

Our Testimonies 2009

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Philippians 1: 6



Dear families and friends,

It is with joy in our hearts that we remember the events in 2009. Indeed, God has been exceedingly gracious and faithful to us. We marvel at the mercies and grace God has lovingly lavished over us individually and as a family.

BIMISOLA

Bimisola turned sixteen this year in July. She celebrated this landmark birthday at a paintball arena with her friends. This summer, she organized a 4-week girls' camp for girls' ages 9-12 years at church. She demonstrated a high level of organization and responsibility beyond her age. She also made close friends at church and at school. Since entering grade 11 in the fall, Bimisola has grown to *like* her school... first time in her life! As a result, our family is staying put in this school district until she graduates high school. She went to driving school in the summer, passed her G1 test this fall and is currently taking driving lessons.

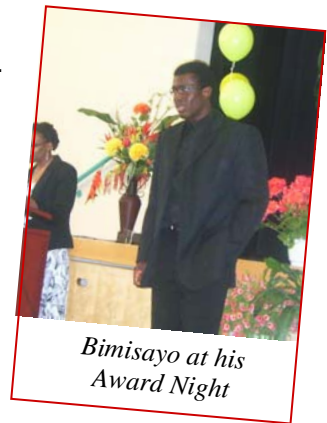


Bimisola on her way to Texas

The most remarkable update on Bimisola is how much she has blossomed into a delightful, cheerful and helpful young lady. Since her brother left for university, she has gladly taken over the household chores. She has become a great support to Bisi in the children ministry at our church. God has really worked out and is still working out the scripture verse He gave her at the beginning of the year: **Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

BIMISAYO

This year was really a year of growth for Bimisayo. The most obvious accomplishment for him was graduating high school and going to university. Just before he graduated, he was presented with an Academic Achievement Award. Being a Life Sciences freshman at McMaster has taught him a lot, and very little of that has to do with science. Living away from home has forced him to learn to take care of himself. He had had to learn to study, stay organized, handle his money wisely and be consistent with God. He joined *Campus for Christ*, a Christian club on campus that's really been good in helping to further develop him as a Christian.



Bimisayo at his Award Night

But even before September a lot had been happening. He became a student leader at our church youth group and volunteered at the Girls' camp run by his sister. He started driving and has become Bisi's official chauffeur whenever he is in town. It's a win-win situation for both of them because he loves to drive and she doesn't. According to Bimisayo, "she prefers sitting in the passenger seat telling me to go faster on yellow lights."

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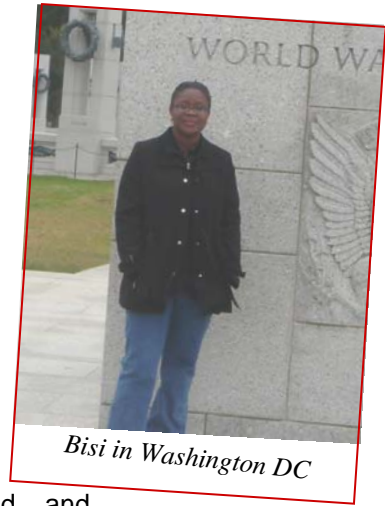
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BISI

Philippians 2:13 sums up 2009 for her: “for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” It has been a time of *inside-out* growth for her. On the *inside*, God kept showing her aspects of her character that she did not realize were there that needed to be dealt with. Key areas that the Holy Spirit was and is still developing her include intimacy with God, submission, kindness and being yielded to His will.

On the *out*, she turned 40 years old in April and the family held a surprise birthday party for her. Wow, was she surprised... and she thought she was the planner of the family! At the party, Dele presented her with a beautiful platinum diamond ring (3rd wedding band... long story about the first two). In July, she attended a children conference in North Dakota where she saw and experienced what she had always envisioned in her heart concerning children ministry. God used that conference to ignite a fire in her heart and in the children ministry at church. We are seeing a tremendous growth in our children and even in the children workers as well. She is in the process of stepping into the new direction God is leading her concerning ministry.



Bisi in Washington DC

DELE

Dele continues to grow in his walk with God. This year has witnessed deeper understanding of what it means to be long-suffering. To God's glory, several challenges have been overcome with him virtually having to do nothing, as he learnt to sit back and watch God sort things out. God continues to broaden his realms of influence, and had ministry and professional doors open miraculously this year. This year witnessed his being invited to deliver lectures at other university hospitals and at a provincial conference, and was able to present his work at many national and international meetings. He also received an invitation to India and Nigeria next year to participate at national conferences.



Dele at Banff

In ministry Dele continues to enjoy his teaching ministry within and outside of our local church, but has also sensed the prophetic gift. Recently there has been a yearning to go “beyond the ordinary”, and this makes looking forward to 2010 even more exciting. Dele never stops to remind us of our God-given scripture in *Philippians 1:6* - *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus*. He knows that whatever God has done this year is only the beginning of His good work.

OUR FAMILY

As a family, we continue to serve the Lord. Dele teaches different classes at church and once in a while at the Bible School. Bisi's primary focus is the children ministry at church and ministering encouragement through the

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Bisiadeyi.com weekly newsletter she authors. In addition to participating in *Athletics in Action* (a Christian sport club on campus), Bimisayo volunteers at downtown Hamilton an hour every week to 'hang out' with kids. Bimisola is one of the student youth leaders at church and serves in the children ministry as well.

In the fall, we cancelled our cable services!!! Since then, we have had more quality family time in the evenings. In addition to our daily morning family devotional time, we started a family prayer time every Tuesday evening. God has been gracious to us in making ways for us to be faithful in coming together every week and granting us testimonies of answered prayer. Indeed, the saying: "a family that prays together, stays together" has been very true for us.

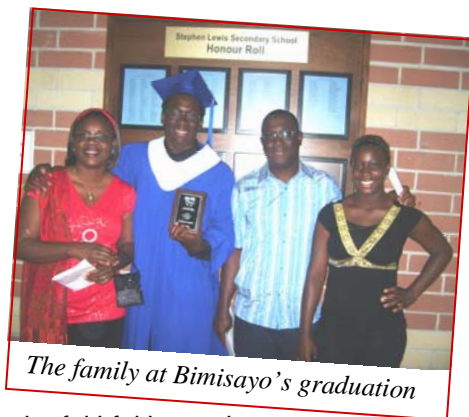
We enjoy opening our hearts and home to people. From March till October, we were privileged to have family members and friends as house guests for varying length of time. Also, several kids came for sleep-overs, and we have enjoyed entertaining friends and colleagues at dinner as well. Bisi cooks, Dele ensures the guests have fun, and Bimisayo (when he is home) and Bimisola clean-up.

This year, we made quite a few trips individually and collectively. Almost every month, Dele had work conference trips. In March, Bisi went to NYC to help out her sister who had a baby girl for about 2 weeks. Dele and Bisi went to Niagara on the Lake for a weekend get-away early in July. We had a family vacation at the Darien Lake Amusement Park in NY in July. Bimisola travelled to Texas and NYC to spend time with family members at the end of August. In August and October, Bisi went with Dele on a couple of his conference trips to Banff, Alberta and Washington DC where they both did some fun stuff together during his free time. Despite the trips, our fun thing to do as a family still remains hanging out at our living room and enjoying each other's company.

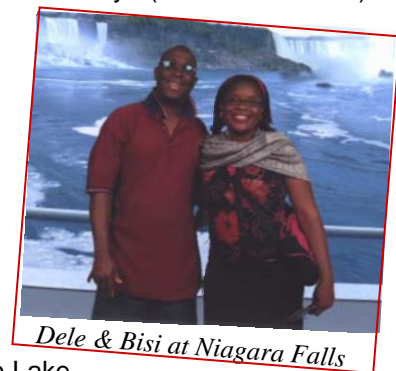
Yes, God has shown us His faithfulness and loving-kindness this year. We look forward to next year with great excitement and anticipating of God's glory. Year 2010 is our year to walk in the realm of the spirit with God to manifest His Goodness to the sons of men. We invite you on this journey with us... all for the glory of God and the establishment of His will on earth as it is in heaven.

Have a merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!
God bless you.

The ADEYIs
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The family at Bimisayo's graduation



Dele & Bisi at Niagara Falls