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History Of EMS

Right from the earliest days of SIM missionary efforts in Nigeria, the pioneers had a firm belief in small beginnings so they started encouraging nationals to form an indigenous mission agency as far back as 1947/8. They were to raise, send and support their own missionaries. In 1949, their dream became a reality and African Missionary Society (AMS) was established.

In 1950, AMS began her outreach to the muslim dominated areas of Northern Nigeria and sent out her first missionary couple to Tsanyawa, Kano province (now Kano State).

1956 saw all SIM Churches formally handed over to national leadership and the Association of Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) was adopted. Similarly, the name of the mission was changed from AMS to Evangelical Missionary Society (EMS)

Leadership:

The first Nigerian Director was Rev. Musa Jibo, who held the post from 1958 until his death in 1970. From 1970 to 1988, Rev. Panya Baba was the Director. In 1974, however, Rev. Yusuf Baro acted as the Director when Rev. Panya Baba was on study leave in the U.K. Rev. Maikudi Kure was the EMS Director from 1988 to 1992. Rev. Dauda Maigari took up the leadership from January 1993 to 1998. Rev. Samaila Nahor who had been the Administrator became the Director from 1999 to 2004. Rev. James Gabis was called home from U.K to be the Director in January, 2005 to December 2006. The incumbent EMS Director Rev. Adamu Maga came in January 2007.

EMS Motto/Objective

Motto:
Go In Faith, Prayer and Action

Objective:
The objective of the EMS is to provide an opportunity for preaching the gospel to all mankind and establishing churches in fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour as recorded in Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8.

Our Activities

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

- + Recruiting missionaries
Since 1950, EMS has continued to recruit new missionaries every year for both home and foreign mission work.
- + Reaching the unreached
Many Churches have been planted over the years in virgin lands where EMS focus to reach. The Kambari and Boko people in Niger State, the Gbagi Yamma people, the Maguzawa in Hausa land, the Koma people in Gongola, the Gwadara, Dukawa, Gungawa tribes were opened with the gospel of Christ. Most recently are the Bolewa and Jara in Gombe, Donkin and Monkin hills in Taraba State. On a foreign scene, we are reaching Benin Republic, Tchad, Niger, Burkina Faso, Sudan, Mali, Togo, Chicago and U.K.
- +EMS Children School
One of the challenges EMS faces is the training of the staff children. Most of the workers are in rural areas where there are no schools. A school has been built to take care of the challenge, suffice it to say it is not meeting the need. A land has been donated by one Mr. Zakari Kalshingi in Gombe. We trust God for development of the land.
- + City Ministries
are working hard to reach the urban challenges through her sport ministry, film ministry, Rahab homes and meeting the needs of destitutes.
- + Supporters Forum
EMS is mostly financed by the supporters, that is, churches, fellowship groups, organizations, families and individuals. This forum, once or twice in a year, create an avenue where supporters get financial reports and field reports. Not only that, the supporters take the time to give meaningful suggestions.
- + Visitation and Research
With EMS Co-ordinators in each DCC within the country, a survey is constantly being carried out of areas where there are needs for missionaries.
- + Outreaches
DCC Co-ordinators organize outreaches with the missionaries, fellowship groups and Churches to areas that the gospel needs to reach.

Areas Of Support

AREAS NEEDING SUPPORT

- + Salary Support
EMS has three categories of missionaries and their support differ:
 - foreign - each missionary in Sudan is paid ₦360,000.00 per annum, Togo etc ₦216,000.00 per annum
 - urban - each missionary is paid 186,000.00 per annum
 - rural - each missionary is paid 180,000.00 per annum.
- + Donations
From the supporters, we only collect funds for salary wages, but the following also need some support:
 - medical - we give free medical services for all EMS missionaries.
 - office runnings - traveling, stationery, hospitality, welfare, seminars etc.
 - Scholarships
There are many missionaries who want to go for training, but it is difficult for the office to help them financially.
 - Widows
The office has been contemplating how this group of people can be assisted . They need support.
- + Volunteers
- The office needs some volunteers in the aspect of media experts in webs, internet and publications. A person who could assist in data processing.
- A researcher is needed to assist in finding areas of need for the ministry.

+ Items

- The office needs a strong Toyota Hilux that can go to interior places where missionaries are.
- There is a need for about 9 (nine) video projectors, 9 (nine) cameras for the Head Office and her 8 (eight) Regional Offices.
- The EMS Children School needs computers, desks and seats, beddings and food stuff.
- Motorcycles and bicycles for field missionaries