**BIOGRAPHY OF PROPHET T.B. JOSHUA**

**FACT SHEET**

**Biographical information**

* Name: Temitope Balogun Joshua
* Born: 12 June 1963
* Place of Birth: Arigidi, Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria
* Father: Pa Kolawole Balogun
* Mother: Madam Folarin Aisha Adesiji Balogun

**Early Life**

* School: T.B. Joshua attended St. Stephen’s Primary School in Arigidi and then several different secondary schools, among them was Ansar-Ud-Deen Grammar School in Ikare. He later withdrew from the school due to insufficient funds.
* When T.B. Joshua was in primary school, a madman came to the school with a cutlass, causing pupils and teachers alike to run away in fear. However, T.B. Joshua approached the madman and commanded him to hand over the cutlass in Jesus’ name – and the madman obeyed the then young T.B. Joshua who later earned the nick-name “Small Pastor” among his peers.

**Ministry Work**

* The SCOAN: In 1987, T.B. Joshua went to fast and pray for 40 days and 40 nights on a Prayer Mountain in his hometown of Arigidi where he received the call of God. He established The Synagogue, Church Of All Nations (SCOAN) in 1989.
* After returning from a visit to The Synagogue of Old in Jerusalem, Israel – where Jesus Christ ministered during His earthly ministry – Prophet T.B. Joshua was inspired by God to start The Synagogue, Church Of All Nations.
* Figures released by the Nigerian Immigration Service showed that six out of every ten foreign travelers coming into Nigeria are bound for The SCOAN.
* Emmanuel TV: In March 2006, Emmanuel TV was launched through which The SCOAN’s services are broadcast live.

**Key Charitable Works**

* In 2010, in response to the Haiti earthquake, T.B. Joshua chartered two cargo planes with relief materials and sent a team of doctors, nurses, engineers and workers and established a field hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti called “Clinique Emmanuel”.
* In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines. T.B. Joshua sent aid to Leyte Island.
* In 2014, USD100,000 donation was provided to the National Metropolitan Police Force in Colombia.
* In 2014, USD50,000 was given to Ebola victims in Sierra Leone.
* In 2015, victims of severe flooding and fire in Accra, Ghana received USD40,000, food and essential supplies.
* In 2016, a cargo plane was chartered to carry 20 tonnes of relief aid to the victims of the earthquake in Ecuador.
* Earthquake disaster relief provided in Mexico (2017) and Albania (2019).
* In 2020, provided COVID relief aid totaling an amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars to numerous people around the world who suffered from the economic fallout of the lockdowns including a 30million Naira donation to the Lagos State Government for COVID relief.
* 10million Naira donated to IDP camp, Abuja to support Boko Haram displaced persons in Nigeria.
* USD150,000 donated for the restoration of the Parish Church of Bethlehem.
* USD115,800 donated for medical supplies for a government hospital in the State of Palestine.
* Food, aid and farming equipment provided to an isolated indigenous tribe living in Lacandon jungle in Chiapas, Mexico.
* Food donation provided – in collaboration with House of Love Charity – for thousands of homeless, rejected Surabaya people who live in cemeteries in Indonesia.
* In Russia, Khaborovsk region, winter clothing, food and essential supplies provided to aid the Open Heart Homeless Project.
* Over USD140,000 spent to support Ghana: 23 new police vehicles purchased, essential supplies and food aid provided to the Ghana Prisons Service to provide meals for the inmates as well as for patients in Krachi West District Hospital including ambulance and other equipment Ghana,
* Regular cash donations and food support for rehabilitation of drug addicts, prostitutes and alcoholics in the UK in support of the Flower of Justice Foundation.
* USA, Washington Mountain Ministries Ranch Rehabilitation Centre – donation of equipment and essential supplies for recovering addicts and school items their children.
* USA, Colorado essential provisions and food supplies for the homeless who live under plastic sheets and simple tents on the banks of the Colorado river.
* Following the Andhra Pradesh fire rendered the entirefishing village to ashes leaving more than 2000 people homeless India, Pallam Village, substantial food supplies were provided to them.
* Northern states of Nigeria affected by insurgency and civil unrest – Prophet T.B. Joshua personally led the team in loading trailers with food supplies for the humanitarian mission. Each community also received 1million Naira.
* On a mountain bordering Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, a self-sustaining orphanage in Semenovka received food and educational supplies as well as fodder for the livestock.
* Storm-damage repair was done in the rural area of Ondo, Nigeria. Prophet T.B. Joshua sent professionals to rebuild roofs and restore uninhabitable homes in the community.

**Causes**

1. Sports Development:

* In 2008, founded “My People Football Club” for the purpose of helping less-privileged, talented young footballers. Hearing of the initiative via Emmanuel TV several foreign scouts journeyed to Nigeria to scout for fresh talent. The foreign scouts selected “My People FC” footballers to travel to Sweden to play for a local club, some qualified for the FIFA U-17 World Cup meeting with stars like Cristiano Ronaldo, Didier Drogba, John terry, Xavier Creus and Patrice Evra. Some players received professional contracts in Europe and some would play in the African Cup of Nations in 2013 and Brazil World Cup in 2014. Onazi Ogenyi was one of such beneficiaries of T.B. Joshua’s sponsorship and investment.
* In 2010, financially supported Nigerian para-athletes to compete in the Commonwealth Games in India and also provided them with cash gifts for their performance in the sporting competition.

1. Youth Development:

* In 2013, started a successful youth development project called “Job Creation Initiative” for the benefit of young unemployed people in Nigeria to find suitable employment.

1. Education:

* T.B. Joshua provided scholarships from primary school to university level for thousands of students around the world.
* Some of the beneficiaries of T.B. Joshua’s scholarships were sponsored to study at among others: University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Leeds, Harvard University etc.…
* In 2012, Emmanuel TV, under T.B Joshua’s leadership, built a school in Lahore, Pakistan called Emmanuel School *offering free education* for the benefit of the indigent *children of all faiths.*
* In 2016/7, under T.B. Joshua’s leadership, a school in a jungle in Ecuador was rebuilt and refurnished following the Ecuador earthquake, in the remote region of Chachi – which could only be accessed by river in canoes and by foot. T.B. Joshua personally attended the opening. This brought T.B. Joshua’s total investment in Ecuador following the 2016 earthquake to over USD500,000.
* Ongoing scholarships and financial assistance provided for the physically challenged and needy to complete their education.

1. Support for People with Disabilities:

* T.B. Joshua provided financial support to para-athletes in Nigeria to compete in international sports competitions such as Spain and Commonwealth Games, like Esther Oyema, a physically challenged athlete who became a Gold Medalist.
* Offered scholarships and employment opportunities in the church to thousands of people in Nigeria living with disabilities including organized meetings at The SCOAN for the physically challenged where sumptuous meals were served. Thousands attended these meetings some on crutches, skateboards, wheelchairs, wheelbarrows and even crawling on hands and knees. Every person in attendance including their caregivers received food supplies. Those with mobility challenges received wheelchairs.
* Gidikanu Home for the Needy, Nigeria received 300 000 Naira and food was donated to the isolated, disabled and rejected in the community. As the community was unreachable by road T.B. Joshua and his team carried bags of rice over rough and hilly terrain.
* Oko Baba Destitute Home – a Muslim Community that is home to the lepers, blind, physically challenged and orphans – received donations of food supplies, school uniforms, school fees, essential commodities and cash gifts as well as a new bus for regular medical check-ups for the elderly.
* Alagbarago Slum in Ojo, Nigeria – a refuge for the lepers, blind, orphans and severely disabled – received trailer-loads of food supplies.
* The school for the blind in Owo in a predominantly Muslim farming community in Ondo received 300,000 Naira and truck-loads of food supplies.
* Rodzil Orphanage in Ukraine – a special needs orphanage – received gifts, food stuffs, essentials items and financial assistance for severely disabled children. Recreational facilities for football, basketball and a playground were installed.
* T.B. Joshua initiated the “Little People Initiative” for people with very short stature to counter feelings of rejection, dejection and social isolation.Financial assistance, food and support was provided to the people. For those who wanted to further their education, scholarships were provided and some start-up capital for businesses were afforded to them.

1. Social Development:

* Programs for Rehabilitation and Reformation of prostitutes, human traffickers and criminals: Tired of sordid affairs they participated in, they joined the church’s reformation programs and are given financial assistance to enable them to start their own businesses or further their education and scholarships for their children.
* Donated over 26 million Naira to restore power supply to communities across Nigeria. Bolorunpelo was one such community that received 130,000 Naira to replace their sole transformer, which burst into flames earlier, with two new transformers. Each member of the community also received their own bag of rice.
* T.B. Joshua supported reintegration and rehabilitation efforts for thousands upon thousands of Nigerian deportees from Libya and other countries and victims of human trafficking.
* A Forbes blogger estimated that T.B. Joshua spent USD 20million on education, healthcare and rehabilitation programs for former Niger Delta militants.

1. Inter-Faith Cooperation

* He promoted inter-faith cooperation among different religions in his sermons and practice.
* T.B. Joshua frequently provided bags of rice and cash gifts to Muslim communities in Northern Nigeria and to other non-Christian groups around the world.

1. Healthy Living Initiatives

* T.B. Joshua promoted healthy living among his congregants and viewers. He started what he called “Water Therapy” to encourage people to drink sufficient water daily.
* T.B. Joshua encouraged his viewers to drink warm water with lemon and to exercise regularly.

1. The Aged and Widows Forums

* Aid for the aged was a regular initiative – to care for the elderly, including those in remote areas where social amenities were limited. Financial gifts of thousands of Naira per person, food supplies and essential items were presented individually coupled with quality visits and spiritual guidance by Prophet T.B Joshua, himself.
* The SCOAN also hosted regular meetings for the aged where 2million Naira and quality bags of rice were distributed regularly in meetings.
* Buses were purchased for transporting the aged, inscribed on the buses is a message from T.B. Joshua: “Where are your elderly ones? Care for them and you shall reach old age”.
* In Kremenchuk, Ukraine, veterans and pensioners received clothing, essentials and food supplies.
  + - Welfare was provided to the widows and widowers in Lahore, Pakistan.
    - Thousands of widows and widowers from Nigeria and around the world made regular visits to The SCOAN Widows Forums to receive financial assistance for accommodation, business start-up capital and scholarships for children.

**Role in national peace and security**

* In November 2000, T.B. Joshua reconciled Liberia’s Samuel Doe Jr, son of former President Samuel Doe, and Prince Yormie Johnson, a former rebel leader.
* Prophet T.B. Joshua played the role of a peacemaker in the aftermath of the 2015 Tanzanian elections, visiting the country to meet and hold reconciliatory talks with President John Magufuli and opposition leader Edward Lowassa, who had both visited The SCOAN previously.
* In November 2019, Prophet T.B. Joshua visited South Sudan where he was received by President Salva Kiir Mayardit. He led Mayardit and his cabinet in prayers for peace at the nation’s Presidential Palace in Juba and called on leaders to overcome their differences in a message broadcast on South Sudan’s state television.
* In February 2020, South Sudan finally formed a unity government with peace brokered between Mayardit and rival leader Riek Machar, ending more than seven years of civil war and tribal violence.
* Social commentators acknowledged Prophet T.B. Joshua’s visit, which made headline news nationwide, as instrumental in reducing tensions throughout the country after a tense election period fraught with allegations of irregularities.

**Timeline of International Events Hosted by T.B. Joshua**

* 2005 Crusades in Botswana and South Korea
* 2006 Crusades in Singapore and Australia
* 2007 Crusade in Indonesia
* 2014 Pastor’s Meeting in South Korea
* 2014 Crusade in Colombia
* 2015 Crusade in Mexico
* 2016 Crusades in South Korea and Peru
* 2017 Crusades in Paraguay and Dominican Republic
* 2019 Meeting in Nazareth, Israel

**Awards and Accolades**

* In 2008, recognized as Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) by the Nigerian Government.
* In 2012, T.B. Joshua was recognized as one of Africa’s 50 Most Influential People by a pan-African magazine.
* In 2015, named Yoruba Man of Decade
* In 2017, awarded the Order of Merit by the Government of Paraguay.
* In 2019, declared Tourism Goodwill Ambassador for Israel by Israel’s Ministry of Tourism.
* In 2021, awarded with the key to the nation of the Republic of South Sudan by the country’s President.
* Ranker.com, the world’s largest opinion database lists T.B. Joshua as one of the “Most Famous Prophets in History”
* Prophet T.B. Joshua has received world leaders and global dignitaries including:

> Goodluck Jonathan, President of Nigeria

> Dr Frederick Chiluba, President of Zambia

> Omar Bongo, President of Gabon

> Prof John Atta Mills, President of Ghana

> George Weah, President of Liberia

> Morgan Tsvangirai, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe

> André-Dieudonné Kolingba, President of Central African Republic

> John Magufuli, President of Tanzania

> Danilo Medina, President of Dominican Republic

> Jakaya Kiketwe, President of Tanzania

> Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini Kabhekuzulu,

> Diallo Cellou Dalien, Prime Minister of Guinea

> Pascal Lissouba, President of Congo

> Thérence Sinunguruza, Vice President of Burundi

> Sir Orville Turnquest, Governor-General of the Bahamas

**Books authored**

* *The Mirror*
* *The Step Between You and the Cure*
* *What the Future Holds*

**Famous Quotes**

* “Let love lead.”
* “Better is not good enough; the best is yet to come.”
* “Good Morning and Win Today!”
* “Distance is not a barrier for the Holy Spirit.”
* “We should spend more on others and less on ourselves.”
* “A prophet shall say that which he shall live to see accomplished.”
* “The greatest way to use life is to spend it on something that will outlive it.”
* “Every day, God has something to say to you. Even when He seems to be quiet, God is still saying something.”
* “Someone out there has been waiting for you for a lifetime: They are fatherless, so that you can be their father. They are lonely, so that you can be their companion. They are in want, so that you can be their benefactor.”
* “The beauty of life does not depend on happy you are but on how happy others can be because of you.”
* “If you make a mistake, as we all do, don’t run from God; run to Him.”

**Social Media Influence**

* T.B. Joshua’s official Facebook Page is followed by more than six million people.
* Emmanuel TV’s multiple-language YouTube channels accumulated more than one billion views and had over 1.5 million subscribers
* Videos of T.B. Joshua’s ministration have been translated into more than 100 different languages.
* Emmanuel TV has become the most viewed Christian television channel worldwide.

**Other Notable Facts**

* The SCOAN is known as “Nigeria’s biggest tourist attraction” and “the most visited destination by religious tourists in West Africa” due to the thousands of foreign pilgrims who visit to participate in the church’s weekly services.
* Figures released by the Nigerian Immigration Service indicated that six out of every ten foreign travelers coming into Nigeria visit The SCOAN. Chief Mike Amachree, Nigeria’s Father of Tourism, revealed that 80% of non-business tourists coming to Nigeria visit The SCOAN. Several airlines also increased their flight routes to Lagos because of the popularity of the church.

**Immediate Family**

* Wife: Evelyn Joshua – married for 31 years
* Children: Serah, Promise and Heart