



13th September 2018

Dear Friend,

2018 CAMPMEETING CONVENTION REPORT

Introduction

A six-week long prayer meeting in all branches and Cell Centre locations of the Apostolic Faith work throughout Ghana preceded the 2018 Annual Campmeeting Convention. This was done in order to get God's maximum blessings and favour in the two-week Campmeeting, which began on Sunday, 26th August 2018.

Preparatory activities leading up to the Campmeeting included construction of a small dormitory to augment accommodation provision for the huge number of delegates expected at the convention; painting of the one-storey Guest House; making residential accommodation arrangements outside the campgrounds for some of the delegates; and tidying up all the locations expected to accommodate participants who would come from far and near.

Before the commencement of the 2018 Campmeeting, a Workers and Ministers' Conference was held on Friday 24th August and Saturday 25th August 2018 on the theme: **Fit for the Master's Use**. The conference was used to remind ministers and workers that in order to be fit for service in the Kingdom of God, one must first be made fit for the Kingdom and then remain fit. In other word, one must be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and remain in these graces. Daily consecration, we were told, was fundamental to making one fit for service in God's Vineyard and that this would guarantee continuous acceptance of our person and the integrity of our service to God as His servants. God blessed the conference in a special way.

Attendance

Participants came from parts of Ghana and beyond to attend the campmeeting. We had delegates from all the 51 branch churches and Bible Study Centres across Ghana. We also had visitors from Nigeria, Benin Republic, and La Cote d'Ivoire. Most of the delegates arrived on Thursday, 23rd August 2018. We were blessed with the presence of the District Superintendent (DS) of our work in West and Central Africa, Rev. Emmanuel Bayo Adeniran.

Two veteran ministers of the Gospel from the WECA Headquarters, Rev. Edet Bassey (the Port Harcourt Regional Overseer) and Rev. Segun Adeliyi (Ogun State District



Overseer), were also present. In attendance also were Rev. Titus Itanola (Deputy Director of Missions Administration at WECA Headquarters) and his wife, Sister Florence Itanola. The WECA Music Consultant, Rev. John Aina with his wife, Sister Joan Aina, was also present.

Sermons and Teachings

The Campmeeting began on 26th August 2018 and ended on 9th September 2018. The theme of the Camp Meeting was: **A LIFE WITHOUT BLEMISH.** The first sermon at the opening of the Campmeeting, which was presented by Rev. Bassey, was based on this theme. Quoting from Psalms 15:1-5, worshippers were reminded that a life without blemish meant walking uprightly; speaking the truth from the heart; and engaging in righteous deeds. Such a life would automatically qualify one for spending eternity with the almighty God in Heaven.

The DS gave an inspiring message on *Ambassadors for Christ*. He referred the congregation to Matthew 28:18 – 20 and 2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21, reminding them that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, has all power in Heaven and earth, and as His representatives we have nothing to fear because He would be with us at all times till the end of the world, and would provide for all our needs and fight our battles for us. There were other Spirit-filled sermons and teachings delivered at the Campmeeting. In addition to the doctrinal teachings on Justification, Sanctification, and Baptism of the Holy Ghost, there were teachings on *Will Thou Be Made Whole?; The Power of Prayer; Holiness and Integrity in the Household of Faith; and Holiness in Communication and Worship*. The teachings and sermons were usually followed by effectual and fervent prayers by the worshippers. Generally, attendance at the teachings and sermons was very encouraging.

Testimony Service

As an integral part of our formal church worship, heart-warming and inspiring testimonies were given at the various meetings that were held during the Campmeeting. A sister testified to the power of God to deliver from a vehicular accident. She was seriously wounded in the accident to the extent that she lost her memory and could hardly understand anything. But God intervened and healed her completely to the extent that she could now teach a Sunday School class. A brother was returning from a religious event when he was attacked by armed robbers. But he knelt down and started praying; God miraculously delivered him and all those travelling with him. Another brother thanked God for bringing him to the Gospel because he was an asthmatic patient. But when he prayed through to the experiences of Salvation, Sanctification and Holy Ghost Baptism, God healed him of that sickness and today, after so many years, he still enjoys perfect health from the LORD. A sister who has been having health



challenges for some time related how she was wrongly diagnosed and was on wrong medication that compounded her problems. She collapsed one day but the children of God gathered around her and prayed fervently for her. God caused her to vomit certain horrible things from her stomach and that was how God restored her to perfect health. A brother testified that he was born into an idolatrous home and that there was a curse on his family that was taking the life of his siblings one by one. When it was the turn of his immediate senior brother to die, because they were staying together, he told him that he was going back to their village to die, and surprisingly he died two days after reaching their village. Now, it was the turn of the brother to die and he knew that death was imminent, but in his fear he accompanied a member of this church to our church where he prayed through to his three Christian experiences of Salvation, Sanctification and Holy Ghost Baptism. That was the end of the curse on their family; the brother is still living today after 16 years of accepting the Gospel.

Music Concert

This year's Campmeeting Music Concert was presented on Saturday, 1st September 2018 by the combined Choir and Orchestra of the Apostolic Faith Churches from Nigeria, Benin Republic, and Ghana. The Music Concert featured, among other things, works of the masters of classical music such as Franz Schubert (*Symphony No. 5; 3rd Movement*). *Gloria* (by Antonio Vivaldi); *In Native Worth ... from Creation No. 5* (by F. J. Haydn); *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* (arr. by Jeff Cranfill); *Down by the River Side* (by John Rutter); *Kardelen* (by Bora Bilgin); *The Hallelujah Side* (by Alfred Smith & Howard Entwistle); *Rolling in the Deep* (by Paul Epworth); and *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (by William Dawson). Some inspiring local airs (*What Shall I Do?* and *Den Na Onyame Ntumi Nye...* by J. V. Armaah; *Dzidzom Be Menye Yesu* by Ken Kafui; and *Yeedwiri* by Yaw Owusu Asiana) were also performed by the Choir. The highlight of the concert was the rendering of *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* piece conducted by Rev. John Aina. The audience was captivated by his peculiar way of gesticulation during conducting. The Concert was well attended by 3,264 people from all walks of life (consisting of 1,665 males and 1,599 females).

Ordinance Services

Ordinance services were held on the last Friday of Camp meeting. Ninety-seven (97) new converts, comprising seventy (47) males and thirty-five (35) females, were baptized in water. What was heart-warming was that overwhelming majority of the converts were young people. We praise God for bringing the youth to Himself and our prayer is that the LORD will keep them till He comes for His own. Five hundred and seventy-seven (577) people (272 males and 305 females) came together to observe the ordinances of Lord's Supper and the Foot Washing. The brethren were beaming with smile as they



partook in these ordinances and sang heartily to the praise of the LORD who has redeemed them by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Campmeeting Statistics

We are very grateful to the almighty God for the numerous blessings that were received during the 2018 Campmeeting. According to the final statistics received from the Information Centre, a total of 213 people were saved, 105 were sanctified, 46 were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, 170 people healed of various sicknesses and diseases, 181 believers were re-anointed, and 96 people recorded other blessings from the Lord. This yields a total of **811 blessings** received during the campmeeting.

Attendance at the first Sunday of the Campmeeting was 2,004 (comprising 1,058 males and 946 females), while attendance at the second Sunday of the Campmeeting was 2,754. Also, 2,298 worshippers were at the last Sunday of the Campmeeting. The week-day Bible Teachings and Evangelistic Services were also well attended, averaging around 1,200 per service.

Concluding Remarks & Appreciation

Throughout the 2018 Campmeeting there were round-the-clock prayer meetings by Gospel Workers, coupled with zonal prayer meetings that saw various zones gathering together after evening services to pray for God's blessing. Furthermore, numerous prayers were also said for the 2018 Campmeeting by many people across the world for the success of the campmeeting. God did answer all these prayers as demonstrated by the unprecedented number of people who prayed through to various Christian experiences during these meetings. We give God all the glory!

Everything went well during the convention. We thank God for all that He did. We also thank every body, known and unknown, seen and unseen, who contributed in one way or the other for the successful implementation of the 2018 Ghana Campmeeting. May God richly reward you all and count you worthy of eternal life in Jesus' mighty name.

God bless you all.

Yours in-His-Service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Bekoe".

Rev. John Bekoe
National Overseer