

Life History of Rev. Paul Tsado, Kpatsuwa

CHAPTER TWO

TRAINING FOR PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Paul Tsado was sent to school at Tsaragi in 1969, where he prepared and graduated after four years as a trained evangelist. He said “To be effective in the life of converts, it is important to be free to do follow up after conversion and to be able to teach them, to mature them in the word of God”. He also said “To be free as an evangelist means to have the windows of opportunities opened to establish and plant churches for the new converts”.

He demonstrated this calling right in the school at Tsaragi as an enthusiastic, effective student in his practical assignment to witness in the neighboring settlements. He recalled his years in school with nostalgia recounting his experience both spiritual and physical encounters in some of those villages, especially in Kusomunu, the church he established for his converts while still in school.

As a young energetic man, he was filled with the Holy Spirit which was a special grace for his ministry. He was fearless because he knew God would not abandon him. He recounted how the power of darkness which were very strong in those neighborhoods tried to inhibit his ministry but, he contented with them through faith and prayers. He said that those were the only instruments he could deploy against them

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” Eph. 6:12.

Upon graduation, he was posted to ‘young’ churches first to Bukah, a new resettled village in-land in the same direction with Gbajibo. They were both islands on River Niger and had to be resettled as the new dams of Kainji and Jebba were constructed. His stay in Bukah was for a short while, about two years. He again was moved back to Kusomunu, the church he planted as a result of the vacuum, created by the sudden departure of the resident Pastor stationed there.

The resident Pastor could not contend with the fetish practices of Kusomunu and the surrounding communities. Thus, he acted like the Biblical Dimas who deserted Paul the Apostle and went into the world. Rev. Paul took the challenge as a renewed opportunity to continue the work of evangelism. Though confined to a church, he often found time to reach out to other villages like Bokungi and Dugbangi for example, until the relief came before he was freed to continue his evangelical mission.

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***Note:** The several contributions of Rev. Paul Tsado to the expansion and growth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Nupe land are chronicled in the other chapters of the Book on his life history. To obtain the full book please contact the author.*