

Testimony of Elder Joshua K*

Born into a Baptist family in the year 1974, which marked the beginning of a Baptist church in our home, I got to be Mission oriented. The passion for cross-culture mission burdened my heart when I encountered a mentor in the Ivory Coast. I lived in the Ivory Coast, (Cote I'Voire), for nearly ten years due to the civil war in Liberia.

I began to work with people who I could not understand culturally and began to learn their language. God used that as my preparation for the work in Liberia.

Many a time we are told about heresy and apostasy, by those who themselves teach them. So I had a vacuum in my mission work, the blind leading the blind. I got my eyes opened spiritually when I encountered the fullness of the Gospel.

We returned to Liberia unceremoniously in the year 2002, due to the civil war in the Ivory Coast. Our mission to the un-reached people through the youth group which I served as secretary came to a stand still, until we changed our vision and mission to reach the un-reached, through Rural Indigenous Evangelistic Missions, RIEM.

While working along with churches and individuals, motivating and igniting their passion for mission, I got the fullness of the gospel through Bro. Mark T*, who was going through the Go Ye and Teach series with Bro. Randy V*. I was shaken to hear the strange gospel, but I trusted the Lord and prayed and searched the scriptures for myself to test the spirit to see whether it be of God.

I was so overwhelmed to get the true assurance of my salvation and the vacuum in my spiritual life was filled and my passion for the mission was rekindled. I finally got rebaptized and ordained as an Elder, when Bros. Neil S* and Ron S* and Srs. Pat B*, Di S* and Jeanette T* visited Liberia. Their thrilling and soul reviving testimonies and teachings added more joy to my salvation.