

Our Testimonies 2008

As for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD
Joshua 24:15 (KJV)



Bimisola, Dele, Bisi & Bimisayo

Dear family and friends,

Indeed the Lord is good and His mercies endure for ever. We praise the God of peace for His faithfulness and loving kindness in your lives which He renews every morning.

This year has been a glorious year for us as a family. The Lord has been gracious to us and we proclaim His steadfast love towards us. Wow, it has been a fantastic adventure going through this year, discovering God's goodness in every aspect of our lives and serving in the kingdom of God.



*Bimisola
in front of our home*

This year has been a time of maturing for Bimisola. Due to our family's numerous relocations, she had spent less than a year at each of her last four schools and this affected her social interaction at the high school. Over the summer, she heard a message on having positive attitudes and it led her to go on a 3-day fast at the beginning of the new school year. The change in her attitude towards school and her interactions with her class

mates has been tremendous.

In the spring, she played soccer and her team was the first girls' soccer team in the school to win any match. Then this fall, she joined her school's cross-country team where she set a new school record for grade 10 girls' team. Capping all these she joined the youth worship team and also started guitar lessons.

Bimisayo also experienced his share of changing this year. In May, he made a decision to live for God and has since then stepped up as a leader in the youth group. He started a *Life Guide Devotional* (www.lifeguidedevotional.blogspot.com). It's been an interesting journey. For the first time, he feels that he has

made friends he can really count on - best friends if you will.

He's developed a love for football, playing and watching the sport at every opportunity. He discovered what career he wants to pursue: Pharmacology, although now he is more open to following his father's footsteps into medicine. In all, this has been a year of finding his identity in Christ and finding others who identify with Christ as he does. Not a lot of "BIG things" happened, but much of the "little things" combined to make this perhaps the best year of his life.



Bimisayo in NYC



*Bimisola & Bimisayo
at Buffalo, NY airport*

Both Bimisayo and Bimisola travelled a couple of times to NYC to visit their aunts' families. They served for the 3rd year running as leaders at the Highway Gospel Zoom Kidz Camp for 5 weeks in the summer. Through their involvement, they managed to recruit two

of their friends who spent their summer with us to also serve as leaders at the camp.

They both attended a week long youth summer camp as well. They initiated and spearheaded the planning of a Youth-led Sunday Service at our church this fall. Spiritually, they are growing and are taking on more responsibilities at church. Both of them have made conscious decisions to excel in all their subjects this school year and are doing well at school. At home, they are still a big help with doing chores.

It takes very little to excite Bisi! This year has been a fun ride, walking with God and seeing Him work out



Bisi at one of the children ministry outreaches

situations for His glory in her life and ministry. The year started with the reorganization of the children ministry (of which she is the coordinator). Just when she think a particular phase was over and time to relax, God brings up new challenges to take on. To His glory, God has granted her grace to increase in ministry and favor with the children, their parents and workers.

This year, she designed quite a few websites for our church and her clients; these have been both

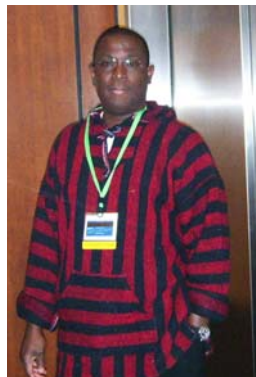
rewarding and a lot of fun. With all these responsibilities, she managed to find some time to travel a few times to NYC (and Texas once) to visit family members. The best trip was with Dele to San Diego; she got to tour the city and even toured Tijuana, Mexico while Dele was busy with his conference.

Late this year, she decided to get her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree and started school (again). The family gets a kick when she tells them in the morning, she is going to school because she walks a few steps from the bedroom to the family room where her laptop is and she is at school. She registered for four online courses and is done with one of them already. So far, it has been very stimulating and exciting. Of course, she still loves cooking and feeding people every opportunity she gets.

This year has been very busy for Dele. His teaching ministry has been well received. He travelled quite a lot to conferences. Dele continues to desire for God to use him more in this area of ministry, and has a vision for Christians to be knowledgeable especially in these times we live in. He continues to head our church's Christian Education department.

Academically, it has also been a successful year with as many as six manuscripts either published, accepted, or submitted and undergoing review. In addition, he co-authored a book chapter on radiation-induced liver injury. He is becoming more and more active with the College of American Pathologists (CAP) of which he is a fellow. Earlier in the year he was invited to participate in a CAP Spokesperson Program, which he did in early December and enjoyed immensely.

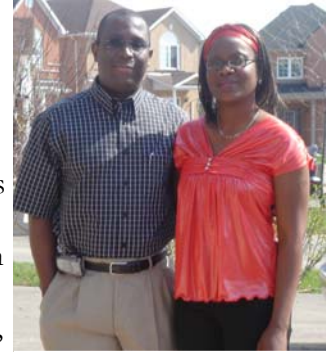
Early this year, we hosted numerous gatherings at our home. Over the summer, our home was filled with guests staying over. As one set of guests left, another arrived; there was a time period that we had 3 sets of guests at the



Dele in San Diego

same time. Bisi's longest friend, Grace, with her children and nephew from Ireland came over as well. Taking them on tour of Toronto and Niagara Falls was an exciting experience. Practically every day this summer had the feel of a celebration in our home. After the summer, when the last of our house guests left, it took a while to get used to just being the four of us, but we did, and it's still fun.

We continue to sponsor children in far away countries through the *Christian Children Fund* and the *World Vision Canada* (these organizations have brought hope to millions of children). Dele is a registered volunteer with *World Vision Canada*. We would love to invite you, as you read our testimony, to think of experiencing this journey with us and we would be honored to further discuss possibilities with you.



Dele & Bisi in front of our home

With Bimisayo and Bimisola growing up into late teens, our relationship with them is evolving into more of friendship. We have been supportive of each other's walk with the Lord and our services to Him. Our favorite activity as a family still remains: hanging out at our living room and enjoying each other's company. We are rounding up this year with a trip to Nigeria where we will celebrate Christmas with family members.

God has taken us individually and collectively onto higher heights in our personal relationships with Him and in the various ministries He has called us into. Indeed, we believe these are the beginning of last days and God continues to remain gracious to us as we labor with Him in these end-time harvest for the kingdom of God.

The year 2008 has been **“as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” – Joshua 24:15** (KJV); and it has been wonderful and exciting. However, we know that God has greater things in store for us in the year 2009 and we are excited to be part of the move of the Spirit of God. **Habakkuk 2:14** says **“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea”** (NIV).

Have a merry Christmas and an exciting New Year. God bless you.

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