We also saw how He doubled the number of home cells across most of our churches worldwide, Lagos recorded over 21,000 new cells in a year, 2021

And then came the wonder of age as Christ led the entry of this Church into additional 85 nations in 2022

Truly, God is in our midst, just as Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, 'surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not, how dreadful is this place, this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven' — Gen. 28:16-17

Everyone of us should become conscious of the fact that this is the church of Christ and will remain unstoppable until Jesus returns to take us home.

God said to me, in 2015 'I, the God of wonder double is visiting you and I will remain in your midst you as long as you want me to'

The God of wonder double surprises is in our midst today, the wonders we have continued to experience is a proof that God is truly in our midst and His ultimate agenda is to supernaturally change our story — Zph. 3:17-20

Every dedicated member of this Church shall continue to experience supernatural change of story from glory to glory as each one continues to partner with Christ in the building of His Church.

Expect the God of this commission to keep decorating your life, family, business, career, and most especially, your spiritual life, which sets the pace for all other areas of our lives — 3 Jhn. 2

Remain ever blessed!

lesus is Lord!

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## CHURCH CHURCH BEEN UNSTOPPABLE?

esus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"

— Mat. 16:18

It is interesting to note that I never had a Church component thought about this ministry, my idea of the mandate was purely an outreach platform.

But one morning in 1983, God spoke to me from Luk. 1:1, that He was calling me also to partake of church planting. As led by the Spirit, following a week-long city-wide outreach, our church ministry was born in Kaduna in Dec. 11, 1983

Again, Church was not my idea, it was a commission of Christ, that is why we refer to this ministry as a Commission

Therefore, if asked why this church has been unstoppable, my answer will be;

First, it is the Church of Christ — Mat. 16:18

I still recall had a most humbling encounter on the concluding day of a 3-day prayer and fasting that I held with 3 of my co-labourers in the beginning days of this Church, asking God why this church was not growing at the expected. I heard God say to me in the course of that prayer, 'stand up and follow me', so He led me out of the church building, towards the southern part of the building, and at a point He said to me, 'turn back'. And as I did, I saw a layer of thick darkness over the roof of the Church, and the Lord said to me, 'that is the blindfolding weapon the devil is using to misinterpret what I, Jesus is doing in this Church'. Immediately, I reacted, speaking to that layer of darkness, 'you foul spirit of darkness, I command you, get off that roof!' and I saw it folded like a carpet from off the roof — Matt. 16:18 (March 22-24.1984)

In that same encounter, while standing out there with Christ, Jesus gave me 3 more instructions:

- 1. Get out on the street and start inviting people, saying to them, come and see what I Jesus is doing in this Church through the testimonies of my acts in your midst Jhn 1:40-46
- 2. Keep sowing the seed, that is, teaching life-applicable teaching of word, and as the grass grows, the sheep will come for it Luk. 8:11/2 Tim. 4:2/Act 6:7
- 3. Finally, He said, "keep the grass green, for I make my sheep to lie down on green pastures Psa. 23:2/Matt. 28:24/Jer. 3:15-16

This is the mystery that has brought us to where we are today, as God opened up the supernatural growth destiny of this church. To God be all the glory.

Above further validates that:

- ➤ This is not a man-formed church, it is a Christ-built church *Mat.* 7:24-25
- ➤ This is not a family-raised church, it is a Christ-commissioned Church.

➤ This is not a team-built church, but a church of Christ, which He purchased with His own blood — Act. 20:28

One of our pastors, back in 1989 had a call to ministry, and when I asked if there is anything he desire for the new work, then he made a request, if he could be given the church he pastored, as a parting gift as it were, I laughed and said, 'it is not mine, no one can give what he does not own, you may ask something else'

This is why the word, 'my Church' has never come out of my mouth till date, after 40 years of church ministry

Why? Jesus told me, 'I will only build my church and not your Church' — Mat. 16:18

Our testimony as a commission today is as found in the counsel of Gamaliel to the council in Jerusalem, ".....now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought, but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.— Act. 5:34-39

We have continued to prevail, because Christ is fighting the battle against His church — Psa. 124:1-6/Rom. 8:31

We are where we are today, because Christ is the one building His church

For instance, I cannot put my finger on what we did that brought about the revival of 1994-1999 in this church

What Jesus did in 2015 remains a mystery, because He doubled this congregation in 7 weeks! with over 100,000 souls added

What He did in 2019 is also a wonder, planting over 5,000 churches in Nigeria in one year. Again, additional 10,000 churches in 2020