



**Missionary Patricia Hamburg—Tree of Life Missions**

I am known as Ms. Pat, or Nana, by my fellow Christians. I have been working with Missionary Mark Holmes of Truth Baptist in Nigeria since 2009. I first came to Nigeria in 2001 and served with Missionary Robert Smith and a national pastor, Gbenga Dada, helping to plant a church, Lighthouse Independent Bible Baptist Church. My sending Church is Somerset Bible Baptist Church; 42 Cedar Grove Lane; Somerset, NJ 08873; Pastor Bryan E. Miller.

Three years ago, Tree of Life Missions (TLM) was founded by our ministry partner, Pastor Justin Nenge, and myself. The goal of this ministry is to reach people of Nigeria with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. About seven times each year, TLM travels throughout Nigeria to independent Baptist churches giving revival meetings, marriage seminars, and ladies' conferences. Over the past three years, TLM has travelled to the Nigerian states of Plateau, Oyo, Nasarawa, Cross River, Rivers, Benue, Osun, Akwa Ibom, and Niger.

In remote villages, we are privileged to bring the Gospel to areas where there is no Bible presence. In most of these villages, they do not have a Bible in their own language, nor do they read or speak English. It saddens me as we depart, because the opportunity for the new converts to grow is small. Village Bible-believing churches are urgently needed. TLM has visited hundreds of local villages where we see many (including Muslims and traditional idol worshippers) come to Christ. We have preached to and taught thousands of children in primary and secondary schools. Schools urgently need the Gospel message, and the administrators already recognize the importance of reaching the children in their youth. Likewise, churches schedule us to return yearly as their members understand the need of what we are teaching. We have visited many Internally Displaced Persons Camps, including the Cameroonian refugee camps. We have had small meetings and crusades in which thousands were present. We have ministered in the daytime and the nighttime. Tree of Life Missions has found that the major problem all over Nigeria starts in the home, so in every church we have visited, marriage conflict is the major theme. Men and women either have not learned or have forgotten their roles in marriage. Culture and tradition is definitely a primary cause of much conflict in the marriages we encounter here.

When TLM travels, we are a team comprised of myself and Pastor Justin, a driver, and an interpreter. Often, we take a seminary student along to learn about the field. We are grateful for the good people that God sends our way. We couldn't do what we do without them. I must mention that we are not financially supported by any church or organization. I personally receive a small token of support from two churches in the states. TLM is funded by my personal pension and my social security retirement income. Having said that, I am praying that the Lord will touch the hearts of some who will want to help support me in this mission. A year ago, a church member donated a Jeep Land Rover to the ministry; it is in constant need of servicing and repair. The vehicle takes us to places that a car or van cannot go. However, costs of fuel, food, and accommodations in the country have continued to rise. What could feed one of us three meals a day three years ago (1000 naira) can now only supply two meals per day. Presently, each trip we make for five to seven days is averaging about 250,000 naira (around \$700). Please, will you consider supporting me in this endeavor. God will richly bless you. We covet your prayers for safety, strength, and provision.

Yours in the ministry, Ms. Pat Hamburg