



*The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. Ps 110:1-4*

For 20 years Kent & Ruth worked with Benson Idahosa in Benin City Nigeria and enjoyed the privilege of seeing over 8,000 graduates pass through *All Nations For Christ Bible Institute*. Much of our current team in Jos worked alongside us. Our friends and family were responsible for much of the scholarship sponsorship of the students during that time. They also contributed towards the building of facilities and expanded the college staff, admin and plant to cater for the student population which grew from 330 to 1,600 on campus each year. Graduates spanned out through Africa and the world planting churches.

Several independent researchers commented on this period. Matthew Ojo in *The End Time Army*, wrote, *The greatest impact of Idahosa was among those he trained in his Bible School in Nigeria. Indeed, Idahosa's scholarship scheme became an effective means of sustaining substantial religious and social transformation in Africa. It exported the Nigerian Pentecostal model and concepts...decades later many of Idahosa's disciples became pioneers in their countries.*

Idahosa's calling in God transformed the landscape of southern Nigeria. 30 million people came into churches. When walking into his office and seeing the pictures of people the Lord saved and healed, I used to pray, "Lord, the gospel must transform the north." Idahosa would respond, "The Lord will do it." When people asked him what the biggest miracle he had seen was, he would answer, "The next one!"

In the 80's, governments strategized on how to Islamise Nigeria. Twice military presidents declared Nigeria an Islamic state and both times Idahosa promptly cancelled the decree on national television. Today Nigeria's 150 million people are vital to the gospel in all of Africa and are exporting gospel ministry all over the world. But our main focus continues to be on the north.

Jos is central to the battle for the north. It is the only "Christian state" in the midst of a wide populous region dominated by sharia law. It is a hub from where gospel ministry is going out to the African Sahel. It was reported last month that President Gaddafi of Libya said they must forget southern Nigeria now and break off the north to keep it for Islam. This, as well as the recent killings and violence, shows the gospel is mowing down all before it and others are in panic.

We serve a great God. We live in a great time. There is much work before us and we can't stop now. Thank you for those who have supported us from 1986. Please keep it up. We ask that others join with us to support the army of the willing in day of His power: precious people who love the Lord.

Our goal in the Lord: *Thousands of churches planted around the Sahara*. Please stand with us.