

# ODURO NEWS

**July-December 2015**

The period July-December, 2015 has been eventful as it has always been in my life. Two outstanding events, however, need to be highlighted. (1) I was allocated an office in October 2015 after being the Principal/President of the seminary for two decades. My first office was my car, then I shared a small office with my Secretary for over a decade. (2) I celebrated 60 years on earth on 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. Below is a synopsis of the activities of the Oduros, particularly Thomas Oduro.

## **Serving African Independent Churches**

### Preaching at:

Christ Holy Church, Accra (12 July, 16 August, 15 Nov.). Amazing Full Gospel Ministry, Tema (6 Sep.). Church of the Lord, Brotherhood, Tema (18 Oct.). Calvary Baptist Church, Akan Service, Accra (29 Nov.) and at National Independent Church of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya (5 Dec).

### Talk/Teaching

The courses I taught at the Seminary were: – Christian Beliefs, Christian Ethics, African Christian Theology, Early African Church History, Early Church History, and Biblical Hermeneutics. I taught 14 Credit hours per week. Other extra-curricular teaching were held at, *Musama Disco Christo Church* “Who is an Elder?” (3 July); *Emmanuel Gospel Ministry*, “Godly Relationship and Marriage in our Generation” (18 July); “The leadership styles of Apostle Paul” (29 Aug.); *Christ our Righteous Church*, “God uses Youth as well as the Elderly” (22 Nov).

### Attending AIC Convocations:

*The Risen Christ Church*, Tema (30 Aug.); *The Church of the 12 Apostles*, Kormantse (26 Sep.); *Peaceful Healing Church*, Agate (20 Dec.).

## **International Travels**

I was invited to participate in the Board meeting of Center for Early African Christianity (CEAC) at Oklahoma City, OK. (21 – 31 July). After the meeting, CEAC graciously paid my way to visit some friends in Minnesota. Attended biennial conference of West African Association of Theological Institutions, (4-7 August) at Port Harcourt City, Nigeria. Jemima and I were invited to attend a Peer Leaders Forum (29-31 Oct) at Debrezeit, Ethiopia. It was a forum for heads of some selected theological institutions and their wives. Attended an Advisors meeting of the Dictionary of African Christian Biography (DACB) in Nairobi, Kenya (5-9 Dec).

## **IMPRESSIONS**

I agree with Jesus that “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few” (Matt. 9:37). My heart was broken when I saw members of an African Independent Church (AIC) scrambling to buy bottles of water that have been blessed; it was almost a stampede. On the other hand, it is a joy to see members of African Independent Churches performing their Christian duties with all seriousness. They rejoice in the presence of God; they are committed yet most of them are led by untrained clergy. It is a great joy to see some AIC members rejoicing after hearing the Gospel - what Jesus has done for them. The AICs need more trained pastors. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, counsel and support. Please see the pictures below.



Speaking at an AIC event



Some AIC members scrambling for blessed water



Teaching some pastors during a Bible study retreat



Rita (L) and Jemima at Rita's graduation in November



Speaking at the Convention of Peaceful Healing Church



Christ Holy Church women praying at retreat in Nigeria

