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The mission of Glorious Anchor International Network

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> *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.* (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

This is the record of a vision: what God said, when He said it, to whom, and what He meant by it. It is published here so that those who read it may run with it, and so that when the things He promised come to pass, it will be seen that He said them first.

The encounters

I am Michael Ede, the convener of Prevailing Prayer Mountain (PPM) and visioner of Glorious Anchor International Network (GAIN). The encounters that birthed GLORIOUS ANCHOR started on 22 August 2011, at about 1.15 in the morning. The Lord spoke to me clearly three times. At the fourth instance He said, "WRITE", so I scrambled and wrote exactly what I heard: GLORIOUS ANCHOR.

He declared: **"There shall be manifestation of tornado of His power, riding in the wings of His glory."** I had been an English teacher for some years before then, and as at that time I had never used or seen the word *tornado*.

On 30 August 2011, at about eight in the morning, while I was studying my Bible, the Spirit of the Lord ministered to me: **"Riding in the wings of His glory means that what men struggle to achieve, it shall be accomplished with ease; what took men years will take a twinkling of an eye in Glorious Anchor."**

On 8 December 2011, at Winners Chapel, Sapele Road, Benin City, Nigeria, during Shiloh, the yearly gathering of Winners worldwide, the Spirit of the Lord ministered to me to clean up the church premises at the break of dawn. Neglecting shame, I did it diligently and joyfully. The next day, 9 December, still on the Shiloh ground, I had a strong, irresistible prompting to get a globe. So I went with urgency to Ring Road, the city centre of Benin, during the break, to get the globe. It took the last cash on me on that mountain, notwithstanding. As soon as I bought the globe I had my peace back, and He spoke to me clearly: **"Glorious Anchor is raised for world impact and will lend unto nations. I am raising her as a voice."**

The confirmation came that same day from Bishop David Oyedepo at Shiloh, who declared that God is raising people and ministers to affect the world with great impact and fly higher than he is doing in his lifetime.

On Wednesday 11 January 2012, from midnight and for several hours, God's presence was so strong in my room after study and prayers. I was on a seven-day fast. I saw light all over the room, on the roof and the walls; then suddenly the light entered my side, and I felt the vibration physically. I stood up praying in the Holy Ghost.

On 7 June 2012, at about one in the morning, God told me that **the projects and bills of Glorious Anchor will appear in the budgets of governments, institutions and businesses, and in the free-will offerings and sacrifices of individuals.** On 9 March 2013, the Lord told me **"Glorious Anchor" is Goshen City: a city of light, a revelation centre.** And on 21 April 2013, during service at Winners Chapel, Sapele Road, Benin City, I heard God say: **"I have ordained you an Apostle of light."**

The reason for dating and listing these encounters was, and is, for our record, because we believe the set time is now imminent for the manifestation of the things the Lord has promised. I became the convener of Prevailing Breakthrough Prayer Mountain Ministry (PBPMM) after pastoring at Living Faith Church, also known as Winners Chapel International.

The principals and the meeting

Efosa Adun and I are covenant brothers. We met at the Evangelism Unit of Winners Chapel International, Sapele Road, Benin City, in 2012. Some years before that, his business had sent mine a proposal, though we did not know each other; he was not yet saved at the time. It was only after we met that I realised the proposal that had come to my office years before was from him.

Our relationship was cemented when we were both nominated into the leadership of the Evangelism Unit that same year, 2012. We went on outreaches and gospel missions together from then until he left Nigeria in 2016. Before he left, the Lord told me He would make a way for him out of the country. I remember calling him to say so. He said, "I believe you, sir, though it seems hard now," having been refused several times, with finances low. I encouraged him, and we went on a prayer retreat about it for about three days. During that private programme I felt an angelic presence, and fire from heaven was upon my hands. I asked for his documents immediately and declared favour upon them without restriction.

That was a few days before his visa appointment, and the Lord did it. On a certain Monday, days or weeks before he left Nigeria, during our Monday covenant day of prayer with some of our partners (we still keep that Monday prayer covenant to this day), I heard God say as we drove home: **"Anoint Efosa Adun as an ordination and release finance on him, because his going abroad is like John the Baptist going to prepare the way, but for honour and not shame."**

We have been in constant contact since. Some of his belongings are still in my house, because I went to clear out his house after they left. I trust God that we will soon see each other physically again, but in the meantime the work of God is of the utmost import.

The name: Glorious Anchor International Network

> *Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an ANCHOR for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf.* (Hebrews 6:17-20, NIV)

From Hebrews 6:19 we can see how our hope in the promises of God, and our confidence in His immutability, is meant to be an anchor and a refuge for the soul in this passing world. Anchors ensure ships are not set adrift, whatever the boisterousness of the wind or the current at sea. An anchor moors a vessel to the sea bottom. It secures the ship.

We live in, and are going headlong into, deeper times of peril, as Paul prophesied in 2 Timothy 3. These times, and the ones soon ahead, are times in which we must know our God and, even more, be secured in Him like an anchor. This hope in the immutability of God and the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross is the anchor by which we must stay afloat.

This ministry is birthed to emphasise this hope in God and His immutability as an assurance for all who will come to Him. Hence the name Glorious Anchor. There are anchors, and there is The Anchor, even Jesus Christ, the Glorious Anchor.

Many beliefs and faiths have tried to define God and institute a pathway to Him. But in our dispensation there is only one God-ordained faith, instituted and defined by God Himself, and that is the Christian faith. It is faith in Jesus Christ as the path and the only way. He is the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to God except by Him (John 14:6). Jesus is our link and our only security in God. He is the true and only anchor for man and his soul. A life without Christ can only remain in crisis, whatever is feigned out there. It is only wisdom, then, that we should be secured in Him.

The name Glorious Anchor International Network came in phases after the initial revelation of the name Glorious Anchor. God subsequently added "International", to emphasise the international dimension of the ministry, and "Network", to emphasise the interconnection with other ministries and missions. The full name was delivered only a few years ago.

The "what" of the vision

> *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.* (Isaiah 61:1-2)

The "what" and the "work" of this vision came while I was on a fasting programme. After prayers I heard God say: **"Your assignment is Isaiah 61:1-2."** With the area of assignment defined, I met a pastor friend and shared it with him in excitement. He said, "God has spoken once; twice have I heard" (Psalm 62:11), and asked me to go back to God for a New Testament confirmation of the assignment. It sounded frustrating and impossible, but I took courage and went back to God. In the process of prayer the Lord spoke clearly and gave me Luke 4:18-19:

> *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

I was amazed to find that the New Testament carries Isaiah 61:1-2 almost verbatim. I reached out to my friend, and he affirmed that he had known God would give me balance to the vision. Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:18-19 are therefore core to this vision.

The "why" of the vision: the purpose

> *The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.* (Psalm 68:11)

Glorious Anchor International Network is an outreach ministry, powered by prayer and training, for the purpose of proclaiming the word of God with Jesus as the centrepoint and His work of salvation as the focus. She is purposed to reach out to the poor, the broken-hearted, the captives, and those who have lost their purpose or vision. She is to encourage those who have been bruised in doing God's work, and to declare the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God: end-time expositions.

So Glorious Anchor is primarily not a church, although it will have a church base or bases. The purpose of a base is prayer, training and the gathering in of the harvest. She may not necessarily meet on Sundays for service; but if it becomes necessary, or there is a need for retention and discipleship, a church arm of it can operate.

The "how" of the vision: the tools

> *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* (Mark 16:15-18)

Prayer and the word of God, with evangelism, are the primary tools for the running and fulfilment of this vision. With these in place, the manifestation of signs and wonders is inevitable: "And the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

But the foot soldiers must be gathered to battle, and prayer is the means of their activation. It is like a fragrance that attracts persons of like passion and mind. We pray to gather even as we gather to pray. Our prayers must be according to the will of God, so that answers are guaranteed: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15). We believe there are many whom the Lord has called for this purpose and this vision, but they cannot be activated unless we pray for them to wake from their slumber. Hence the slogan: **"We pray to gather even as we gather to pray."**

We believe the return of Jesus Christ is imminent, and proclaiming it, reminding the world of "the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God", is core to this vision. When Jesus read Isaiah 61:1-2 in the synagogue on the sabbath (Luke 4:18-19), He stopped abruptly at "to preach the acceptable year of the Lord", closed the book and said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." He did not read the rest, "and the day of vengeance of our God", and for a reason: it was not yet time. We believe the day of the vengeance of our God is now imminent, and that we are appointed, among others, to proclaim it and warn the world. No man knows the day of His return, but by knowledge we know the acceptable year, the season, of the Lord. So, like Noah, we must warn the world. The return of Jesus should not frighten true believers; like the five wise virgins, we must be wise and ready for our Bridegroom.

The "when" of the vision: the time

> *For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.* (2 Corinthians 6:2)

We believe the time is now. It is estimated that about 153,424 people die every day in the world, as at the time this was written. We cannot directly control that number, but we can at least take the message of salvation to the living, and so give them a choice of where to spend eternity. Today is the day of salvation, and Glorious Anchor International Network members have been praying five days a week since 1 December 2024. It has been glorious.

The "where" of the vision: the place

> *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.* (Mark 16:15)

We are charged by Jesus to go into the world and preach the gospel, and this we must do, for the world is our harvest field. Our approach is to employ and encourage morally and ethically sound means and strategies to spread the gospel. Paul said: "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might *gain* the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might *gain* the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might *gain* them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ), that I might *gain* them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might *gain* the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you" (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

As you can see, God in His wisdom made the acronym of Glorious Anchor International Network, GAIN, reflect the most emphasised word in that passage: *gain*. So, while we shall indeed be called gainers, and rightly so, it shall not primarily be for the things of this world. We are gainers of the souls of men.