the morning of Friday, May 31 to deliberate on a number of issues affecting the operations and the future of Haggai Nigeria. The board members were joined by the Chapter Chairmen and Directors of Training from across the country for a training on the new Haggai International training guidelines and to create a pathway to the future of Haggai Vision in Nigeria. The meetings held at the premises of Ambassadors College, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria.



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