



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Courage and compassion. These are qualities which God rewarded in a young Nigerian man named Obadiah Abimiku Doka. He was reared in an environment of animism and Islam, but his concern for a friend who was having a seizure led him to find a World Bible School lesson on the floor and eventually to become a Christian.

We have been blessed to know our brother, Doka, since 2000, when he was returning home after graduation from Freed-Hardeman University. Jack Plummer called to tell us about this young man who was having visa problems and needed some hospitality for a few days.

Chester, Phyllis and Kim Sitler were hosts to Doka, and we all came to know and love him, and to admire his courage and commitment to God. Doka returned to Nigeria, though he had opportunities to remain in the states and to work here in ministry. His life in the U.S. would have been much more economically rewarding. His heart, however, called him back to Africa to bless his countrymen with the gospel which had come to mean so much to him. He chose the greater riches.

In the southern part of Nigeria, there are over 300,00 brothers and sisters in Christ. In the north, however, there are few. Few missionaries or church planters are drawn to the north where Islam and paganism continue to stand in the way of the growth of the Kingdom.

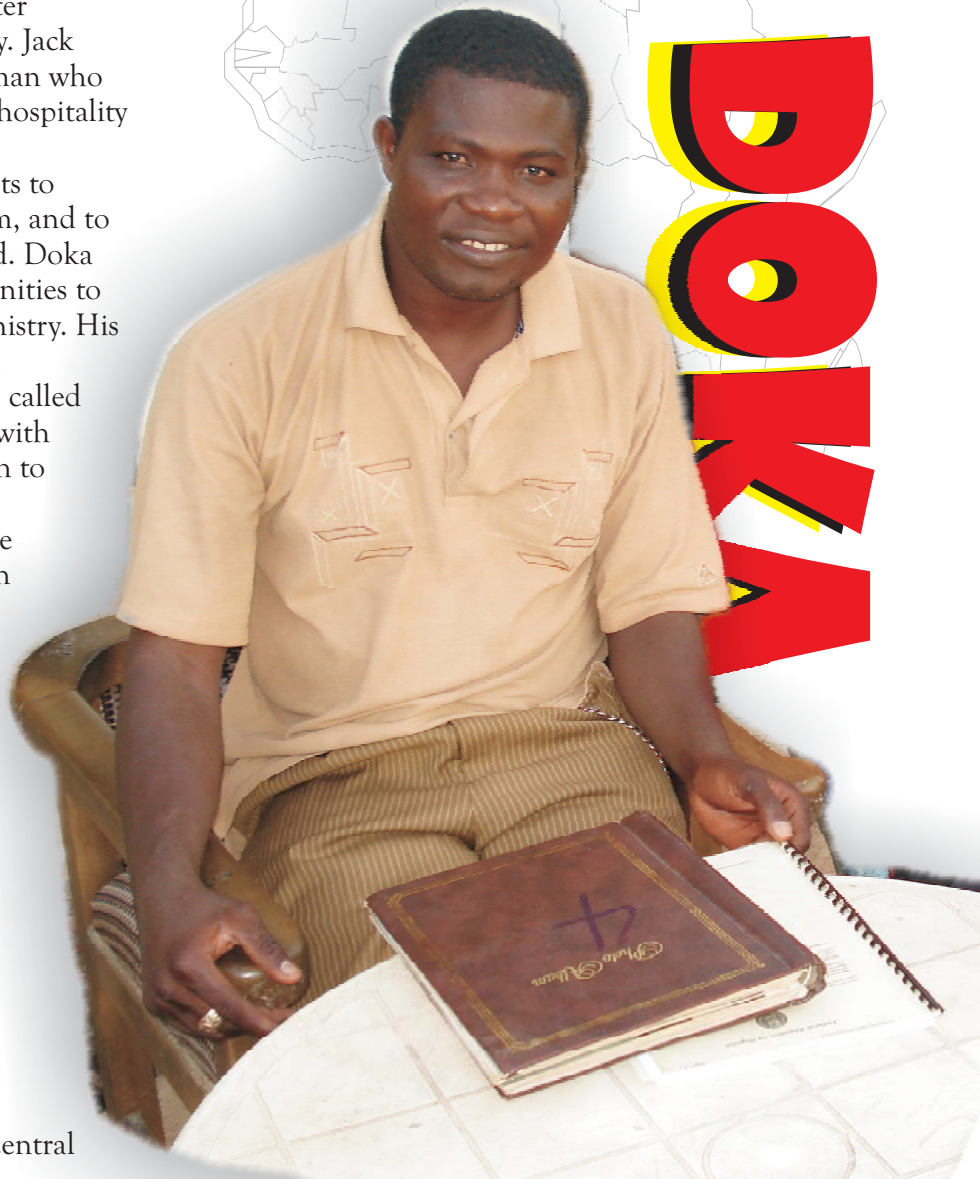
Doka returned to northern Nigeria, eventually choosing to work and live in Abuja, the Federal Capitol. He has been developing literacy programs which are so important to the improvement of the lives of the citizens of Nigeria, and which are vital to their ability to study and understand the Bible.

During the 10 years of his ministry in Nigeria, 994 have been baptized, 30 congregations have been established in the central

area, and 10,000 have enrolled in the literacy training program.

The West Chicago congregation has been blessed to provide support for Doka through individual contributions of members. Doka is sponsored by the Rogersville Church of Christ in Rogersville, AL. The minister there, Alex Bayes, was a classmate of Doka at Freed-Hardeman and has visited Doka in Nigeria. We are blessed to have this beloved brother with us today.

Chuck Miller



Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture Reading & Prayer Blake Mullins

Kid's Connection. Jon Miller

Praise Songs Tim Boyd

#3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

#123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Be Unto Your Name

#287 There is a Redeemer

#234 Worthy is the Lamb

#186 Christ, We do all Adore Thee

Communion. Rick Root

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song. Tim Boyd

#389 I Heart the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Tim Boyd

These are the Days of Elijah

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 15 Wendell Mott, Bob & Betsy Jett (anv.)

August 16 Dewayne & Marilyn Smith (anv.)

August 17 Kenn Watson,

. Craig & Bev Livermore (anv.)

August 21 Joe & Terrie Kirts

Dates to Remember

TODAY Doka! - Potluck Luncheon

August 17 Tuesday Ladies Class

August 18 Seniors Breakfast

August 19 Teen Parent Connection

August 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 22 Community Groups

August 24 Tuesday Ladies Class

August 26 Teen Parent Connection

August 27 Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 29 Praise Sunday!

August 31 Tuesday Ladies Class

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$2,139.05

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Betsy Jett



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins



In Our Prayers...

Myrna Levake had problems swallowing because of scar tissue from her cancer treatments. She had a procedure to stretch her throat last week.

Margaret Mott is doing much better after having her esophagus stretched. She was released from the hospital last Sunday evening.

Helen Plummer, the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff, has a type of blood cancer, multiple myeloma. She is starting chemotherapy treatments.

Robert Prosser, the father-in-law of Joan Lockett's daughter, Shelley, is very ill with cancer and under hospice care. He resides in Florida.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman & Eva Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin

John Day

Al & Doug Dorsey

Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Kay Schrader

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - Iraq

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dwayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine

Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, friend of Lori

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Don't Forget...

...all of our weekly activities!

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 a.m. at Watson's

Wednesdays: Bible Classes at 7:00 p.m. at building

Fridays: Men's Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at building

Sundays: Community Groups meet most every Sunday



Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group - "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount"
 - * You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and complete the information on the home page.
 - * If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount."
2. Go to our website: www.wcfamily.org and click on the "Sermon on the Mount" logo.
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Doka Visit

Obadiah Doka from Nigeria is speaking to us this morning. We will have a **Potluck Luncheon** immediately following worship in the fellowship room. If you are a visitor, we want to extend a special invitation for you to join us!



Church Directories

UPDATED church directories are available on the table in the foyer. Please take the directory with your name in the upper right corner.

Quite a few families still need an **updated photo for the photo directory**, especially those with small children. If Sunday mornings are not a good time for your family to have a photo taken, you can make special arrangements. Please see one of the Hearn's!

Teen Parent Connection

The mission of **Teen Parent Connection** is to serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, self-sufficiency.

The **elders** have decided this is a worthy endeavor and are continuing TPC's agreement with our congregation to hold their weekly, Thursday evening meetings in our fellowship room from September 2010 through June 2011.

We also support each of their meetings as we provide, serve and clean-up a well-balanced meal for 10-15 people and provide some assistance with child-care. If you can provide a meal, but can't be at the building to serve that is OK. If you can serve, but are unable to provide the meal, that is OK. Molly Mullins coordinates the meals and will work with your availability. Please see Molly Mullins as soon as possible to sign up to help!



Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services, located in Valparaiso, Indiana, is a Christian treatment program for struggling teens and their families.

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is Saturday, September 18.

BRING Ball jars - for Tootsie Rolls to sell at Annual Day

VOLUNTEER to help fill Ball Jars with Tootsie Rolls

ATTEND Annual Day - take a tour, purchase items, and enjoy Christian fellowship

GOLF at the Shults-Lewis Golf Outing on September 17

DONATE used printer cartridges (at end of foyer)

FILL your Shults-Lewis Change can and return it to the church building before Annual Day

QUESTIONS? See Dewayne Smith, Kyle Wheeler, Sally Hearn or Chuck Miller



Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoe box, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Through Healing Hands International, members of the Churches of Christ distribute these boxes to children in poverty stricken countries. The boxes we prepare are shipped to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. There are several ways you can get involved in this project:



1. **Put together your own Magi Box.**
Purchase items for a boy or girl within an age group. Place the items in a wrapped shoe box following the specific instructions. Include \$7 in the box to cover the cost of shipping the box from Nashville to Honduras. Secure the box with a rubber band and attach the gender/age group label. (Specific instructions are available in the foyer.)
2. **Sign up to bring items for our collective effort.** Two charts are located on the bulletin board in the foyer. One chart is for "Boy" items and the other is for "Girl" items. Each box on the chart is a space for you to sign up to bring 8 of those items. There are 12 gender/age groups and with 8 items per gender/age group, our goal is to put together 96 Magi Boxes!
3. **You may make a monetary donation** for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. \$7 is needed per Magi Box to cover the cost of shipping each box from Healing Hands in Nashville to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. We would also like to purchase plastic shoe boxes for our 96 boxes.

If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please see Jay or Sally Hearn or Frances Shearer.

Our church building is a collection site for this area. Feel free to encourage your place of employment, extended family or friends, or community group to put together Magi Boxes. **Healing Hands will pick up the boxes the beginning of October.**