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Thanks for planting a church in her city!



Meet Olusegun, Awojobi, Onifade, and Oladke. They're Global Mission pioneers, serving in the city of Abeokuta in southwest Nigeria.

They love planting churches, but they face several challenges that make their work difficult.

"We're surrounded by dire need here," says Awojobi, second from left. "Unemployment is high, so many of the people are poor, hungry, and sick. Some don't even have a home to shelter them from the weather."

The pioneers have limited means, but they do what they can to help. Each day, they go to different parts of the city to mingle with people and assess their needs. "We share food when we can," says Onifade, second from right, "and help those who are ill or injured to receive medical care. We tell them that Jesus has sent us to love and serve them in His name."

The pioneers' kindness has enabled them to make friends in Abeokuta, but not everyone in the city is happy to see them. "There's strong animosity toward Christians here," says Onifade. "Some people yell at us and chase us away."

There were only a handful of Seventh-day Adventists in Abeokuta when the pioneers began working, but by following Christ's method of ministry, they've raised up a strong group of believers in only four months.

"Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon us and our work in Abeokuta," asks Onifade. "Pray that God will minister to the people through us so they'll see His love and know that He alone is worthy of their worship." The members of the church plant in Abeokuta, Nigeria, love Jesus and are passionate about sharing Him with their community. They want to thank you for sending Global Mission pioneers to serve in their city.





"The pioneers showed my family love. They visited us in our home and asked whether we had any concerns. Then they prayed with us about our troubles."—Esther

"I didn't have a Bible when the pioneers came to my city. They not only gave me one,

they studied it with me so that I could understand God's message."—Sabitu





"I was a Christian before the Global Mission pioneers came, but I didn't know much about God. The pioneers studied the Bible with me, and now I have peace of mind because I know God. I'm very happy now!"—Morenikeji "I didn't know much about Jesus before the pioneers came. Now I know Him much better and have accepted Him as my Lord and Savior. Thanks for supporting Global Mission—your donations have impacted my life personally."—Seun

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"I'm a hair stylist. Before I met the pioneers, I only had a few customers and was afraid I'd have to close my business. The pioneers weren't only concerned about my spiritual life—they cared about my financial well-being too. They prayed with me about my business.

"Since then, I've felt the blessing of God on my work. My customer base is growing. My husband and I are falling in love with the teachings of the Seventhday Adventist Church, and we have been attending church regularly."—Funmilola

CHRIST'S METHOD ALONE

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'"

(The Ministry of Healing, p. 143).

"When the pioneers first came to visit me, I did my best to avoid them! But then, as we began chatting, I learned that the

things they wanted to share with me came directly from the Bible. There are things I used to do that I'm no longer doing. Jesus has changed me!"—Alao



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