

TOWARDS Making the Most of the Ongoing OPERATION **CHANGE OF STORY** (PART 2)

'Why Get Committed to Transporting Worshippers to Church'

1. Any abandoned newborn baby, left for a long period of time is sure not to make it.

For instance, if there was no one to pick up Moses, a crocodile would have swallowed him in that basket — *Exo. 2:3-10*

The same can be said of a new convert; if left unattended to, will be back to his or her old way of life and their end may be worse than the beginning — *Mat. 12:43-45*.

This is why, we must take responsibility to bring them to church, bear them on our shoulders, and pay their way, where required. They must be brought to church where the word will continue to wash off their old way of life and keep them going from strength to strength — *Heb. 3:13/ Eph. 5:26/ Psa. 84:7*

2. As often said, it is not unspiritual to be challenged, but it is anti-covenant to be defeated — 1Jhn. 5:4

✓ The man at the beautiful gate would never have encountered His healing if he was not carried to the gate daily — *Acts 3:1-8*

✓ The paralytic man would never have gotten to Jesus if he were not carried by those four men — *Mak. 2:1-12*

Bringing challenged people to Christ is part of our responsibility as believers. Jesus said, "...other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" — *Jhn. 10:16*

Bringing those who cannot come by themselves is a must so that they can get across for their desired change of story.

A. Some may be under satanic oppression, and they need the light of the word to be set free — *Jhn. 1:1-5*

B. Some may also be at the verge of giving up on life and they need the word to stir their hope and secure their desired change of story — *Rom.15:4*

- C. Some may be challenged in their health, and they need the word to be healed — *Psa. 107:20*
- D. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said a man was accosted by robbers, wounded and left for dead, but a Good Samaritan showed up, got him across for medical attention, paid the cost and told the attendant that he would return to pay whatever additional expenses were required to care for the man. Jesus concluded that parable by saying, "...go and do thou likewise" — *Luk. 10:30-36*.

This is why, bringing challenged Winners to church is a covenant responsibility for everyone who is in a position to do so.

For example, any victim of road accident may never make it without timely help from a passerby, who gets him or her across for medical attention. Any injured victim without timely rescue may not make it!

This is why, we must ensure that every injured Winner around us is helped back to Church where he or she can encounter desired rest for his or her soul by the word, experience restoration, and possess his or her possessions — *Mat. 11:28-29/Obd. 17*.

3. But why must they get to church to have all the above?

- ✓ The church is the spiritual centre of illumination — *Psa. 73:17*
- ✓ The church is where people are fed with knowledge and understanding, which triggers their faith for victory, restoration and breakthrough — *Jer. 3:15-16/ Psa. 119:130/ Isa. 60:1-3*

4. But what is in this for me?

- He that gives to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay — *Pro. 19:17/ 1 Jhn. 3:16-18*
- Ever increasing prosperity — *Job. 29:4-17/ Psa. 112:5-7/ Matt. 6:33*

Here is a call to all members of the Church, to join hands with Jesus in bringing all that are of this fold, both our new converts and challenged members to ensure that they are always in church for their desired turnaround.

As we understand from scriptures, anyone who is committed to the change of story of another has committed God to his own desired dramatic turnaround — *Eph. 6:8*

We must therefore arise and take responsibility in this regard, so as to secure the enviable future ordained for each of us this year, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jesus is Lord!

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