



Building up the Church

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Your faith, prayers, and gifts are making a difference in churches throughout Nigeria! As our long-time supporters know, Grace Community International maintains an uncompromising commitment to the ministry of the local church. Supplying pastors with the Word of God, training pastors in the use of the Word of God, building up families in the church, grounding marriages in the church on the Word of God, and training leaders in the church all comprise a key component of the GCI's labors in the harvest fields of the world.



To Him be the glory in the church...

Many of our church conferences begin with the leadership on their knees making a commitment to the Lordship of Christ and the authority of His holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. Collectively, we affirm that “we pledge to You, O Lord,

our total submission to Your holy, eternal, inerrant written Word and we pledge to You our complete obedience to all of It's commands. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray, Amen." As we minister in local churches, we continually lift up our risen Savior and call men and women into obedience to His Holy Word while asking God to use His Holy Word to set them apart to His service and glory.



...and in Christ Jesus to all generations...

One of my great frustrations is the typifying of African churches to be filled primarily with women and children singing simplistic praise anthems in charismatic worship. On the contrary, the worship leaders of the churches in which we ministered carefully reviewed our messages and passages to insure that the hymns sung prepared the congregation to receive the Word of God.

As dignified and godly men and women filled evangelical churches and sang the great hymns of faith, the objective of men and women in the church bowing in subjection to Jesus Christ as Lord and the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God for the church was met. Over and over again.





**...forever and ever.
Amen. (Eph 3:21)**

Our ministry in the church is not only to the congregation as a whole; we also break congregants up into practical workshops emphasizing application. Team member Emeka Ohahuru spoke to the men on practical applications of daily Bible meditation, Scripture memory, and "How To's" in terms of providing spiritual leadership in their family.



Likewise, Richard Smith led a workshop on making Christ the center of the disciple's life. During the course of our time in Nigeria, we distributed more than 2,000 practical handouts, devotionals, and Bible study applications sheets to church leaders who attended our workshops.

May God continue to grow and strengthen His church in Nigeria!