

# Believer's Faith Campaign: The Mandate

The Believer's Faith Campaign is a program that was born by the Spirit of God to achieve a mission to, "restore faith to the land," given to its convener, Akin Akinyemi. The Lord spoke and said, "...The cry of the people of the Land had come up to Me, many will not get healed if My other servants do not come. I want to raise a people in the land, who will carry My power in demonstrations of the Spirit, gifts of the Holy Spirit in healings and miracles through a balanced teaching of the Word of God...."

Akin, who was commissioned into ministry by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, noted that there is no place in the UK where the testimony of Jesus in *Matthew 11: 4-5* is fulfilled on a regular basis.

<sup>1</sup>*And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.*

<sup>2</sup>*Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,*

<sup>3</sup>*And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?*

<sup>4</sup>***Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:***

<sup>5</sup>***The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.***

*Matthew 11:*

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The cry of People in the land has come up to God and He is saying that He is Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still

*“taking infirmities and bearing sicknesses”* that He may prove it is the good and acceptable will of God for the people to be made

whole. The provision God made has not expired. The deal is still on and will remain on till Jesus returns and the last enemy, death, is destroyed.

The Believer's Faith Campaign seeks to address this imbalance. The UK has a very rich history of revivals and moves of the Holy Spirit but this is something the current generation of Christians seem not to be aware of. Operations of the Holy Spirit that are grounded and rooted in the Scriptures. Not emotional sensations but clear demonstrations of the Spirit and of power. Not enticing words of man's wisdom but demonstrations of the Spirit and power, all done while showing the character of Christ.

The Campaign seeks to:

1. *Create an avenue for people in the UK to be reminded of the rich heritage of revivals and that God has not turned his back on this nation*
2. *Demonstrate that the gospel of Jesus is not confined to financial prosperity and spiritual healing. It also addresses physical healing of all manner of sickness and disease through the balanced teaching of the Word of God*
3. *Create a platform for unleashing a remnant of ministers that the world has not heard of but God recognises*
4. *Stimulate faith in people through the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we recognise the Holy Spirit as the governing force of Heaven in operation in the Christian today*
5. *Create an atmosphere of worship that attracts the glory of God*

God gave specific instructions concerning the Campaign. It was to be interdenominational focussing on the teaching of the Word of God, the preaching of the Gospel, special sessions for praying for the sick and the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit. The primary audience is Believers but anyone with sickness or disease could attend and be healed of their sicknesses and diseases.

Many Christians in the land, have only been exposed to the gospel that predominantly addressees only one of the areas in

the response Jesus gave. *"The gospel being preached to the poor."* What about the blind who want sight and the lame who want to walk? What about the deaf who would love to hear? What about the people who want their dead raised up? At best, the Church of today will address these areas using them as spiritual metaphors. In *Matthew 9:35*, Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. The message of the gospel is incomplete if we do not have the three components of *preaching, teaching and healing*, with the healing part not only confined to the far and deep healing of the broken heart but reaching as near as the healing of a broken body.

The Church, in many parts, is no longer considered as a place you can take the physically sick and trust God for their healing. Even when physical sickness is addressed, we address the lack of healing as a deficiency in the people, that is, their lack of faith and even more concerning in some circles, it is seen as the unwillingness of God to want to address the situation.

*Mark 9:14-29* describes the story of a man with a son who had a dumb spirit that the disciples of Jesus could not cast out. In this case, it was not the faith of the man or the faith of his son that caused the disciples not to be able to cast out the devil. I believe that by coming to the disciples and, by proxy, Jesus, they had already exercised their faith. All that was left at this point was the faith, fasting and prayers of the disciples.

Healing of the physical body goes beyond just the faith of the sick one. It extends to the faith of the whole person who is in a position to administer healing as commanded by Jesus. Perhaps, the sick remains sick not because of their lack of faith but as a result of the lack of faith of the whole person. *James 5:14-15* declares, *"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders....and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;..."* The sick had already exercised faith by calling for the elders. In *Matthew 8:16-17*, the Bible says, *".....they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled.....Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."* This should be the testimony of the Church today.

The Church should be perceived as a place where people can bring their sick ones so the prayer of faith can be offered, those possessed with devils come with an expectation that the devils will be cast out and those with diseases expect to be cured of the diseases. All these, while presenting the balanced gospel of the kingdom which is able to save and deliver anyone who calls to God for salvation.