

The Gospel for Life

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Two Bible Conferences held for Nigerian Pastors. Speakers from America, Britain, and Africa gave addresses in the cities of Lagos, and Port Harcourt. Attendance from pastors exceeded 250. This is a substantial number when one considers that each pastor feeds a local church flock. The response to the sermons was extremely enthusiastic. Grateful attendees lined up to gain access to the speakers—many hoping to continue contact; some asking for mentoring. All were longing for more training in order to better handle the pure Word of God.



Joyful Nigerian Pastors at Port Harcourt Conference

Centrality of Christ in all aspects of Ministry

Our conference theme was a powerful corrective to the ill winds of doctrine blowing through Nigeria. Twenty plus years of prosperity gospels have taken their toll. The false shepherds of health and wealth have given empty hope to the poverty-stricken. Faithful pastors are desperately needed in this hour. The Conference proved to be a turning point for many ministers. Seized by the power of God's Word; some were convicted of compromise in their ministries. The truth that Christ rules His church through His Word was life-changing for many. Pastors were issued a call to return to Christ as Lord of His church; and as the only source of strength and fruitfulness.



Even in urban areas Nigerians buy food and daily necessities from countless open air stalls.

Media is key; both print and radio

How do you reach a nation of 130 million souls? Building up and training local pastors is our starting point. Well-trained shepherds serve as beacons of truth in their own communities. Both print media and radio are strategic in our outreach. Pastor Joe Jacowitz, an experienced radio broadcaster, had the foresight to book radio airtime in two Nigerian cities. As a result of our Bible radio call in programs; additional pastors heard about the conference and were able to attend. Negotiations are currently underway for a Christian radio program that will broadcast into the heartland of the nation.



Pastors Joe Jacowitz and Jay Wegter host a Christian radio talk show on Nigerian radio.



Femi Sonuga-Oye and family members, Jay's hosts in Lagos, Nigeria

Conference provided free of charge

Poverty is rampant in Nigeria—steps were taken to make all phases of the conference free of charge; including food and literature. Church members cooked food for all the conferees—sometimes even cooking on pots over an open wood fire. Jay preached on the following topics: *Christ our Life* (Col 3:1-4); *The Centrality of Christ in Evangelism*; *The Centrality of Christ in Discipleship*; and *The Centrality of Christ in Christian Warfare*. These topics are such key issues in Nigeria; Jay is likely to turn his sermon manuscripts into pamphlets for distribution.



Women cooking for conferees tend pots simmering over wood fires.



Grateful Pastors hold up their free literature packets in Port Harcourt.

Ministry needs and Prayer Requests for TGFL

- Strength and resources to write curriculum for Christ Pastor's Seminary, Nigeria
- Christian literature resources for the needy churches of Nigeria
- Underwriting for curriculum development, Christ Pastor's Seminary

Gospel for Life founder Jay Wegter is actively involved in the development of curriculum for Church-based ministry training. In addition, we at TGFL organize, and staff retreats personal and revitalization of pastors and their staff. Jay is available for conferences and workshops. Gospel for Life will issue a tax receipt for all donations. Please make checks to *Gospel for Life*, mail to: **Jay Wegter, 24430 Nicklaus Dr. L-2, Valencia, CA 91355.**

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Conference marks beginning of training institute for pastors

The Conference launched a new training institute called Christ Pastor's Seminary. Nearly 200 Nigerian pastors turned in applications for the seminary. The school will follow the biblical model of training as much as possible—providing a pastoral mentor for each candidate—and basing the rate of training on the uniqueness of the individual. Curriculum is provided on interactive CD's—student pastors are trusting God that we will provide the curriculum needed to complete their training.

Worldview Evangelism Training brochures available Jay has completed a color brochure which explains our *Worldview Evangelism Workshops*. In our *workshop* we begin with the character and plan of God. This is strategic in a secularized culture that commonly considers God's truth claims to be outside of reality. Several pastors have already received mentoring from Jay. If you'd like to learn more about this *Worldview Evangelism Training*, please email Jay for brochures.