

PROFILE OF PASTOR (MRS.) FOLU ADEBOYE

A seasoned educator, philanthropist, administrator, counsellor, mentor and pastor with over 40 years of professional experience as an Educational Advisor, Administrator and Teacher in addition to providing congregational leadership, pastoral care and engaging in missionary support work particularly with women and children.

She has contributed extensively to the enhancements and strategic developments in the learning and teaching environment, providing expert advice to stakeholders on education delivery, curriculum development, training and providing ancillary services to promote good education.

With passion for quality education, she has made immense contributions to the Education sector as the founder of a vigorous educational movement known as Christ the Redeemer's Schools Movement that has led to the founding of several Christian Educational institutions caring for the educational welfare of children in Nigeria and across Africa.

A woman of great compassion, philanthropist to the core, she has pioneered several compassionate and life-transforming initiatives covering virtually every facet of life across the world and is one of those who are silently supporting the actualization of the UN SDGs particularly as it affects education, water, empowerment, youth, gender specific initiatives, widows, the elderly, victims of substance abuse, and vulnerable people. Apart from her influence in education, she has, to her credit, founded or championed several charities including Africa Missions Global, Habitation of Hope, Wholistic Outreach, Friends of Jesus and CADAM to mention a few.

Africa Missions Global (AMG)

Africa Missions Global is a faith based not-for profit NGO founded by Pastor (Mrs) Adeboye in July 1996 to Rescue & Empower Humanity through its charitable causes of providing education, water, health care and empowerment initiatives.

Through her passion for education, AMG has 10 schools under its umbrella in 5 African Countries some of which provide feeding for the children in contribution to supporting the UN SDGs of education and zero hunger. Her charitable achievements have touched education, health care, water provision, empowerment, emergency response, shelter and general welfare of under privileged people mostly in rural communities. Below are some instances of what has been achieved in these various areas.

Education

With a passion for quality education Pastor Mrs. Adeboye has made immense contributions to the Education sector in Africa. This led to her starting a vigorous movement known as Christ the Redeemer's Schools Movement that has led to the founding of over 20 quality Christian Educational institutions caring for the educational welfare of children in Nigeria and across Africa. Through Africa Missions Global, a charity she founded, 10 schools under its umbrella in 5 African Countries, some of which provide feeding for the children in contribution to supporting the UN SDGs of quality education and zero hunger.

Some of the Educational projects under the umbrella of the charity Africa Missions Global are as follows:

- ✓ **Redeemer's Basic Boarding School, Koma Hills, Adamawa State, Nigeria** – A total boarding primary and secondary school in a the hilly regions of North east Nigeria. When Mrs. Adeboye intervened in this rural community in the late 1990s, they were far removed from society and wore no clothes. Today, through the school in Koma Hills, this community is now well known with children from the school coming tops in educational achievements in Adamawa State, North East Nigeria. The school is equipped with

classroom blocks, hostels, libraries, dinning facilities, bore holes and solar energy for the provision of clean energy.

- ✓•Children of Glory School, Lesotho
- ✓•Redeemers Basic and Secondary School, Ankoko Niger State
- ✓•Africa Missions Community Nursery and Primary School, Maiduguri, Nigeria
- ✓•Redeemer's Int'l School, Ikom, Cross River
- ✓•Redeemers Missions School, Sierra Leone
- ✓•Redeemers Nursery and Primary School, Famole Kwara State
- ✓•Africa Missions Academy (Crèche) Djibouti
- ✓•Kings Mission Primary School, Kambaya, Sierra Leone
- ✓•Africa Missions Nursery and Primary School, Chad
- ✓ Several academic scholarships and educational support initiatives.

Provision of Water for Rural Areas

The Africa Missions '*Water for Life*' project aims at providing potable water for remote target locations in Africa. The objective is to alleviate the suffering of some people in the rural areas, including incidences of water-borne diseases by supplying water through boreholes.

The borehole project has successfully provided clean and potable water for over thirty (30) communities across Africa for domestic and farm use.

In alignment with the UN WASH Program, Africa Missions Global championed a '*Water for Life*' program which aims at providing potable water for remote target locations in Africa. The objective is to alleviate the suffering of people in the rural areas, and contribute towards eradicating incidences of water-borne diseases by ensuring the availability of clean water through the boreholes.

AMG through its Water for Life (W4L) Program, has successfully facilitated the provision of over 30 boreholes across communities and schools in rural Areas in Africa for domestic, agricultural and other uses.

Health Care

Health is wealth and many rural areas in Africa lack adequate health care. In order to promote health and prevent diseases in the rural areas, through charities she has championed, Africa Missions Global, Habitation of Hope, Wholistic, and others, various health outreaches have taken place to provide primary health care, eye glasses and in some cases facilitated the provision or building of health centres in these places.

Africa Missions Global continues to embark on some medical intervention projects by building *Health Centers* and providing regular free medical outreaches across communities in Africa. A Health Centre has been built for the Chinpongwe Community in Lusaka, Zambia as well as a Maternity Centre in Bakassi, Cameroon.

She is currently championing the building of a health village in the Redemption Camp, Ogun State, Nigeria to ensure that quality and affordable health care can be made available to as many as have need of such.

Empowerment

To contribute towards ending poverty and to encourage individuals and communities to control over their lives and reduce their dependence on hand outs and aid, through the Wholistic Ministries, Habitation of Hope Charity and Africa Missions Global, several empowerment initiatives have been executed.

Through the Wholistic Ministry, vulnerable women are empowered. The charity went a step further to provide a vocational centre where it is located in Loburo, Ogun State, Nigeria, a centre that is open to members of the community. Africa Missions Global embarked on various empowerment initiatives to empower individuals and communities. This has helped to improve individual productivity while enhancing the economic standard of people living in those rural communities. Africa Missions Global has built Vocational Training centers across Africa and also provided a hub for the beneficiaries to carry out their business in one of the locations. In the height of the crisis in Sudan, Africa Missions facilitated the provision of a Vocational Centre for Sudanese widows who were refugees in Egypt.

Some of these centers include:

- ✓•Grace Vocational Center – Bangui, Central African Republic
- ✓•Redeemed Vocational and Fashion Design Institute, Mendong, Yaounde Cameroon
- ✓•Vocational Centre, Kabale Uganda
- ✓ Africa Missions Global Vocational Centre in Maiduguri, North East Nigeria
- ✓•Africa Missions Global Business Hub for graduates of the vocational Centre in Maiduguri, North East Nigeria where they can start their businesses.

Emergency Response

In response to the crisis posed by insurgency, terrorism as well as epidemics AMG has provided urgently needed relief materials to help individuals and communities cope with the unfortunate consequences. Worthy of note is the distribution of essential drugs and relief materials such as assorted food items and Ebola Protection kits among others during the 2010 Ebola crisis in the three (3) worst-hit nations of Africa (Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea Conakry).

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Palliative measures were rolled out for targeted groups in almost all our countries of focus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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During the Covid-19 pandemic, Africa Missions Global sponsored the provision of palliatives to target communities in Africa through her various chapters.

Following the insurgency in North-East Nigeria, the Internally Displaced Persons in Maiduguri, Abuja, and Yola, Nigeria were provided with relief materials. AMG went a step further to provide an all-encompassing IDP Camp in Maiduguri, one of the worst hit areas, with the unique strategy of educating the children through the setup of a primary school for the community, a vocational Centre to empower the people and an entrepreneurial hub to support them in trading with their skills to enable them plan for life beyond the camp. The children also get a free meal in school. The school which was initially a primary school, now has a secondary arm to cater for the older and graduating children coming through from the primary school.

Shelter and Orphanage

Improving the state of shelters for victims of insurgency, terrorism and disasters/epidemic outbreak is an important aspect of post-disaster response. Many shelter seekers had to take refuge far off from their homes because alternative shelters were not available nearby. AMG provided equipped emergency shelters to give succor to a large number of the Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Nigeria who lost their homes to insurgencies or terrorism and to children who became orphans as a result of such incidence. These shelters serve as temporary safe spaces where they can stabilize, until they are able to return home.

Africa Missions Global has also provided support for orphanages in Cameroon, Zambia, Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria and Kampala, just to name a few and built an orphanage in Zambia.

Feeding and Clothing

The welfare of families and children has always been at the heart of everything we do. We aim to improve nutritional deficiencies and provide support for families or those with challenges of accessing the basic needs of life. AMG has donated clothing items to over 10,000 households across Africa and organized different feeding initiatives for families, pupils and the less privileged.

Pastor Mrs. Folu Adeboye is the Visionaire and Founder of Africa Missions Global, a charity founded in 1996.

Habitation of Hope – An Integrated Shelter For Vulnerable Boys

Pastor Mrs. Folu Adeboye is the founder of the Habitation of Hope initiative, an integrated initiative targeted at the rehabilitation of homeless and vulnerable boys taken off the streets and drug dens. She founded the initiative in 2006 to rescue depressed and destitute boys from the streets, transform and empower them, and give them the opportunity to develop into responsible citizens.

The Habitation of Hope initiative targets to reconcile these Street Children back to Christ, improve the quality of life of the lost boys/ Street boys Nationwide, promote the care, wellbeing and development of street boys Nationwide, provide accommodation, healthcare and education for the young boys between the ages of 7-18 years in need, especially the deprived, destitute and the homeless who have been taken off the streets and provide holistic support including tuition, housing, healthcare, counselling and a range of vocational training such as shoe making, carpentry, painting, decoration, block making, sewing etc to build self confidence in the boys for those who do not pursue higher education.

The vision is to totally remove street children from the nation of Nigeria by reconciling these children back to their families and helping them to settle down into their homes. It is an initiative set-up to give hope to the hopeless.

The Habitation of Hope facilities provide shelter for the boys, feeding, education to tertiary level (university level) for those who have the aptitude and a vocational training route for those who are more

entrepreneurial to ensure that each boy leaves the home empowered. Many of them today are graduates and entrepreneurs and have settled into life. Those who have graduated from the vocational route today make shoes, bags, and other profitable ventures. The initiative started in a small bungalow with about 30 boys in 2006. To date hundreds of boys have successfully passed through their facilities and are doing well in their various endeavours in life.

Wholistic Ministries – An Integrated Shelter For Vulnerable Girls and Women

The Wholistic Outreach, a faith based non-profit initiative was founded in April 2002 by Pastor Mrs Foluke Adeboye, to offer social services and promote youth and women development particularly to vulnerable women. The vision is traceable to the moral decadence in society, reflecting in the hordes of commercial sex workers, increase in numbers of pregnant and stranded teenagers, neglected young girls and ladies in various stages of destitution who are all suffering from the effect of this decadence. The Organization is currently active and effective in the work of social reformation to give these girls and women the hope of a better life.

The Wholistic Outreach provides housing, education and vocational training to victims of sex trafficking, vulnerable girls at-risk to ensure that they are not only rescued from their unfortunate circumstances, but that they are also psychologically and financially empowered to fend for themselves.

The Wholistic Outreach also creates awareness on the ills of sexual misconduct among youths and offers training to equip those who work with young people particularly in states vulnerable to child labor and child trafficking on the ills of such practices. The training also involves counselling of young women to effectively handle their personal, social, and financial circumstances as well as to reduce anxiety and emotional disturbances caused by the stress of being homeless. An aspect of the Help Program is to enable them develop self-esteem, self-reliance, and self-confidence to prepare them for life after the home and to possible stigmatisation depending on their personal circumstances.

Friends of Jesus, an initiative targeted at those who are less privileged and destitute in the immediate community of the Redemption camp, Ogun State, Nigeria. It is focused on meeting their basic needs of food, shelter and resettlement as the case may be.

CADAM (Christ Against Drug Abuse Ministries)

CADAM was founded in 1991 by Pastor Ezekiel A. Odeyemi, a Pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God to cater for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts, both male and female. The initiative provides a one year residential rehabilitation program and started in rented premises only for the men in Poka, Epe, Lagos State, Nigeria. In 2003, a facility was rented to cater for the women.

Due to the overwhelming challenges posed by drugs in our society, Pastor Mrs. Adeboye extended her charitable reach to CADAM and sponsored the building of the Enoch and Folu Adeboye Rehabilitation Centre in Epe, Lagos State, Nigeria, a facility which has made it possible for the program to accommodate about 100 people each session, providing full boarding and feeding for those being rehabilitated, at no cost.

The Health Village – An Inspirational and Evolving Health Initiative

In response to the health care challenges in the country, she has pioneered an inspirational project to build a Health Village in the environs of the Redemption Camp, in Ogun State, Nigeria, a project which when actualised, will be one of the most unique integrated health initiatives in the continent providing a wide range of quality and affordable health care to anyone requiring such.

Following her pursuit of ensuring that specialist health care is available in Nigeria, she is a major co-sponsor with her husband, Pastor E. A. Adeboye, of the many Dialysis and Intensive Care Units donated to several university teaching hospitals across Nigeria through the 'His Love Foundation'.

A woman of great compassion, endowed with immense love for humanity, she demonstrates her passion for vulnerable people not only through the initiatives she has pioneered, but also through the support of other initiatives focused on addressing the plight of vulnerable people. Widows and the Elderly are not left out in her charitable causes as she has several other initiatives to support widows in areas where the traditions are hostile to them as well as the elderly in different communities.

She is a conference speaker and has published widely with many of her speeches transcribed into book form. She has also written the following books:

- Kingdom Love – 2008
- Heaven in your home – 2006
- The Mother-in Christ -2004
- The Seven Secrets of Great Achievers – 2003
- This also shall pass, published by CRM in 2001
- Can I cry out published by Oldavent Limited in 1999; and
- The Pastors' Wives Manual published by Feyisetan Press in 1995.
- Divine Love, a joint publication with her husband – Pastor E.A. Adeboye

In spite of her very loaded life, she finds time for recreation and has interest in Counseling, Mentoring, Missions, Church planting, Children, Healthy life-style, Exercising and Walking.

HONOURARY DEGREES

- Doctorate in Management – Redeemers University For Nations, Osun State Nigeria.
- Doctorate in Humanities – Sussex University in conjunction with the Redeemed Christian Church of God Bible College, United Kingdom.

EDUCATION

- Certificate in Special Education (CADAS), Columbia University, New York, United States of America
- Certificate, Directors of Education, University of St. Marks and St. Johns, Plymouth, United Kingdom
- Diploma in Accelerated Christian Education
- Diploma in Theology, Redeemed Bible College, Lagos State, Nigeria.
- Associated Diploma in Science and Education, College of Education, University of Lagos, Nigeria.
- Teacher's Grade II Certificate, United Missionary College, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria.
- Secondary School Leaving Certificate, Methodist Girls High School, Ilesa, Osun State.
- First School Leaving Certificate, Methodist Primary School, Ilesa, Osun State.

EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR, TEENS AND CHILDREN EDUCATION – The Redeemed Christian Church of God
[1992 To Date]

Provides strategic leadership oversight to the teens and children's education programs, working with the education board to update the curriculum, the teaching process and policies and ensuring that proper educational ethics, compliance and training are followed.

CHAIRPERSON – Christ The Redeemers Ministries (CRM) School Movement [1990 – To Date]

Provide strategic vision and direction for the structure of education in the Redeemed Christian Church of God School System with educational policies that promote leading edge best in class educational excellence. Provide strategic advisory oversight to ensure that RCCG schools adopt a unified vision and mission, good governance and management systems which promote good fiscal accountability, high ethics and practices.

LECTURER – The Redeemed Christian Bible College, Ogun State, Nigeria [1986-1996].

SPECIFIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **HEAD TEACHER** – CRM Nursery School, Lagos, Nigeria, [1981-1993]
- **TEACHER** – University of Ilorin Staff School, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria [1979-1980]
- **TEACHER** – St. Tomothy's College, Lagos, Nigeria. [1977-1979]
- **TEACHER** – Ansar-u-deen Primary School, Lagos, Nigeria. [1973-1976]
- **TEACHER** – St. Luke's College, Ondo State, Nigeria [1971-1973]
- **TEACHER** – Anglican Modern School, Ondo State, Nigeria. [1969-1973]
- **TEACHER** – Anglican Primary School, Ondo State, Nigeria. [1968-1969]
- **TEACHER** – Methodist Primary School, Osun State, Nigeria. [1967]