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# The Christian Home

**T**he home established upon the Word of God and governed by Its precepts will enjoy God's blessings and also be an asset to the community, the Church and the nation. Conversely, if the partners fail to observe biblical principles, their relationship may soon become so distant dangerously, resulting in either or both partners getting trapped in a "cat and mouse" relationship. Is that God's purpose for the home? No!



The home, over the years, has been associated with the tender emotions of a person's life, evoking words such as mother, love, supper time and moonlight tales. With modernisation, however, the home is caught up in the conflict and turbulence of the time.

When God established the home, it was a haven of rest. The first woman, Eve, was created "a help meet" for the first man, Adam.

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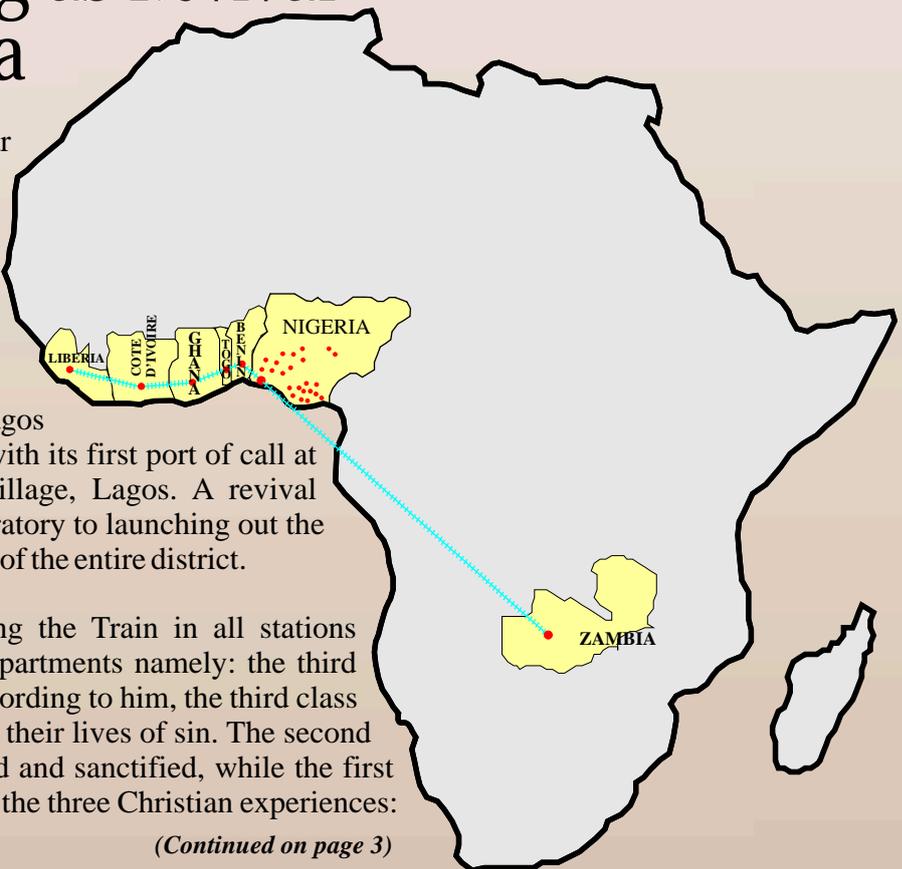
# Songs of Rejoicing as Revival Train Tours Africa

The year 2007 is indeed a special year of revival in The Apostolic Faith Church. God prompted the Africa Overseer, Brother Paul Akazue, to constitute a missionary team tagged **The Revival Train**.

**Lagos District, Nigeria.**

The Revival Train took off in Lagos district on Sunday January 21, 2007, with its first port of call at the Africa Headquarters, Anthony Village, Lagos. A revival service was held in the evening, preparatory to launching out the following day, for effective evangelism of the entire district.

The Africa Overseer, in introducing the Train in all stations visited, said it consisted of three compartments namely: the third class, second and the first classes. According to him, the third class is for those who have been saved from their lives of sin. The second class is for those who have been saved and sanctified, while the first class is exclusively for those who have the three Christian experiences:



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## FROM THE AFRICA OVERSEER

**Are You On The Train?**

Recently, God gave a few people and me the opportunity to go round some countries of Africa, on a Revival Train. It was a reminiscence of Pentecost which was rekindled at the centenary of The Apostolic Faith work last year. The theme of the anniversary was: **Have You Caught The Fire?** In Lagos, the theme of the 2006 camp meeting was **Cloven Tongues Like As of Fire.**

The Lagos camp meeting was followed by post-camp revival programmes. In December, we were at Cameroon where God mightily worked. The revival programmes were precursors to greater things God has in stock for His people, for in-between these meetings, God put the idea of **The Revival Train** in our hearts.

We have since discovered that the Revival Train is a unique opportunity God gave us to teach the cardinal Bible doctrines. Typically, the Revival Train is made up of three classes - third class, second class and first class - representing the three Christian experiences of salvation, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost respectively.

During the trips, the hand of God was mightily moved and it pleased Him to bless tremendously everywhere we went. We felt humbled that God can use people who have nothing, to achieve so much.

In this edition, you will read about the bountiful blessings that attended the outreach, and in case you are not yet touched, it is an opportunity for you to get blessed. Even those who were touched during the revival meetings, will receive more blessings as they look towards Calvary in faith.

Dear reader, the taste of the pudding is in the eating. Join the Train, get on board, and you will never miss the reward. The Train is hooting, get the ticket (repentance) and be at the station right on time. Don't be left out!

*Paul Oge Akagwe*

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*“And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

*“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2: 23, 24).*

The coming of children enlivens the home as the joy of sharing increases. The family grows in virtues such as love, joy, charity and longsuffering. It is a period that tasks the ingenuity of the parents. They work hard to ensure the home reflects the spirit of a warm, loving and comforting haven, distinct from the cold, heartless world of business.

To guide the home, God gave specific instructions to the parents:

*“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

*“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” (Deuteronomy 6:6,7).*

The parents are to imbibe God's Law because if there is a tinge of insincerity in their character, the children will know, and it can lead to a loss of confidence in their parents, while the parents lose their authority.

In modern society, where morality has declined, and internet chat-rooms continue to debase the fabric of homes, the family altar stands sure as a pungent antidote to worldly influence.

God trusted Abraham that he would teach his household the fear of God. Lois and Eunice won Apostle Paul's commendation for the proper upbringing of Timothy. Hannah went a step further: she consecrated Samuel into the service of God. Suzan Wesley blessed her generation with God-loving children, John and Charles. The Founder of The Apostolic Faith Church, Rev. Florence Crawford, devoted time, in spite of her busy schedule, to train her son, Raymond. The younger Crawford became a great worker of the Gospel – in the air, on the sea and on land. If Christian parents can pay attention to their children right from infancy, the future of the home and the Gospel will be bright.

*“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11).*

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salvation, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Repentance is the ticket for boarding the train. He advised that everybody should endeavour to travel in the first class compartment, where all the comfort, peace, joy and power of God, needed for the journey to Heaven, are guaranteed.

With this spiritual fervour, the Revival Train had stop-overs at the following stations: Sango-Ota, Idimu, Oto-Awori, Mafoluku, Ebute Meta, Idiroko Town, Ajegunle Idiroko, Oke-Aro, Abesan, Akiode, Owode, Faith City (Igbesa), Agege and Ikorodu. The Revival Train moved round the district from January 21 to February 5.

In all these stations, the power of God came down in a mighty way and many people were wonderfully blessed. Shouts of victory, emanating from the altar of prayer, attracted passers-by, who came in, joined in the prayer session, and were also blessed.

### **South-West and Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria.**

The second phase of the trip took the Revival Train to Abeokuta on Sunday February 11, 2007. The morning sermon titled: **The All Availing Blood of Jesus Christ**, drew many to the altar of prayer, where they made their peace with God.

At Ijebu-Ode in the evening, the congregation was admonished to avail themselves of the mercy of God. This they sought and obtained at the altar of prayer. An instance was that of a lady who, after being saved, was prompted by the Holy Spirit to get rid of the weavon attachment to her hair. This she did and was sanctified.

Other stations visited were: Ibadan, Ilesha, Akure, Ado-Ekiti, Ilorin and Abuja.

### **South-South and South-East, Nigeria.**

The third phase which covered locations in south-south and south-east of Nigeria, commenced on Monday March 26, 2007. The stations visited were: New-Bussa, Lokoja, Benin-City, Sapele, Onitsha, Yenagoa, Port Harcourt, Calabar, Uyo, Ikot Enwang, Aba, Enugu



*Farewell at Ikot-Enwang*

and Owerri. Many souls were spurred to pray through to victory.

### **West African Coast.**

The Train, led by the Africa Overseer, accompanied by his wife Jane, and Sisters Rachel Fakorede and Esther Ogunfowomu, as well as Brother Kayode Ajiboye, later visited Ghana, Togo and the Republic of Benin. At the Republic of Benin, a tumultuous welcome was accorded them.

The evangelistic outreach at Accra, Takoradi, Cape Coast and (Toflokpo) Sege resulted in many people praying through to salvation and other Christian experiences. At Sege-Ada, 65 souls were saved, and 144 others received diverse blessings. The story was the same in Lome and

Kuma Adame in the Republic of Togo. At the Republic of Benin, the brethren used many means, including the media, to organise a very effective publicity, that made the general public to be aware of the missionaries' visit. Many were the blessings recorded at Jericho, Porto-Novo, Parakou, So-ava and Pk14 (the new campground) to the glory of God.

### **People Testified**

A woman with fibroid tumour was healed completely by Jesus Christ. Another woman with breast cancer was also healed through the power of God.

At New Bussa, a Muslim, the son of a staunch Muslim, witnessed to the power of God to save. His father, on seeing the change in his son's life, later prayed and was also saved.

A minister testified to the power of God to heal all diseases. He was sick to the point that his intestines were rotten and stinking. He was anointed with oil and prayed for; he was miraculously healed by God.

In the Republic of Benin, a woman who was invited, carried her thirteen year old paralysed daughter to the meeting. As the meeting was going on, the girl was healed. At the end of the meeting, the mother, who was surprised at the miracle, presented her to the missionaries and the girl walked home briskly.

Truly, the Lord worked with the missionaries and confirmed the Word with signs following. Oh, the peace, joy and love that pervaded the meetings everywhere!



*Ye must be born again. Brother Muiwa Olamijulo tells the congregation.*



*Sunday school pupils in one of the stations.*



*Choir presentation at Chapel Hill, Aplaku, Accra*



*Brother Paul conducts the choir at Paralou*



*Introducing the service at the Republic of Benin*



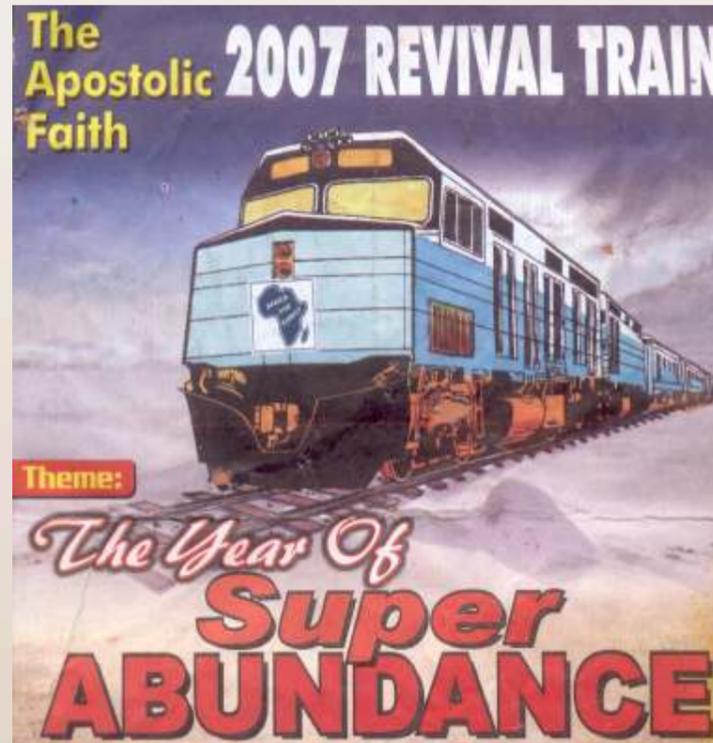
*The Gospel boat on water in So-Ava.*



*Joy of answered prayers at Parakou.*



*Brothers Kunle Adesanya and Dotun Ewumi join the Train at Oke Aro.*



*A section of the congregation in Ghana*



*Singing unto the Lord.*



*Brother Olukunle Olubode singing.*



*Shouts of Victory at Ibadan*



*A sketch on repentance.*



*Children praying at one of the meetings.*



*Brother M. A. Ajayi and Sister Esther Ogunfowomu at Ado-Ekiti.*



*Listening to the Living Word with rapt attention at Abeokuta.*



*Brother Paul preaches at Idiroko Town.*



*Children inviting the congregation to join the Train at Abuja.*



*The Train departs Abuja.*



*The Missionaries return to base.*

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A Christian home thrives on love, sound knowledge and wisdom from God, such that everything is done moderately and to the glory of God. The children may not remember all that is said as they grow up, but they have a permanent impression of who their parents are. Godly parents get interested in their children and in all that they do, building a heart-to-heart connection with them.

The heart of a child is like a clean slate (*tabular rasa*). Through daily interactions with the parents and the society at large, impressions are made on the heart, which form a child's habits. If not properly guided in the fear of the Lord, the child resorts to pleasure-seeking, worldliness, and sin. This is why children should be made to obey instructions early.

Christian parents are compassionate and patient, but firm teachers. No wonder, the rod of correction is not far from them, though applied with discretion, and in love.

***“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him” (Proverbs 22:15).***

***“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Proverbs 29:15).***

Besides correction, Suzan Wesley spent one hour a day praying for each of her children. She also devoted a full hour each week for spiritual counselling and discussion with each of them. Of a truth, women as homemakers set the standards at home.

Parents should let the children notice their love for each other. The Bible enjoins:

***“Let thy fountain be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth”***

***(Proverbs 5:18).***

Does that mean that the Christian home is a bed of roses? No. When problems arise, the partners, with the leading of God, will be resolute to toe the line of wisdom. The Word of God strengthens the relationship. This is only possible if the partners love each other with all their heart. But if their love is superficial or conditional, things could grow from bad to worse.

***“So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.***

***“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church” (Ephesians 5:28, 29).***

Are you still with your partner because you do not believe in divorce? Are you in that man's house just because of your children? Are you ready to apologise for hurting your partner's ego? Christian homes will be “home” indeed, if the communication lines are opened again. Discuss that thing hurting you with your partner today and let Satan be put to shame. Do you still love your wife or husband as you did on your wedding day? Even when your partner has failed, do you create avenues for his or her restoration? Don't give up. God can, and will restore peace and harmony in every home. Have faith in God.

More than ever, the influence of the Christian homes should be more pronounced in our nation. The society today needs men and women who have integrity, honesty, and diligence. Christians should feel challenged and rise to the occasion to give their nations modern-day David, Daniel,

Meshach, Shadrach, Abednego, Ruth and Esther.

Properly bred youngsters should be encouraged to follow God's leading, distinguish themselves in their God-given talents, and help rebuild the nation. Jewish history is incomplete without the contributions of a youngster like Samuel, who uplifted the worship of God.

Christian homes should aspire to produce children who will be proud of the faith of their fathers and mothers.

## God Give Us Christian Homes

God give us Christian homes!  
Homes where the Bible is loved and taught  
Homes where the Master's will is sought  
Homes crowned with beauty Thy love hath wrought  
God, give us Christian homes,  
God, give us Christian homes.

God give us Christian homes!  
Homes where the father is true and strong  
Homes that are free from the blight of wrong  
Homes that are joyous with love and songs  
God, give us Christian homes,  
God, give us Christian homes.

God, give us Christian homes!  
Homes where the mother, in queenly quest  
Strive to show others Thy way is best  
Homes where the Lord is an honoured guest  
God, give us Christian homes,  
God, give us Christian homes.

God, give us Christian homes!  
Homes where the children are led to know  
Christ in His beauty Who loves them so  
Homes where the altar fires burn and glow  
God, give us Christian homes,  
God, give us Christian homes. AMEN.

# God Did it For Me



Brother Sunday Rain Nwansabamba.

I am a man who knows what it is to be a sinner. Before I met the Gospel, I lived the life of a drunkard and a womaniser. I engaged in so many sinful activities, living a reckless life.

My first wife left me because I brought home another woman as a wife. This turned out to be a blessing of some sort to me, because this new woman soon started attending The Apostolic Faith Church in the town we lived.

In 1980, she became very sick and although she was admitted to the local hospital, the doctors could do nothing to help her. She was bedridden and could hardly do anything by herself. I knew that in The Apostolic Faith, they prayed for the sick, so I went to their church and requested that they should please come to pray for my wife in the hospital.

After waiting impatiently for a while, I decided to go to another town called Kafue, in order to request for prayers because I felt that the people of God at Munze, where I lived, did not respond in time. When I got to Kafue, I insisted that the minister there should follow me to pray for my wife. Instead, they prayed about the case right there and told me to go home in faith, that my wife would be healed. Just as I left for Kafue, the ministers at Munze, who I felt did not respond in time, went to the hospital in my absence, laid hands on my wife and prayed for her.

All of a sudden, some sharp objects started pricking my wife all over her body. She jumped out of bed immediately, even though she had been bedridden. She went to a nearby washhand basin, washed her face and to everybody's astonishment, she declared she was completely healed.

Meanwhile, the doctor had recommended her transfer to the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, for further examination. Before the prayers of the people of God, a stretcher had been brought to carry her to the ambulance which was to take her to Lusaka. Because the doctors had already ordered her to be taken to Lusaka, she boarded the ambulance herself. When the doctor in Lusaka read the medical write-up about her, he asked to see the patient. He was then told that the patient was the woman sitting right in front of him. The doctor then said, "It is either this report was wrong, or you have brought the wrong patient." When she left the hospital that day, she went to stay in her sister's house in Lusaka.

On returning to the hospital from Munze, I met an empty bed. Instantly, I thought she was dead. Then I went to the nurses so that they could show me her corpse in the mortuary. It was the nurses who told me of her miraculous healing, and her departure to Lusaka. The following morning, I went straight to her sister's house

in Lusaka. Lo and behold, I met my wife cooking in the kitchen! Although, I was surprised at her healing, I took the whole incident as one of the supernatural miracles and thought nothing more about it.

One day, the woman told me that the Overseer from Lusaka, Brother Robinson Sanana, was to hold a revival programme at Munze. After a lot of persuasion, I reluctantly agreed to follow her. When I heard the Word of God at the very first meeting I attended, I said within me, "Surely, this is the Gospel." I told God that if He could save others, He certainly could save me too. When I prayed sincerely, the joy of the Lord came into my heart. It was incredible! I discovered that I was not my old self anymore.

At that time, I was suffering from intercostal neuracia, which is a serious chest illness. I suffered from serious leg pains and the doctors had told me that my legs could not carry my weight. My eyes were also partially blind. At the moment I got saved, I jumped up from my knees and those legs that could not carry my weight started jumping up. The pain in my chest disappeared, and when I had an occasion to go back to the hospital where I was diagnosed, they could only see a scar where the problem used to be.

I had been to Israel, where a doctor told me that because I had looked directly at the eclipse of the sun, I would be totally blind in about five years. When God saved me He healed my eyes. I have been using those eyes for the past 26 years.

I went back to straighten my crooked past. I had bought meat on credit at Lusaka ten years before and refused to pay. I went back to the butcher and said I was ready to pay. He looked into his record book and found an entry to confirm what I said. Then he looked straight at me and said, "Are you sure you have no psychiatric problem?" I told him I was perfectly normal, and that I was also saved from my life of sin. He freely forgave me, returned the money I gave him, asking me to use it to take care of my wife and children.

I made restitution to my second wife and apologised to her for marrying her wrongly. I went back to my first wife's home to beg for reconciliation. At first, she refused. After a long period of pleading, she accepted to be reconciled. We are together today, serving the Lord.

I eventually went back to my hometown in Chinsani and God started The Apostolic Faith Church there. God has been my Healer for the past 26 years. I am 83 years old now, and even though my eyes are now beginning to fail, I know it is due to old age.

I am determined to work for Jesus till I die. I am determined to trust Him for my healing no matter what. I give the balance of my life to God.

**Brother Sunday Rain Nwansabamba is the Pastor of Chinsani Branch Church in Zambia.**



# Speak Out!

*What are your expectations of a godly youth?*

A godly youth must be a model, a shining light and live an exemplary life before others.

**Gbadebo Mary,**  
**Kwara State.**

A godly youth should be a good ambassador for Christ in the society in general, both in conduct and behaviour.

**Oriabire Elizabeth,**  
**Jebba, Kwara State.**

A godly youth must be a youth without blemish; he must live a worthy Christian life and take his stand at all times, just like the three Hebrew children.

**Grace Makun,**  
**Offa, Kwara State.**

A godly youth should be born-again and zealous for the Gospel work.

**Onu Christian I.**  
**Enugu, Nigeria.**

A godly youth should live up to the Bible standard, be polite, diligent, respectful and careful.

**Igwe Adaeze,**  
**Ugwu-Agba, Enugu.**

Christian youths should be light to brighten the corner where they live and work.

**Philip O. Inyang,**  
**Oyigbo, Rivers State.**

A godly youth should be chaste, diligent, and filled with the Spirit of God.

**Sogbaike E. C.**  
**Ugbowo, Edo State.**

Godly youths should be devoid of worldly entanglements, to the effect that they will be sharp and useful instruments in the hand of God, for the salvation of the souls of others.

**Olusina Samuel Animasaun,**  
**Idimu, Lagos.**

A godly youth must live a holy,

righteous and peaceful life. He must be obedient to his parents and to the Word of God.

**Oyesola Timothy,**  
**Ogbomoso, Oyo State.**

A godly youth should live a life without blemish, having no spot.

**Ogunronbi Tofunmi Oludayo,**  
**Oke-Ado, Oyo State.**

A godly youth is expected to appreciate and uphold the sound doctrine: be prayerful, holy and remain faithful to his calling.

**Kolapo Beatrice Motunrayo,**  
**Oke-Ado, Oyo State.**

Godly youths are expected to let God have His way in all things they do.

**Rebecca O. Adewale,**  
**Osogbo, Osun State.**

A godly youth must be holy, steadfast, and wait on God on all matters. He must be ready to forgive.

**Oroleye Esther B.**  
**Ijebu-Jesa, Osun State.**

A godly youth is expected to keep the standard of the Gospel high as ever before.

**Adeyemi Eunice Tomisin,**  
**Akure, Ondo State.**

A godly youth must be truthful and faithful.

**Ibukun Oladotun,**  
**Rumuomasi, Rivers State.**

A godly youth is expected to be holy, loyal and dependable.

**Atoe Emmanuel Agboola,**  
**Ogun State.**

A godly youth should be vigilant, diligent, hardworking, self-disciplined, loving and hospitable.

**Elizabeth P. Udoessiet,**  
**Ikot Enwang, Akwa Ibom State.**

A godly youth should resist the devil and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

**B. J.**  
**Warri.**

A godly youth should read his Bible and pray daily.

**Okon P. Udo,**  
**Ikot Udom, Akwa Ibom State.**

A godly youth is expected to develop prayer habit and live an overcoming Christian life.

**Ndifreke D. Umana,**  
**Abak, Akwa Ibom.**

A godly youth should be a challenge to others, a channel of blessing, a shining light and a good example.

**Enobong Frank,**  
**Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.**

A godly youth should be an ambassador for Christ here on earth.

**Edionsenyene Francis,**  
**Ikot Oku Usung, Akwa Ibom State.**

We expect that a godly youth will lead a life of a Christian soldier, determined to keep the flag of the Gospel flying.

**Azombakin A. Judicael,**  
**Akodeha, Republic of Benin.**

The godly youth should participate in evangelising his area and beyond. He should not be carried away by the spirit of the modern world.

**Tanmakpi N. Maurice,**  
**Atlantic Region, Cocotomey,**  
**Republic of Benin.**