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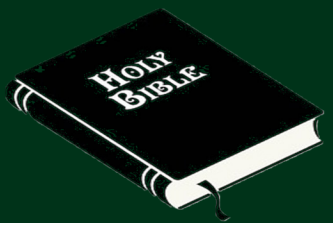
A WORD FROM THE WORD

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:36-37



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From Darkness to Light

As the director, I sensed it was essential to share some personal testimonies from recipients of the gospel across Africa due to your investment. You are part of a great team who serve as prayer warriors, financial givers, in-kind donors and volunteers who make the ministry possible.
I pray these testimonies will be an extra encouragement to you.

Dear CLA,

We rejoice with tears and trembling as we share these sacred testimonies of transformation, salvation and healing…Through your generous donation of the book, *God's Call to Holiness* (Dr Jim Lo), lives have been forever changed.
(all names are withheld by CLA)

#1 A Young Woman Finds Her True Identity:
"I grew up in a strict Muslim family where questioning anything about faith was considered rebellion, When I attended the holiness training out of curiosity, the book pierced my heart. For the first time, I read about a God who is not distant but desires (sic) relationship. That night, I whispered, "Jesus, if you are real, come and live in me." And He did. I am now secretly attending discipleship classes, and I know my identity is in Christ."

#2 A Father Baptized with His Children:
"I once led morning prayers at our mosque. But I was always angry and spiritually empty. The books said, "holiness is not achieved through fear, but through surrender." That broke me. I cried and asked Jesus into my life. My family saw the change and followed me. I was baptized together with my two children, Now I call others to the cross."

#3 A Former Street Boy Turned Evangelist:
"I slept outside the training hall. Someone gave me a blanket and a book. I read it under the moonlight. One night I read, "God is calling you into His heart." I broke down. Jesus met me. I now lead others to Christ. I lost my family, but gained a Father in heaven."

In the words of the person emailing CLA, "These stories are only a glimpse of what God is doing. We are preparing for another wave of training to reach even more communities. The harvest is ripe and we invite you to continue walking with us. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus through your giving."

In His service,
(Name Withheld by CLA)
Servant of God

The *INBOX*

UNDISCLOSED COUNTRY

The children learning in hiding—identity withheld

Dear Rev. Mike and the CLA Family,
...Grace and peace to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We write to you with hearts overflowing with gratitude and holy burden from the ——— pastors' ministry. What the Lord has begun among us is both humbling and deeply moving. In the month of ——— through the training using *God's Call to Holiness* by Dr Jim Lo, many believers were awakened to the call of true holiness. The impact has been undeniable—lives transformed, hearts convicted, and a renewed hunger for righteousness established among the brethren...To avoid being discovered by ———, the ——— was forced to take the children out of their normal classroom. They gathered **under a tree behind the toilets**, hidden from sight, just to hear the message of holiness. At times, the children even stood near the toilets, pretending to be elsewhere, while their hearts were being fed with truth. There is now a **clear and urgent open door into the ———**a place that has long been closed to the Gospel in its fullness. Yet through the wisdom of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the message of holiness is finding entry… What is happening here is delicate, hidden, and yet powerful—a seed being planted in a place where few dare to go.

Yours in His service, *Name Withheld*

PRESENT NEED: 6000 Books @ US$2.40 Per Book
Buy a Book— Be a MISSIONARY!!!

KENYA

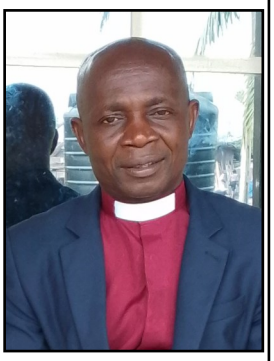
Dear Rev. Mike, Mum Julie, the CLA Team, and Precious CLA Donors,
...I write to you today with a heart overflowing with gratitude, tears of joy, and renewed burden for souls. On behalf of the prison outreach team here in Kenya, I wish to thank God for His faithfulness and to thank CLA for the precious gift of Mum Julie's Discipleship Training for Children books that were donated for ministry among the forgotten and hopeless children confined in Kenya's juvenile correctional institutions… One young inmate stood before us holding his book tightly and declared: ***"I will read this book again and again because I know the certificate I will be awarded will make my family admit me back into society next year after I have completed my sentence."***
...Another inmate told us with tears in his eyes: ***"We have never been visited by anyone here. We were told by ——— that we are the bad people in society, even worse than Satan. We were told we are not needed."*** *Rev., as those words were spoken, silence filled the room. Many children lowered their heads. Some openly wept. It became clear that the greatest prison surrounding these young people was not the walls of the institution but the hopelessness they carried in their hearts.* ***A fifteen-year-old boy stood up and narrated how his uncle convinced him to administer poison to his grandmother. The uncle promised him money and education, claiming that the grandmother was preventing the family from selling ancestral land. According to the boy, the intention presented to him was not to kill her but merely to make her unable to speak or move. Tragically, the poison ended up taking her life. After the grandmother died, the uncle fled to ——— and disappeared. The young boy was arrested, convicted of murder, and sentenced to twelve years in prison.*** He repeatedly wept and stated: "***I was used. I believed I was helping my family. I did not know my grandmother would die."*** The entire room fell silent. Even the prison warden could not hold back tears. For many of us, it was a powerful reminder that behind many prison sentences are broken children, manipulation, poverty, ignorance, and lives desperately needing the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. Rev., through these meetings we witnessed children surrendering their lives to Christ, asking for forgiveness, and embracing the hope of a new beginning. We truly believe that the seeds planted through Mum Julie's books will continue bearing fruit for years to come... Thank you, precious CLA donors, for investing where eternity alone will reveal the full harvest.

May God richly bless each one of you.
Women of Faith Prison Outreach Ministry

You Did it Once—Let's Do it Again!!! $5000

NIGERIA

The recently CLA sponsored library for Kenya has been a great success—thanks to the CLA Team.



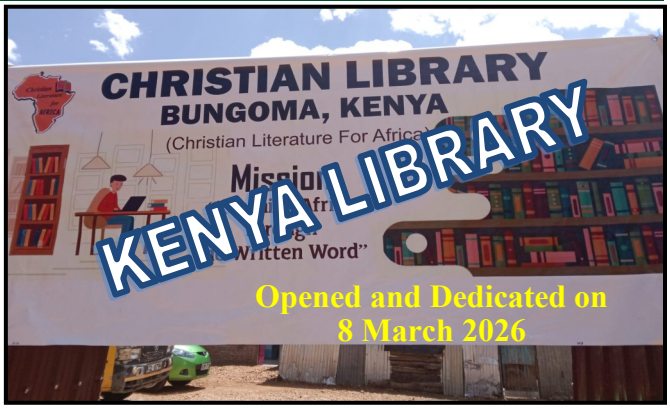
Rev. Ifiok Ikoh

In April 2026, I received the following emails from Rev. Ifiok

Dear Dr.,

My desire is to see the impact of CLA remain visible and beneficial to pastors and Christian workers across Nigeria for years to come.
<u>First,</u> I am prayerfully considering the development of a CLA Nigeria Legacy Library that would serve as a central resource for pastors, church leaders, and ministry workers. The aim would be to create a lasting reference centre where sound Christian literature can be accessed for study, discipleship, and leadership development. My hope is that such a library would stand as a meaningful testimony to CLA's long-term impact in Nigeria and help equip ministers for effective service.
<u>Second</u>, alongside a central legacy library, I am also considering the gradual establishment of small CLA reading corners in strategic locations such as churches, Bible colleges, and correctional ministry centres across Nigeria
<u>Third,</u> I hope to continue encouraging the distribution and use of key CLA titles, including The Shepherd and His Shepherds, together with Bibles and discipleship resources, to strengthen pastoral ministry and leadership development.

Warm regards,
Rev. Ifiok



Dear Dr.,
*Thank you very much for your decision to organise a 40-foot container ...I have shared the vision with a few Nigerian Christian leaders, and the response has been very encouraging, with widespread commendation for its potential to bless pastors, Bible colleges, and ministry leaders across Nigeria. I am also pleased to inform you that a suitable location has been identified at the **<u>Samuel Bill Theological College (SBTC) premises in Abak, Akwa Ibom State</u>**, where space has been offered to host the CLA Nigeria Legacy Library for the wider Christian community.*

Rev. Ifiok Udeme Ikoh

The Site for the Library

NIGERIA is CALLING:

Sponsor a "Missionary"

In the words of our Kenyan CLA representative, "every book is a missionary"

CLA needs <u>$5000</u> to ship 35,000+ books to establish another CLA sponsored Christian Library on the campus of a Theological School.

Partners Connecting Through Prayer and Giving

Praises:

- Testimonies of persons being saved as they study: *Discipleship Training for Children* and *God's Call to* Holiness continues to fill the CLA inbox.
- A donation of 1000 new books from a Fort Wayne resident has been received at the office. These will be shipped to Nigeria for the planned Library.
- The outreach across multiple countries in East and Central Africa continues to expand. Special "CLA evangelism teams" are reaching into neighboring countries to share the CLA resources.
- The CLA ministry continues to expand into areas where traditional missionaries are not allowed. The CLA books/resources are becoming the "missionaries" and "Bibles" where Bibles are not allowed.

Requests:

- **Finances:**
  - Print 1500 *God's Call to Holiness* books in Arabic and English at a cost of $7.20 per book. Any amount will help.
  - Print 3000 *Discipleship Training for Children* in English and Arabic at a cost of $2.40 per book. Any amount will help.
  - Print 1000 *Discipleship Training for Children* in Chichewa for Malawi at a cost of $5.00 per copy. Any amount will help.
  - Shipping a container to Nigeria for a new Christian library at a cost of $5000.
- **New Churches and Converts**
  - The discipling of new converts that experience persecution from their decision to follow Christ.
  - The training of new pastors leading these new churches and discipling the new converts.

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_____ ***I want to be a part of the "lifted hands" team on behalf of CLA through prayer.***

I am pleased to share in the ministry of CLA by donating the following for books, Bibles and Christian Literature for countries in Africa. Please find my donation of $_____ enclosed.

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