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**BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE** 

## APOSTLE DR MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY (RTD.)

1958 - 2023

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13, NLT).

#### **His Birth**

he late Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy was born at Osramane-Dadease on September 22, 1958, to Opanin Kwaku Kumah and Obaapanin Adwoa Tiwaah from Osramane-Dadease, near Kete-Krachi. Both of his parents have gone to be with the Lord. He was the fifth of the ten children of his parents.

His father, who was affectionately called Agya Aku, officially named him after his elder brother, Kwabena Ntumy.

#### **His Education**

In 1964, at the age of six, Ntumy began his education at the Osramane Local Authority Primary "B" School. When he was in class one, he transferred to Primary "A" School where he joined his colleagues in class three instead of class two on the advice of his friend, Joseph Ntumy. In 1973, he completed the Middle School Leaving Certificate examination with distinction. Kwabena, as he was affectionately called within family circles, became the school prefect in his final year.

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Although he passed the entrance examinations for both secondary school and Teachers' Training College, our brother preferred the latter. He, therefore, enrolled at Atebubu Teachers' Training College in 1973 at the age of 15 and passed out on July 7, 1977, with a Teachers' Certificate "A" at the age of 19. He was among the seventh batch of students who graduated from the College that year.

On the higher level of the academic ladder, Michael Kwabena Ntumy won a scholarship in 1992, which allowed him to attend a monthlong intensive Advanced Christian Leadership Seminar in Singapore. He also studied at the Regents Theological College in Nantwich (affiliated with the University of Manchester, UK), and obtained a Master of Theology degree in 2000. His pursuit of knowledge motivated him to study for a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology and Organizational Governance from an affiliated college of the Southern Christian University in Florida, USA. where he graduated in 2008.

#### **His Conversion to Christianity**

In 1979, whilst working at Yendi, the news of his sick mother and the inability of his "spiritually powerful" father to save her, moved Michael Kwabena Ntumy to seek a divine solution. This landed him at the "Saturday Bush Prayer Meeting" of The Church of Pentecost on January 27, 1979, on the invitation of Mrs Christiana Apea, a member of the church. At the end of the service. Kwabena Ntumy accepted Christ as his Lord and personal Saviour and was baptised by Pastor Isaac Narkujah on February 4, 1979. Michael was a man of great faith in the Lord, and he never gave up on the Lord.

#### **His Marriage and Family Life**

It was at Yendi that Michael Kwabena Ntumy met his beloved wife, Mrs Martha Adwoa Diako Ntumy, the only woman he ever knew, and got married to her on August 8, 1982, at the age of 24. The union was blessed with five sons and one daughter who are well positioned in society of influence. Apostle Michael Ntumy loved his wife to the core and was always there to support her with everything within his power. Mrs Martha Ntumy was his



closest friend, advisor, nurse, and pastor. They moved and worked together in all facets of their lives, went through challenges, faced life's battles, and conquered together. Indeed, Apostle Dr. Ntumy and his wife were the epitome of a good Christian marriage.

Michael took the education of his children seriously. As a man who valued education, he challenged the children and the countless number of other people's children he enrolled in school to pass his level of education. He dared the children to strive for nothing but excellence. As a result, many have become doctors, aeronautic engineers, software engineers, businessmen and women. chartered accountants, teachers, economists, pastors, pastors' wives, among others.

#### **His Work Experience**

On September 15, 1977, Michael left home for his first job as a professional teacher with the Ministry of Education in the Yendi District. He taught at the Zohe Experimental Primary, one of the leading schools in the Yendi District charged with the responsibility of preparing students for the Common Entrance Examination.

In 1984, at the age of 26, he was called into the full-time ministry of The Church of Pentecost. After ministerial training at the Pentecost Bible Training Centre at Madina, Accra, he was stationed at Tamale until 1985 when he was transferred to Krachi Nkwanta, In 1988, he was posted to Liberia as a missionary and was stationed in Buchanan City. During the Liberian civil war when Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front





of Liberia (NPFL) rebels captured some of the resident citizens of the five West African nations, including Ghana, that supplied troops for the operations of ECOMOG, Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy, his wife, their four children and a niece were taken hostage and transported to a rebel camp known as Flamingo Camp, nicknamed "The Camp of No Return" where they spent 185 days.

Even though many of the hostages lost their lives, the Lord miraculously saved the lives of Apostle Ntumy and his household. They returned to Ghana in 1991. In that same year, he was called into the office of apostle and was posted to La Côte d'Ivoire as National Head. Whilst on a ministerial trek in La Côte d'Ivoire in July 1992, he and his wife were involved in a terrible motor accident. Little did we know it was going to lead to a paralysis in future. In 1996, he was transferred from La Côte d'Ivoire to France as the church's first Resident Missionary and National Head.

In 1998, at the age of 40, he was elected Chairman of The Church of Pentecost. After completing a 10-year tenure as Chairman. Apostle Dr. Ntumy was posted to Germany as National Head. However, after a surgical operation on his cervical spine in France, he became paralysed in the lower parts of his body. Being a man of faith who was highly optimistic, he did not let his disability incapacitate him. From 2013, he served as the church's Director of Literary Works until September 24, 2023, when he retired in Hamburg, Germany.

#### **His Generosity**

As a family, we can testify that Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena

Ntumy related well with his siblings, nephews, nieces, in-laws, and all the extended family members, including outsiders. He treated everyone equally and fairly. He gave equal opportunities to all the people he encountered based on their strength. He was simply a good man.

Apostle Ntumy's generosity was unparalleled. Although he had six biological children, he catered for 35 adopted children who all equally enjoyed his benevolence and fatherly care. As emphatically quoted in His retirement brochure, "The Ntumy family goes beyond his six (6) biological children."

He paid house rents, financed the education of countless people as well as the weddings of many couples, and paid the medical bills of people without expecting anything in return. Without his benevolence, the future of the children he raised would have been jeopardised. Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy was one of the finest and most generous men who ever lived. He considered every need as an opportunity to invest in somebody's life. He will be sorely missed.

#### **Contributions to His Community**

The people of Dadease, his native community in Osramane, have been impacted by his evangelistic zeal as most of them have been converted to Christ through The Church of Pentecost. He also supports them in diverse ways. The entire Osramane community cannot forget his support for the school named after him: Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy Junior High School. Another landmark achievement that the local populace of Krachi cannot forget is the well-stocked and state-of-the-art public library he built at Osramane to enhance the knowledge base of people in the community and beyond.

Apostle Dr. Ntumy's unflinching love and passion for the development of his community was unparalleled. Before his demise, he initiated a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the New Osramane community since their resettlement at their current location by the Volta River Authority as a result of the displacement of their old settlement following the construction of the Akosombo Dam. His dream was to celebrate the 60th anniversary this year and had come out with

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drawings to build a community centre and clinic as part of the anniversary.

Apostle Dr. Ntumy also donated sports gear with silverware for the football teams that excelled during tournaments in the Krachi West Municipal Assembly. He supported the Krachi Traditional Council in diverse ways and was even honoured by Nana Besemuna Mprah III (known in private life as COP [Rtd.] J.C. Mprah), the Omanhene of Krachi Traditional Area by naming a street in the Krachi West Municipality after him: Apostle Dr. Ntumy Street.

#### **His Glorious Home-Call**

He returned to Ghana on December 18, 2023, to finally rest from his active duty as a minister. We thought we were going to enjoy his wisdom, counsel, and all the great things he was made up of. Little did we know that, his Maker and Lord had retired him from earthly duties as well. On Wednesday, December 27, 2023, the peaceful and glorious clarion call welcomed him to his eternal home, and he gladly answered. Though the void remaining is huge, he has left in our hearts great testimonies, legacies, and a reason to thrive in life and

ministry. He was born a hero, and he died a legend in the Lord.

We as a family know that Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy has fought the good fight, finished the race and thus, has been rewarded with the crown of righteousness. His labour has not been in vain. We know that we will meet him one day on that beautiful shore.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace!





With former President John Agyekum Kufuor unveiling a plaque to inaugurate Pentecost University College



With Former President John Evans Attah-Mills



With the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (current President of Ghana)

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During receipt of the State Award Order of the Star of the Volta - Companion Division



With former Vice President Alhaji Aliu Mahama





With the then Chairman-Elect, Apostle Dr. Opoku Onyinah. Looking on is the former General Secretary Aps. Dr. Alfred Koduah



During a press conference with the Forum of Religious Bodies in the year 2000







APOSTLE MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY (RTD)

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"Now, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39).

n 1978, I met my darling husband, Michael Kwabena Ntumy, at Yendi where I had gone to find a job after finishing school at Tamale. At that time, I lived with my sister, Mrs. Christiana Apea, who was a nursing assistant, and her husband, Apostle Emmanuel Kwame Apea (Rtd.), who at that time was an Elder working with SSNIT. They lived in the same compound house with this handsome young teacher Michael Kwabena Ntumy.

Later when he joined The Church of Pentecost, he proposed to marry me. Eventually, our marriage was blessed by Pastor Ebenezer Appiah Agyekum (now Prophet Rtd.) on August 8, 1982. Truly, I cannot find the right words or expressions to describe this loving man, Michael, and how he loved and lived with me as a wife. I can never forget all his strength, fortitude, words of comfort, and encouragement in the difficult times that we went through.

From the beginning of our marriage till the time of his home-call, I observed that whatever he did was done with all his heart and strength, in all joy and integrity. His love extended to me, my family members and all who came into



contact with him. He was the strong pillar in my life.

My marriage to him has taught me so many lessons in life, in Christian service, and on my Christian journey as well as strengthening my foundation in the Lord. Because of that, our marriage was truly beautiful, sweet, and enjoyable. He fondly called me "Lady" and "Adwoa". He went all out to ensure that things were okay for me and our children.

As a true family man, he loved all without favouritism. His helping hand reached even those who were not family members. We will miss his wonderful sense of humour and deep wisdom for every situation. He was an advisor and counsellor to us all, and together we brought all our children up in the way of the Lord. A father indeed with a discerning spirit. I called him "Inspector" as he was genuinely interested in the lives of our children. He would always ask a lot of questions to know what was going on in their lives.

He valued education and saw to it that each one had all the chances and opportunities needed to thrive. Now, by grace, God has given all the children a good standing in life.

Finally, my sweet husband was a deep lover of God with a special relationship to God he did not joke with. He took the Word as it is and endeavored to live by it.

Heaven was end goal, and he was very intentional about it.

Concerning his work, my husband had great love for his colleagues in the ministry. He strove for peace, yet was diplomatic and firm! In his dealings with family and ministry, he never sugar-coated anything as he knew that in the long run, that would bring about more harm than good.

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He loved the ministry. Indeed, his heartbeat was to help others grow in their walk with God. A vivid example was his assignment in Liberia, where he viewed the dangerous circumstances of war as an opportunity to lead the perishing to salvation, preaching, teaching, and encouraging them. And the Lord was gracious and glorified His holy name.

No matter which positions the Lord gave him, he did his very best, honouring God and man. In all, I realised that he did not adopt any negative attitudes or fall for the traps that even some of the elect fall for when the Lord elevates them, or when they go through hardships.

I will forever remember his faith, strength, and fortitude even in very

trying times for almost 15 years in paralysis after undergoing spinal cord surgery when we came to Germany. He suffered so much, enduring countless surgeries, and spending more time in the hospital than at home. Despite all the pain, the Lord was his hope and he steadfastly clung to Him. He never left his God. He stood till the very end and fought the good fight. Like Paul, he finished his course and kept the faith.

So, what more shall I say? I dearly loved my beloved husband, but our Creator loves him more and has taken him away. Who knows why He called him unto Himself at this point? It was our prayer and heart's desire that the Lord would lift him up from the wheelchair and grant total healing. However, the Lord had a different plan. His Word tells us that the death of the righteous is precious in His sight. Therefore, all we say is: "Glory be to God." I know like Paul that he will receive the crown given by the Lord to those who run the race and those who love Him

May the Lord keep the soul of my dear husband in His bosom. Amen!



## "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain". **(Philippians 1:21)**

eing eyewitnesses of the glorious life that our father and spiritual father, hero, mentor, and everything lived, what more shall we say? There is too much to say and too little time to give an account of what our father, Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy whom we affectionately called Daddy, meant, and still means to us. Nonetheless, we would still love to touch on some outstanding attributes he possessed that we saw with our very eyes and experienced firsthand.

Daddy was a true definition of a Man of God. We, his children, sought after a man who loved the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, and mind. This embodiment of this verse and statement were found worthy in our father, for he was indeed an exemplary minister of God's word. He carried integrity and upheld godly values wherever he found himself, publicly and privately. He was a God-fearing man who steadfastly held on to God when he was in the highest places where some people forget their God, as well as in his lowest moments of earthly pains and sufferings where some people would have cursed their God.

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Others may have shunned their faith just after some series of earthly afflictions they would have had to endure. Not him, though, His life depicted practically walking and living in the fear of God with a pure heart and in great humility. We saw his faith blossom even when he was confined to a wheelchair. He taught us that when life "happens" and we find ourselves in painful situations we never imagined, that is when to remember that the power of God's love sustains us through it all. We learned, with him as our example that our purpose in life is not to live as long as possible but to live for Christ alone.

As we often told him, the Lord used his life to serve as a shining example of how He desires to be served by His people in different life circumstances. While men received measures of faith as Christ apportioned, he received unwavering and limitless faith by the same to serve as a standard to many. In his condition, it would have been understandable to work less or even cease to work. Nevertheless, his life proved that there is no end to faith and that faith can mature, though our flesh and strength may fail us. With that, he set an example for us and generations to come.

He was a missionary and had extraordinary passion and zeal for the things of God. He travelled extensively around the globe to establish churches. During his fifteen years of incapacitation, he continued to author books with one finger in his wheelchair to provide a wealth of literature for future generations. Watching him serve God gave us the desire to serve as well. Although he was passionate about his service to God, he also ensured spending quality time with his family. Our father was indeed a family man, even though he was continuously busy, he tried to avoid falling into the temptation of neglecting his wife and children. He had a great love for people of all classes and backgrounds without favoritism or partiality.

His genuine interest in what went on in our lives, even things we considered of little importance, was heartwarming and motivating. Whether it was about school, work, church, personal projects, our personallives, or anything pertaining to us, he would thoroughly enquire, and offer assistance or support us. His counsel saved us many a time from making decisions that might have harmed us. He was our coach, gently pushing us to explore our own individuality while doing the right thing, all the while fully supporting us. The uncommon wisdom God gave him to deal with different issues was evident to all who came across him. He used it not only for the work of the Lord but also to bring up his family in the way of the Lord.

As for his generosity, kindness, and welcoming spirit, is there anyone who did not know about them or experienced them firsthand? We grew up seeing how he gave freely to all, be it to his biological, adopted children, and even those he did not personally know. An avid believer in people, he could identify talent in another and would not hesitate to invest in that person by giving advice, encouragement, financing education, or projects, and so much more.

He made sure to honour us, his children, and went out of his way to accommodate us. There were many things he considered normal for parents to do for their children, which we found out were not so normal elsewhere. He had a policy of leaving no one behind in the family and made sure to do everything within his power to ensure that we received all we needed to be wellpositioned in life.

As his children, we saw firsthand what a loving husband he was to Mummy. His love for her was clear to us, and in so many instances, he let us know how much he cherished her and was grateful to God for her. Our parents' 41 years of marriage and their richness of experience had been what his children were privileged to glean from. Both he and Mummy have indeed demonstrated godly parenting to us and showed us how a godly family should function.

We could expound on many other traits like his remarkable tenacity and endurance. Regardless of the context (his health condition, a goal to achieve, supporting his children, and the rest), he kept going, holding on and not giving up as he always had the result in mind. During his years of difficulties, he always found the strength to keep his faith and even encouraged others. Then there's his love for books and literature, his adventurous spirit, and his sense of humour.

There's so much more we could say about our Daddy. His impact has been felt by many more people than he will ever know. This is the man we are talking about, who has joined the cloud of witnesses, who served His God and generation with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might/mind.

What a great honour to call him our father! Even though he is no longer with us, we feel his love guiding us and cheering us on. We the children shall always treasure him in our hearts; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will know what a great man from whose bloodline they stem, and his legacy shall continue to live on in us forever. The way he lived is a standard that we strive to emulate. It is our prayer that our children and generations after us will find us faithful as we the children of Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy have found him faithful

May his precious soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.



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t is difficult to summarise in words what a great blessing Daddy Ntumy has been and still is in our lives. He definitely was a father to all. His affable nature, strong intellect, wisdom, sense of humour and generosity attracted multitudes to him.

He was a man after our hearts and in return we found solace and joy in being part of his extended family. Our connection was unique, filled with shared laughter, meaningful conversations and a mutual understanding that words could scarcely capture.

He accepted us into the family and made us his own. He cared for us and loved us. Dad affectionally called us "Maase" and he took special interest in all of us even prior to our marriages. He would always inquire of our next plan of action, pray with us and give us godly counsel.

Around Daddy, we always felt warmth, and his love and affection radiated in every single conversation, short or long.

People who resemble Christ in all aspects are a rarity in this current dispensation but Daddy's life was a complete reflection of Christ.

Furthermore, we can attest to the fact that his life was a perfect example of how Christians should live in both good and bad times. He gracefully portrayed what endurance looks like and upheld his faith in the Lord, always encouraging us to do the same. He will forever remain a great role model and an example of Christ to us.

We are forever grateful for his strong words of wisdom and blessings over

our lives and we will choose him a million times over as our father-in-law.

His written words and great faith will be treasured. Psalms 20 and Isaiah 35, amongst others, have a special place in our hearts because of him.

We testify that, indeed, his life was one well lived. He fought the good fight of faith and ran the race with all endurance for the joy that was set before him.

From the deepest parts of our hearts, we love him and already miss him.

We are pained, our hearts are torn, but he did not leave us hopeless, neither did he leave us empty.

Thus, we are eternally grateful to God for sustaining him until this point.

He will forever remain in our hearts, His legacy lives on not only in the name bestowed upon us but also in the values he imparted and the memories we created together.

We shall meet again!

As the song goes:

There's a land that is fairer than day And by faith, we can see it a-far For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there

We shall sing on that beautiful shore The melodious songs of the blessed And their spirits shall sorrow no more Not a sigh for the blessings of rest

*In the sweet by and by We shall meet on that beautiful shore In the sweet by and by Oh, we shall meet on that beautiful shore* 



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Mrs. Celestina Sunkwa



Elder Felix Yeboah







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#### FATHER, I KNOW THAT ALL MY LIFE IS PORTIONED OUT FOR ME; THE CHANGES THAT ARE SURE TO COME I DO NOT FEAR TO SEE: I ASK THEE FOR A PRESENT MIND, INTENT ON PLEASING THEE.

(ANITA LETITIA WARING)

oday, The Church of Pentecost – Germany – pays tribute to a towering yet humble s e r v a n t - I e a d e r of our great church. Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy was the first Chairman of The Church of Pentecost to come back to the field after meritoriously serving two terms. The joy that engulfed CoP Germany to have him as our National Head was indescribable; indeed, we were not disappointed.

Apostle Dr Michael Ntumy's experience in the areas of spiritual tenacity, administrative acumen, unparalleled leadership and sound human relationships were brought to bear during his tenure as the National Head of CoP-Germany from October 5, 2008, to August 2011. He had to relinquish the office due to health conditions. The relatively short period of his active tenure witnessed significant growth and development of the church. Five main attributes defined his leadership as our National Head.

To begin with, as a visionary leader, he laid out his mission and

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vision clearly for the church upon assumption of office. He designed a pragmatic, strategic evaluation and monitoring approach to the administration and financial system of the church. To accomplish this. he initiated the training of ministers and other leaders, resulting in significant growth and expansion of the church in Germany and Europe as a whole. To this end, he was always preparing the minds of ministers for a possible transfer from one nation to another. He also had the formal training of ministers at heart by encouraging the establishment of Birmingham Bible College in the United Kingdom.

Also, he plunged the church into deeper spiritual formation through a series of prayers and exceptional exposition of the Word of God with clarity and relevance. He introduced the "Gatekeepers Seminars" – a programme designed to train ministers and church leaders. Furthermore, he contributed to the establishment of CoP – Radio Germany to educate the church and the larger community. He also spent quality time engaging in counselling and encouraging both clergy and laity with difficulties, which relieved all those with issues. The numerous officers' retreats, rigorous training of ministers, encouragement of family devotions, and righteous living shored up the church's spiritual life.

Moreover, he exemplified what he taught us through his personal and family life. His Christ-like nature was evident. He was humble. approachable. inspirational. cheerful, kind, patient, hopeful and forgiving. With the little time at his disposal, he ensured his family was well taken care of. The bond of love he exhibited towards his wife and children is highly commendable. He taught us the importance of family life and how God wants us to treat our families with dignity, love and patience. No wonder Mama Martha always had a smile on her face despite the health challenges they endured.

Additionally, Apostle Ntumy was a hard-working leader. He demonstrated this during his active service as the National Head and even after he handed over. He cooperated with his successors and other leaders in the European zone of our church to carry the church's activities forward. It was gratifying

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and motivating to see him contribute his quota to all aspects of church leadership.

Ultimately, Apostle Ntumy was the epitome of faith and endurance. The unimaginable pain, suffering and ill health he experienced never quenched his zest and love for the Lord. For close to fifteen years of many hospitalisations, surgeries, and intensive prayers for healing, which never materialised, he kept his faith with grit, endurance and patience. Never did he blame God or anyone for his condition, but rather encouraged himself and those around him, which made it easier on all of us. He summed up his situation in the following quote:

"THE MAN OF FAITH IS NEVER DEFEATED IN LIFE, FOR WHEN HE DOES NOT RECEIVE THE ANSWER TO HIS PRAYERS, HE RECEIVES GRACE TO DO WITHOUT IT." THESE PROFOUND WORDS ARE THE LEGACY HE HAS LEFT FOR US IN GERMANY AND CHRISTENDOM AS A WHOLE. The news of his unexpected demise was an unbearable blow the church. which has left us in a state of shock. Nevertheless, we stand comforted. consoled, and elevated because, more than anything, the Apostle left us God and an excellent example of his endless trust in him. Moreover. we firmly believe without a doubt and openly declare with confidence that our father, brother, friend, and mentor is in a better place, as the Bible indicates as a promise to those who sleep in the Lord. He is indeed at a better place: a place where the incorruptible has clothed the corruptible: a place free from pain and suffering; a place where he is free from multiple hospitalisations coupled with countless surgical operations; a place where he will not remain incapacitated.

We thank God for allowing CoP Germany to be part of his life's journey! He was a rare Christian leader whose legacy of faith and love for the Lord will live on forever. May the good Lord reward him bountifully and take care of his family in his absence.

To a gallant soldier of the cross and a proud son of The Church of Pentecost, we say, "Rest well". Auf Wiedersehen n behalf of the Elim Pentecostal Churches, UK, and across the world, and our National Leadership Team, I write to express our Christian love and prayers for Mrs Martha Ntumy and her family and the whole membership of The Church of Pentecost, following the home-call of Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy.

Elim people give thanks to God for every memory of Apostle Dr Ntumy. During his tenure as Chairman of The Church of Pentecost, he consistently exhibited the highest Christian calling and character virtues. His exemplary leadership steered the church through a period of significant missional growth both in Ghana and around the world. His godly character inspired other movements around the world. During his tenure, Apostle Dr Ntumy developed a deep and lasting friendship with our former General Superintendent, Rev. John Glass. This personal bond enhanced the historic partnership between our churches. We fondly remember his powerful and Christ-centred ministry on visits to the UK during those years. Apostle Dr Ntumy became a beloved friend of Elim.

As well as the titles of office, Apostle Dr Ntumy carried and manifested remarkable wisdom and grace in his life and ministry. His humility and loving spirit gave his life and ministry an abiding impact. In other movements, he was recognised as an honoured ambassador for Christ and a Pentecostal statesman.

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E v e n d u r i n g times of personal health challenges, his faith, courage, and deep passion for Jesus Christ and His gospel were undiminished. We thank God for every remembrance of him.

Moved and inspired by his example, we renew our commitment to fulfil the purposes of God in the seasons ahead.

with us. We give glory to God for all that he has accomplished

for his Lord and Saviour.

We send our sincere love and condolences to the entire family. We know that Christ will sustain you and that the God of all comfort will be your hope and strength. We thank you for sharing Apostle Dr Ntumy

Yours in Christ Rev. Chris Cartwright General Superintendent of the Elim Pentecostal Churches



## TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF APS. DR. MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY BY THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF GHANA

NOW PRAISE WE GREAT AND FAMOUS MEN, THE FATHERS NAMED IN STORY; AND PRAISE THE LORD WHO NOW AS THEN REVEALS IN MAN HIS GLORY MHB 896.

postle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy was a pillar of faith and a visionary leader who served the Bible Society of Ghana with unwavering dedication. He possessed a rare charisma, an affable nature that put everyone at ease.

As the voungest ever President of the Bible Society, he brought not just youthful energy but a profound understanding of the Bible and a passion to cause its message to reach every nook and cranny of Ghana. His tenure was marked by transformative initiatives and impactful projects like the "One Million Bibles" project. The one million Bible project made available Good News Bibles free to a million Junior High School pupils in three years' period. The project, which started in 2010, was completed in 2013. Through his leadership. countless young minds were equipped with the Word, laying a foundation of faith, and shaping the future of many.

Celebrating the life of GOD'S CHOSEN GENERAL

Under his guidance, the Bible House in James Town underwent a remarkable transformation in 2007. This project which was completed six months ahead of schedule, reflected his characteristic efficiency and drive to see things through with excellence.

Though his physical presence is gone, the flame he ignited continues to burn brightly. As we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life, drawing strength from his example. Let us continue his mission, spreading the Word, fostering relationships, and building a society enriched by faith and compassion.

He served his generation and has been called into the presence of the Lord. We salute our, gallant soldier of Christ! May his soul rest in the Lord. Damrifa Due!



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TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF APOSTLE DR MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, MANAGEMENT, STAFF, ALUMNI AND STUDENTS OF ATEBUBU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## WITH SADDENED HEARTS, WE BID OUR ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNUS AND COLLEAGUE FAREWELL.

he late Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy enrolled in the Atebubu Training College, now Atebubu College of Education, in September 1973.

At the age of 15 at the time of admission, Michael was the youngest among his classmates at the College. He pursued a fouryear Teacher's Certificate 'A' and graduated in July 1977. During his days at the College (1973-1977), Michael was a very active member of the College Scripture Union (S.U.) and the College Debate Club. He was exceptionally brilliant academically and always placed within the 1st and 3rd positions during examinations. He was among the top writers who frequently wrote poems and articles for publication in the College magazine.

One characteristic that endeared Michael to many and made him popular among students was his delight in bamboozling his fellow students with all manner of expressions and vocabulary, from Mathematics through Agricultural Science to his fabrications.

For instance, as stated in his book *Coming With Fire*, on one occasion, he said at the Dining Hall:

"After this gastronomical reunion, all the sophomores are to go to the school farm to decotigate arachid hypogia. Every Tom, Dick and Harry is to bring along with him an isocelles trapezium. Those who come en retard will be ruthlessly chastised." With his expression, Michael just meant to tell his fellow students, "All the first-year students were required to go to the school farm to crack peanuts after dining; everybody was to go along with a bucket, and late-comers would be punished."

The College, indeed, has lost a distinguished statesman, a pillar, and an alumnus. Apostle was active and a key member of his year group platform (1977-year group). He actively contributed to discussions on the platforms to make informed decisions for the development of the College.

So much were his contributions to the College valued that he was made the Chairman of the College's 40th Anniversary Celebrations.

It was a great joy for the College when he became the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost. To honour his memory and legacy, the Governing Council of the College proposes a legacy project named "Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy Building."

During this challenging time, the College urges the family and The Church of Pentecost to continue to remain resolute in celebrating the life of Apostle Dr Michael Ntumy.

May his soul rest in eternal peace. Rest well, Apostle Dr Ntumy, and rise in glory.

#### TRIBUTE IN HONOUR OF THE LATE

#### APOSTLE DR. MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY BY NANA MPRAH BESEMUNA III, PRESIDENT OF THE KRACHI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL AND OTI REGIONAL HOUSE OF CHIEFS.

he news of the passing of Apostle Dr. Michael Ntumy was received with tremendous grief and pain. Our great and illustrious son had left us without warning or parting courtesies, leaving a dark and ominous hang over the entire Krachi Traditional Area.

We all know the pedigree of Apostle Dr. Ntumy. He was a scholar, an accomplished author and a man of God who had risen, by divine grace, to the highest position in The Church of Pentecost worldwide. He was the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost for ten years. We are proud of the sterling and impactful leadership he brought to bear during and even after his tenure of office, as extolled by his colleagues in the hierarchy of the church.

In Ghana, often, when you attain such heights, the tendency is to cut off all connections with your roots

because you do not want to be reminded of your poor beginnings. You then tend to concentrate on only feathering your nest for yourself and your immediate family. Happily, by the grace of God. Apostle Dr Ntumy demonstrated by his comportment and by his deeds that he was not in this category of so-called celebrities. Indeed, anybody who came into close contact with Apostle Dr Ntumy could not miss his overpowering humility and deep love for his people and the community in which he was born and raised. He was always quick to remind people of his small village, Dadease Osramanae. Kete Krachi, in the Oti Region.

Apostle Dr Michael Ntumy believed that the most significant difference between the privileged and the underprivileged concerning education is accessibility to adequate and quality teaching and learning materials.

Therefore, he made a deliberate effort to bridge that vast gap by building and stocking a modern library christened" Apostle Ntumy Public Library" commissioned in June 2018 at Osramani, his hometown, Now, pupils and teachers in the catchment area have easy access to the most modern books and research Apostle materials. Dr. Ntumv was not rich by any stretch of the imagination, but through selfless devotion to his conviction to help his people; it took him EIGHT SOLID YEARS of committing his personal scanty resources and the goodwill of others who bought into his vision to establish a library at a total cost of GHC 256,121.00. It is our hope that the seed Apostle Dr. Ntumy has sown in his community will germinate and grow into a mighty Oak Tree and be a legacy that will last forever.

As we mourn Apostle Dr Ntumy, I wish to take the opportunity to remind our colleague elite Krachi sons in the country and the diaspora that most of us are products of poor deprived villages and that experience should lead us to show love to people in similar situations and to care for the vulnerable in our villages. Let us all resolve to follow the examples of Apostle Dr. Michael Ntumy and live our lives here on earth not selfishly but selflessly out of love for God and our fellow human beings.

Apostle Dr. Michael Ntumy has proved himself a Krachi son of the highest pedigree and we thank God for giving us such a son. Apostle Dr. Michael Ntumy has finished serving his purpose on earth. In our estimation, he has ran the race meritoriously and, therefore, deserves a place in the bosom of the Lord. Though he is dead and gone, the thousands of children and students whose lives have been impacted will forever remember him as the proverbial candle in the dark that burnt itself out so that others may have light.

May the Lord he served so selflessly grant him divine mercies and grace. May he rest happily in the bosom of the Lord. Krachiman is grateful to him.

## TESTIMONY BY APOSTLE DR. ALFRED KODUAH (Former General Secretary)

got to know Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy in 1984 when the Lord providentially paired us as roommates together with two others at the then Pentecost Bible Training Centre in Madina, Accra. where we were among a ministerial batch comprising 23 newly-called Probationary Overseers undergoing pastoral training. From then, our relationship grew from strength to strength. I have had a rare opportunity to serve with him on the Executive Council of The Church of Pentecost for five years and also worked closely with him at various levels of leadership including serving under him as General Secretary for five years.

I can confidently describe him as a very studious, hardworking, caring, generous, affable, meticulous, bold, courageous, committed, prayerful, prolific writer, eloquent speaker, gifted Bible teacher, brilliant theologian, visionary team leader, strong family man, practical and down-to-earth Christian with an exceptionally resilient faith in Christ as well as an extraordinary sense of appreciation.

What amazes me the most about him is his demonstration of extraordinary strength, resilience, and unwavering faith in the face of adversities, especially after his lifechanging surgery.

As my friend, brother, and close confidant, Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy, joins the church triumphant and the "great cloud of witnesses" in heaven today, it is my prayer that the God he has faithfully served will give him eternal rest.

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## TRIBUTE BY THE GHANA PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC COUNCIL (GPCC)

## IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED

(1 CORINTHIANS 15:52).

he late, Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy was the President of the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council (GPCC) for 10 years, from 1998 to 2008. His election as President brought dynamism and freshness to the Council which translated in many independent churches joining the fold of the Council. His passion for the unity of the churches was extraordinary.

He was a visionary leader; he initiated the constitutional review process to allow Charismatic Church leaders to be elected into the presidency of the Council as one of the Vice Presidents. He further mobilised the Council to acquire a plot of land at East Legon which is now home to the National Secretariat of the Council.

Dr. Ntumy was a caring leader; he would go out of his way to make friends with colleagues and subordinates alike. He was concerned that they progressed intellectually, professionally and in family life; he would inquire of the welfare of spouses and children.

He was a selfless leader; despite his busy schedules as Chairman of The

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Church of Pentecost, he still made time to honour invitations from various GPCC member churches to attend their conventions, anniversaries, retreats and even social engagements in the company of his wife, Lady Martha Ntumy.

He was a leader with the welfare of the poor and marginalised at heart; he served as a Member of the Ghana Aids Commission and the National Patron of the Blind Teachers' Association of Ghana. He embraced people of diverse languages, cultures and social backgrounds.

Dr. M. K. Ntumy, was a leader worth emulating; his preaching was on point: he would admonish member churches to avoid the deception of exchanging our gold and worth of the Pentecostal spirituality for bronze (2 Chronicles 12:10). In him, we witnessed the tenacity of faith. the sincerity of love, the depth of humility, the transparency of honesty, the strive for excellence and zeal for scholarship. His leadership uplifted the member churches of the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council to new heights. The legacies of Dr. Ntumy. will forever be remembered.

As a Council we were distressed to find him confined to the wheelchair in the later years of life. However, we were amazed that despite the challenges of his ailment, he still served the Body of Christ as a prolific writer and the one supervising the recent copious literary output of The Church of Pentecost.

The leadership of the Council extend our condolences to his bereaved wife, Lady Martha, the children and the great family of The Church of Pentecost. Indeed, his passing on is a colossal loss to us all.

May this rare gem of a leader Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Aps Ekow Badu Wood (Rtd.) General Secretary (GPCC, 2001-2009)



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**Psalm 27:1 (KJV) -** "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

oday, as we gather to celebrate the life and legacy of our dear friend, Apostle Michael Ntumy, we are reminded of a man who was truly sent from God to bear witness to the light of Christ. His journey was marked by unwavering faith, tireless dedication, and a deep commitment to serving the Lord and His people.

I first met Apostle Ntumy in 1980, shortly after my conversion to Christ. It was in the humble settings of The Church of Pentecost regional mission house in Tamale where our paths crossed. At that time, he was known as Deacon Ntumy, faithfully bringing tithes from his district and actively participating in fellowship. Our acquaintance flourished, although we were separated for a time until our reunion at the Ghana Pentecostal Council, where he eventually rose to the esteemed position of President.

Apostle Ntumy's tenure at the Ghana Pentecostal Council was marked by significant milestones and transformative changes. His visionary leadership played a pivotal role in the transition from the Ghana Pentecostal Council to the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council (GPCC), a testament to his

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inclusive approach and recognition of the diverse contributions within the Body of Christ. Through his advocacy and perseverance, I had the honour of becoming the first Vice-President of the GPCC. representing the Charismatic movement with distinction.

One of the defining moments of our collaboration was Apostle Ntumy's instrumental role in addressing the ban on drumming and dancing during the Homowo period. His unwavering determination and diplomatic prowess led to fruitful engagements with the Ga Traditional Council and the Minister of Defense, culminating in a Memorandum of Understanding that safeguarded our freedom to worship and proclaim the gospel.

Apostle Ntumy exemplified a life of faith, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the cause of Christ. Despite facing numerous challenges and trials, his passion for ministry and love for the Lord never waned. His enduring legacy serves as a beacon of inspiration to all who knew him, demonstrating

the power of faith to overcome adversity and fulfill God's purpose.

In addition to his remarkable leadership within the GPCC, Apostle Ntumy generously shared his wisdom and expertise with me and the congregation of the then-Word Miracle Church International. After five days of intensive teaching, he graciously assisted in ordaining my first group of apostles and prophets, imparting invaluable guidance and spiritual authority to our ministry.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Apostle Michael Ntumy, we do so with hearts filled with gratitude for the indelible mark he has left on our lives and the Kingdom of God. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come, and his memory will forever be cherished in our hearts.

We say well done to our dear friend and faithful servant. May the Lord bless him and his family abundantly, and may his legacy continue to shine brightly in the annals of eternity.



### TRIBUTE IN HONOUR OF THE LATE APS. DR. MICHAEL NTUMY, BY THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST BY LIBERIA RETURNEES' ASSOCIATION

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. **II Cor 4:7-11** 

t is with mixed emotions of obvious sorrow and understandable joy that we, members of the CoP Liberia Returnees' Association, pay this tribute in honour of the unforgettable memory of our faithfully departed leader and returnee colleague, the late venerable Aps. Dr. Michael Ntumy, whose mortal remains lie before us here today.

The late Aps Dr. Ntumy arrived in

Liberia on transfer from Ghana as a District Pastor for Buchanan District and the assistant to the then Head Missionary, the late Aps. D.K. Arnan of blessed memory. We venture to say without the slightest equivocation that his two year tour of missionary duty (1988–1990) greatly reflected the veracity in Apostle Paul's statement of I Cor 9:22b. For indeed, he made himself all things to all men and by all means saved some. LIFE WELL LIVE

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We remember his disarming smile and warm disposition which greatly facilitated the noticeable and commendable acceptability with which the membership in particular and the larger Buchanan community accorded him and his family. This, coupled with his approachability, genuine humility and caring concern for the wellbeing of the flock not only endeared him to them but also guickened his integration into the mission field proper in a relatively short time.

We have fond memories of the multi-ministerial enterprising spirit of the late Apostle as he went about his assignment. His passion for winning lost souls and the everheightening zeal with which he tackled the whole evangelism and church planting agenda carried a certain infectiousness about it. Little wonder it swept many off the spectatoring fence into a hands-on-deck involvement. The good shepherd that he was, the then District Pastor Michael Ntumy, notwithstanding the personal dangers involved was unrelenting in visiting both members and nonmembers' homes to encourage and assure them of the truths

of the word of God. It was the further distinctive manifestation of this self-abnegating spirit that made him flatly refuse to accept the offer of assistance to leave the membership behind and flee captivity with his family to their home in Ghana but rather choose to remain with the members thereby undergoing humiliating treatment and the life-threatening rigors of war-time captivity.

We remember him as an excellent teacher of the Word who went about his teaching sessions with such diligence and illustrative effectualness. accompanied hv signs and wonders. He was the principal prophet through whose spot-on prophetic messages the imminence of the Liberian Civil War was first revealed. We remember him as the missionary who set the pace for successfully identifying and mentoring more of the indigenous Liberian membership into the fulltime ministry. His down-to-earth grassroots and engagements probably in emulation of the Rev. James McKeown's much-touted unique missionary tactics, proved to be the game-changer after earlier

spirited efforts had had very little success.

We in sincere empathetic solidarity, remember the Christ-like enduring spirit with which the late Apostle conducted himself throughout the long-drawn-out period of his incapacitation. The message therefrom cannot be lost on any of us. This was truly a practical demonstration of "fighting the good fight of faith". May the mercies of the Lord abound for all of us even as it did for His faithful servant, Amen! We, the CoP Liberia fraternity will never forget the exciting moments of love, fellowship and service to the Lord and the Liberian nation which we shared with our beloved Apostle and colleague. We are in no doubt whatsoever that the Lord whom he served so faithfully and selflessly will give him a hero's welcome and crown him appropriately even as He has promised.

Till we meet again at Heaven's welcoming banquet, may his soul rest peacefully in our Lord's bosom! Amen 44



BY FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY, THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH, GHANA

"LORD, MAKE ME KNOW MY END, AND WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF MY DAYS, THAT I MAY KNOW HOW FRAIL I AM. INDEED, YOU HAVE MADE MY DAYS AS HANDBREATHS, AND MY AGE IS AS NOTHING BEFORE YOU; CERTAINLY EVERY MAN AT HIS BEST STATE IS BUT A VAPOUR" (PSALM 39: 4,5).

pday, we gather in solemn commemoration and heartfelt celebration of the life of Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy, former Chairman of The Church of Pentecost. In these brief moments, I wish to honour the memory of a person who lived a life filled with love, purpose, and a remarkable enthusiasm and passion for the work of God.

I assumed duty as a Missionary of the Apostolic Church in 1991 in Cote D'Ivoire, there I was introduced to Apostle Ntumy. I must, without any reservation, say that Apostle Micheal Ntumy and The Church of Pentecost became the wheel on which the Apostolic Church in La Cote d'Ivoire thrived. As a missionary, my welfare became a burden on Apostle Ntumy who made sure that I succeeded as a Missionary.

Apostle Michael Ntumy was a unique individual, whose life journey was as vibrant as it was impactful. He certainly developed a personality that was both endearing and inspiring. One of Apostle Ntumy's most remarkable traits was his

ability to connect with people. He absolutely had a natural talent for making each person he met feel genuinely valued and heard. He did this through his warm smile. attentive listening, or his wise words. Indeed, he made a lasting impact on many lives. Apostle Ntumy pursued his duty as a dedicated and passionate person with a mixture of determination and integrity. I observed that Apostle Micheal Ntumy did not take his calling, as an emissary of God, lightly. He made his calling become his core values. He believed in hard work, fairness. and the importance of contributing positively to the world around him.

Apostle Michael Ntumy had a profound sense of spirituality and a deep connection with his faith. This spiritual foundation was a source of strength and comfort throughout his life, especially during challenging times. His faith was a testament to his character – resilient, hopeful, and always seeking the light.

Despite the challenges Apostle Ntumy faced, he displayed remarkable courage and dignity and has taught me the value of resilience, the importance of facing each day with courage, and the power of maintaining a positive outlook.

Today, as we reflect on Apostle Michaell Ntumy's life, let us not dwell on our loss, but instead celebrate the gift of time we had with him. Let us cherish the memories, the laughter, the wisdom, and the love that he shared so generously.

Apostle Michael Kwabena Ntumy's journey with us may have come to an end, but his spirit lives on in our hearts and memories. He has left an indelible mark on our lives, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

FOR CERTAIN IS DEATH FOR THE BORN AND CERTAIN IS BIRTH FOR THE DEAD; THEREFORE OVER THE INEVITABLE THOU SHOULD NOT GRIEVE. (BHAGAVAD GITA)

**TRIBUTE BY** 

THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST, LIBERIA

THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE HE SO LOVED

"For when David, had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep;..." **Acts 13:36 NIV** 

The Church of Pentecost Liberia unreservedly and overwhelmingly appreciates, honours and salutes our dear Daddy departed, Apostle Dr. Michael K. Ntumy as an addicted soldier of the cross and a Great General of the Lord's host, who "loved not his life even unto the death." (Rev. 12:11)

he life and ministry of our late father, Papa Ntumy, as a Missionary attache' in Liberia. with Buchanan as his duty station, was verv impactful, even though interrupted and shortened by the civil war which started just 13 months after he landed with his family of five on the shores of Liberia in November 1988. As a General ready to execute the will and agenda of his Commander in Chief, his life was marked by unswerving devotion to the Lord and utter dedication to the effective spreading of the gospel, making of disciples, planting of new churches, expanding the frontiers of the church and raising of committed and effective leaders. His love, passion and enthusiasm for God and His work was great and resulted to the opening of several new assemblies, including, Rivercess (now District), Estate 4, Vanvusu, Dry Bean, and Beabea Camps (in LAC), which were added to No. 3 Compound (now a vibrant District. The expansion of the Buchanan District in a short time set the foundation that has now made it one of the viable Areas in Liberia.

The influence of his faith and his dedication to service has not only touched the lives of those he has directly led and served but has also left a lasting impression on countless others. Through his actions, Daddy continually demonstrated the power of indiscriminate love toward all, both brethren and those outside the church which made him not only a Pastor for the church but for the community at large; as well as the importance of living a life of purpose and meaning.

#### A GREAT SPIRITUAL LEADER AND MENTOR

Daddy's excellent and impactful leadership caused tremendous spiritual and numerical growth to the church in a short time before his taking hostage and compulsory departure from the nation. During that short period he was able to identified several young men, discipled, mentored, encouraged,

and developed them for the ministry. As the war prolonged, he facilitated the travel of a group of Liberian brethren to Tabou in the Ivory Coast in 1993 whom he cared for. The group, a total of 37 persons comprised many of the young men he was developing in Liberia and as such used the opportunity to continue to mentor them. On one of his visits to them during an Easter convention in 1994, he prophesied "some of you will be Apostles, some of you Pastors and Pastors' wives, and the least among you will be an Elder".

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True to this prophecy, from this has emerged, aroup Apostle Massaboi M. Zuwu (then an Elder). Apostle Joseph T. Slewion (then an Elder), Apostle Quie G. Toe (then a Brother), Pastor Samson Martin, Pastor Theophilus Wiah, Pastor Teah Wesseh, Prob. Ovrs. Moses Nagbe (all brother then), Pastor Barclays Walker & wife (who were members of Gospel Faith Missions inLiberia and now National Overseer) and Elder Francis Wheadyou (the only Elder from the group).

Daddy compulsorily left Liberia, but Liberia never left his heart for the rest of his life. He has left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of countless individuals. His legacy is evident in the lives he has touched, the relationships he built and nurtured, the spiritual growth he fostered, leaders he raised and the many young Ministers he mentored.

The Church of Pentecost Liberia mourns the departure of our dear father, but however console ourselves in the Bible truth of his translation from this lowly estate to join his forebears, and the triumphant Church in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ. We thus say good night to Daddy and rest well till we meet again.

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**TRIBUTE BY THE** 

**REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTE** 

THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST MIDDLE EAST AND GULF

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing". (2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV)

A MIGHTY OAK TREE HAS FALLEN. A FIVE-STAR GENERAL IN THE LORD'S ARMY HAS BEEN CALLED HOME TO JOIN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT IN A BETTER LAND.

hairman Ntumy, as he was affectionately called by all, was well mannered, a real father and a wise counsellor. He exhibited generosity to its core, the kind of hospitality he displayed was without measure. He was a kind hearted person, very patient, polite and was rarely seen angry. Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy was a walking Bible, Bible Commentary, and a thesaurus. He was excellent communicator, a terrific polyglot and prolific writer. He also ensured that, when communicating one chose words carefully, especially our usage of the king's language. He espoused the right LIFE WELL LIVED

construction of sentences and correct grammatical expressions.

He was an epitome of humility, down to earth and an exemplary leader. His leadership quality cannot be glossed over, his Jesus like humility was unparalleled. He was indeed an example of Jesus in his generation.

Dr. Ntumy gave hope to the hopeless and a voice to the voiceless. He cherished education, during his term of office as chairman, he encouraged a lot of ministers to further their theological education.

His devotion to work is worthy of emulation. He lived by example. Time management was paramount to him. His friendship went beyond bounds, and was not limited to just a pastor member relationship. He took keen interest in the family life of his congregants, always inquiring about children's education and what their aspiration were. Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena served the Church of Pentecost verv well both as a Minister. Missionary and Chairman of the Church. His enduring life and ministry are a testimony of his faith in God. His leadership elevated the Church to higher heights, and his life's story assures believers of God's protection for his children. He was a father, and a mentor to many people in and outside the church. He was a giant in the Church. Chairman Ntumy was a true man of God and a good Christian who was grateful for everything done for him.

The CoP-UK ministers once described him and I quote "As a revered figure in the Church of Pentecost, he inspiringly motivated many individuals to serve God wholeheartedly. Through sharing his compelling experiences of mission work, his evident spiritual depth, and wisdom, he has impacted countless lives fostered unwavering dedication even amidst adversity. Apostle Ntumy's lasting influence can

be encapsulated in the word "fortitude. Despite the high authority and recognition God gave him, he was extraordinarily approachable and a people's person".

An erudite and masterful wordsmith of the gospel. One of a kind, he was able to combine greatness with humility and able to teach and demonstrate love to all and sundry.

Our father has finally finished his earthly sojourn. He has battled gallantly and inspirationally held the faith. Indeed he was a gallant soldier of the Cross. He is in a better place, now sickness has no hold over him, he has assumed an incorruptible body and has transitioned from time to eternity.

Our deepest condolences to our dear mother, Mrs Martha Ntumy, the Children, the family, the Church in Germany, and the entire CoP global family. May his beautifully stoic soul rest in peace in the bosom of his Maker until we meet on that beautiful shore.

We are grateful to God for the period He loaned this gem and precious treasure to The Church of Pentecost and humanity. Papa Ntumy's departure is painful, nevertheless his demise has given a lot of lessons and his legacy is an indelible mark. We will forever have him in our hearts and minds. It is true that we all are dispensable and when our bells toll, we will be called to eternal rest. May he rest well, God's General.



#### **TRIBUTE BY THE**

## GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST IN HONOUR OF APOSTLE DR MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY (RTD.)

It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies - 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, NLT.

od's Chosen General, Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy, whose mortal remains lie before us this morning, conquered nations with the gospel, broke barriers and reached the unreached, built bridges with various churches and para-church organisations, set the pace to elevate The Church of Pentecost to a higher level, thereby gaining national and global prominence. Today, as he ends his divine assignment on earth, we cannot help but salute him for the exploits the Lord used him to do.

The mammoth gathering of faithful, statesmen, politicians, loved ones, and members of the general public attest to the fact that our departed former Chairman was, indeed, a God-chosen general who lived to impact the world with Kingdom values and principles and served the purpose of God in his

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generation. We can associate with Apostle Paul's assertion in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 that Chairman Ntumy fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now awaits his crown of righteousness from his Master Jesus Christ, whom he followed and served with dedication, selflessness, consciousness, and with all his strength.

#### **Ministerial Calling**

Trained as a professional teacher at the Atebubu College of Education, Apostle Dr M. K. Ntumy was called into the full-time ministry of The Church of Pentecost in 1984. The ministry took him to Tamale from 1984 to 1985; Krachi Nkwanta from 1985 to 1988; Liberia from 1988 to 1991; La Cote d'Ivoire from 1991 to 1997; France from 1997 to 1998; and to the Headquarters as Chairman of the Church from 1998 to 2008. After successfully serving his term, Apostle Ntumy was stationed in Germany as a Missionary and National Head from 2008 to 2023.

Spending 39 years in active ministry was not easy; it came with many ups and downs. As a young minister, he worked with dexterity, leaving no stone unturned to champion the cause of the Kingdom. Due to his passion for lost souls, the leadership of the Church sent him to missions and stationed him in Buchanan City, Liberia, as a District Minister. His presence there saw a massive growth of the Church in Liberia until the nation was engulfed in civil war. His love for the Church and humanity saw him stay with the members in Liberia with his family in the heat of the war at the peril of his life. Through it all, God rescued him from the melee, and, amazingly, no member of the Church lost his or her lives in the war, though they were taken hostage into a "camp of no return."

From Liberia, Apostle Ntumy continued the work of ministry in La Cote d'Ivoire as National Head. He broke many grounds for the Church to be planted in many parts of the country and established a Francophone Bible College. His apostolic ministry led him to neighbouring countries, specifically Mali and Niger, where he pioneered the Church in those countries.

## Election to the highest Office in the Church

While serving as a missionary in France in 1998, Apostle Ntumy was elected as the 4th Chairman of The Church of Pentecost at age 40. Under

his ten-year leadership as Chairman, the Church experienced exponential numerical, spiritual, financial, and material growth, gaining global prominence. This caught the attention of the then President of the Republic, His Excellency President John Agyekum Kufuor, to confer on him the prestigious Order of the Volta, Companion national laurel.

#### **Major Achievements as Chairman**

The Ntumy Administration was greeted with supernatural happenings in all facets of the Church. In education, the Church's then Bible College was upgraded to a university status and known as Pentecost University College, now Pentecost University; the two Pentecost senior high schools in Koforidua and Kumasi, and other educational facilities were established. During the same period, the Church's health frontiers were expanded by establishing many health centres in various communities across Ghana, while the Pentecost Hospital in Madina received a significant facelift. The Church's membership grew by over 100%, increasing from 803,229 to 1,699,412 at the end of his tenure. This led to the creation of many administrative Areas and Districts to

ensure the effective management of the members and church resources.

#### Ministry

Apostle Dr Ntumy was a Bible expositor par excellence who taught the Bible with a flair. This was so because he cultivated enough time for meditation and studying the Scriptures. He was also prayerful and never underestimated the role of prayer in managing the affairs of the Church. This resulted in the many outstanding achievements recorded under his tenure as Chairman and minister. His administrative acumen. though young, was never questioned due to the unique wisdom and human relationship skills God endowed him with. He was the 'daring boy' loved by members and non-members, the old and the vounger generations.

#### Life after Chairmanship

Thus, at age 50 in 2008, Apostle Dr Ntumy ended his chairmanship and was transferred to Germany as national head, a position he held until February 2009 when he was struck by paralysis. In 2013, he was appointed Director of Pentecost Literary Works, which he operated with two moving fingers, from his residence in Germany. Over the past

ten years, he co-edited 20 published books for the Church and contributed many published book chapters.

#### **Retirement & Home call**

Apostle Dr Michael Ntumy retired from active ministry on September 24, 2023, in Humburg, Germany. He was called home by his Maker in his home country, Ghana, on December 27, 2023, a few months after his retirement.

## Encouragement to Wife & Bereaved Family

Death is inevitable and part of human life. This world is full of suffering, wickedness, anxiety, sickness and evil. Hence, God takes His own to Himself to give them eternal rest to escape further troubles of the world. Our dear former Chairman had his fair share of life's sufferings, but the Scriptures assures us that although he suffered torture in his physical body, he will be raised in glory, strength and with a spiritual body.

The exceptional role that Mama Martha played during Apostle Ntumy's 15 years of incapacitation is of immense significance. Her unwavering support throughout this long period of adversity was marked by an unparalleled dedication that cannot simply be summed up in words. There were undoubtedly high tides and lowides during those years, but Mama Martha's tireless support served as an invincible pillar, helping our father navigate through them all. Her commitment was deeply woven into the fabric of endurance and love that held the family together.

Indeed, Mama Martha, a woman blessed by God, was like a dependable rock during this trying period. Her faith never wavered; instead, it became the beacon that guided our father through the darkest of times. In both the good times and the bad, she remained a steadfast presence by his side. She weathered the storms and shared in the days of clear skies, embodying the essence of a truly loval and caring partner. With no doubt, her strength and tenacity deserve our utmost praise. We commend Mama Martha not just for standing by our father during these times, but also for taking him through this journey with a grace and resilience that commands respect. Her actions served as an inspirational example of resolute will and a tireless spirit. Her example of dutiful care and relentless support during a period

when many others might have faltered is a testament to her remarkable character. Mama Martha's role was not just significant—it was life-changing and awe-inspiring. We do not simply commend her for her efforts; we respect her, and hold her in the highest esteem for the role she has played so expertly. She symbolises strength, grace, and unwavering faith, and for that, we recognise and celebrate her.

The General Council of The Church of Pentecost, on behalf of the entire membership of the Church, extends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, particularly his dear wife, Mama Martha Ntumy and his children, for this irreplaceable loss. We know that the Lord will continue to keep and comfort them in this trying moment.

We pray that the faithful God who gifted Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy to The Church of Pentecost, the family, Ghana and the world as a whole, may keep his gentle soul in His bosom until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ for both the living and the dead saints. Amen!

# -`+´tribute by PENTECOST UNIVERSITY

"Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" (**Psalm 112:6 KJV).** 

postle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy (Rtd) was the first Chancellor of Pentecost University. This came by virtue of the statutes of the Institution, which affirm the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost as the Chancellor of the institution. It was during his tenure as Chancellor that the Bible College was upgraded into a University College. The College has now grown into a fully-fledged University, branded as University A+. As an academic himself. Apostle Dr. Ntumy prioritised theological education and other fields of study to increase the spirituality and intellectual strength of the clergy and all

While serving as the Chancellor, he was instrumental in the introduction of modular studies, which enabled many CoP ministers to advance their theological education whilst in active ministry. This became a springboard for some of the ministers to continue their studies even at the Master's level in other academic institutions. LIF

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It was during his tenure in office that a robust and locally-designed Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theology and Mission programme was introduced by the Faculty of Theology and Mission (FTM) through the School of Theological Education by Extension (STEE). Holding himself as an example, Apostle Dr. Ntumy inspired many of the ministers of The Church of Pentecost not to relent in their pursuit of knowledge to become effective ministers of the Word. Under his leadership, several ministers were sponsored by the Church for further studies, particularly in the field of theology and religious studies, both in Ghana and abroad. The team of lecturers, so developed, enhanced the training of lay leaders across the country and ministers' wives training at the Church's conference centre at Agogo in Asante Akyem, Ghana. Annual themes and lectures were also introduced to equip ministers and the Church in general. It is due to this drive and many other initiatives in advancing education, spiritual and intellectual growth, that Apostle Dr. Michael Kwabena Ntumy (Rtd) would most be remembered in the annals of the University.

May his soul Rest in Perfect Peace.

Celebrating the life of GOD'S CHOSEN GENERAL

## TRIBUTE BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL- CÔTE D'IVOIRE

rom The Church of Pentecost International- Côte d'Ivoire in honour of our dear Daddy, Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy.

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

The Church of Pentecost International - Côte d'Ivoire pays tribute to Apostle Dr Michael Kwabena Ntumy for the enormous and remarkable work that he accomplished for the Church and the people of God in Côte d'Ivoire as a Missionary and a National Head from 1991 to 1997.

Indeed, having arrived in 1991 to take over from the late Apostle BUENOU

Y. Apedo, he enormously impacted the Church and the people of God in Côte d'Ivoire through his qualities as a rigorous leader with integrity who loved the work to be well done.

We remember him vividly for his crucial role in identifying and training leaders in Côte d'Ivoire, particularly the youth.

Most of the Church leaders in Côte d'Ivoire he identified, trained and called into the ministry are now at the helm of affairs of the Church under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

His life of fasting and prayer has impacted us. We always remember his words: "THE WORK IS PRAYER AND ACTION."

He will forever remain our true father, a great trainer and a seasoned teacher.

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APOSTLE MICHAEL KWABENA NTUMY (RTD)

We will continually remember him before our God and our Father for the enormous work he has done.

His faith, love and endurance enabled him to impact the Church.

We are grateful to God for granting him to us as our Missionary, Trainer and Father.

We are very grateful to him for all that God enabled him to do for us as a Missionary and National Head of the Church.

We were amazed by his ministry and qualities as a rare visionary leader who made it possible to send the Gospel throughout the country and beyond our borders.

Indeed, he would not have been able to accomplish all this work without the immense support of his dearly beloved wife, our mother, MARTHA. She stood by his side in fasting and prayer. She was his ideal partner, a virtuous, affable and dedicated woman, an effective and honest advisor.

His moral and spiritual abilities and mental faculties enabled him to overcome all obstacles that presented themselves to him through a spirit of resilience, which made him always available for the work of God and also respond to the requests of his many spiritual sons and daughters around the world.

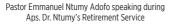
He can be proud to have served God and men, his country Ghana and the whole world through effective ministry, quality leadership and true humanism because he loved people in addition to serving men.

May the Lord, the God of our Fathers, who is also our God, receive him by His side into the eternal rest of God's elect

With much love and gratitude. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

#### PHOTO GALLERY







Aps and Mrs Ntumy with CoP Chairman Aps Nyamekye, other Apostles and Wives during his retirement service







Aps and Mrs Nturny with Eld Dr Nana Amo Tobin and Eld Dr Joseph Siaw Agyepong and Mrs Adelaide Agyepong



Aps and Mrs Ntumy with Children and their Spouses



With the family after his farewell from Head Office to Germany in 2008



Aps and Mrs Ntumy circa 2007

#### PHOTO GALLERY



#### GRANDCHILDREN



Michaela



Machsi



Fiona



Martha



Samuel



Maya



Jeshurun



Apphia-Janelle



Gianna



Joyce



Gideon



Darlington

Queengel



Clinton

#### GRANDCHILDREN



Stephen



Nana Yaa



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Jesse



Michael



Belinda



Jason, Alvin, Jared & Lijah



Nhyira, Melody & Manny



Hannah & Michelle



#### Ruth & Esther



Ebenezer



Yaa Asantewaa, Afia Korantemaa, & Jude



Ethel



Martha

#### SIBLINGS



Elizabeth Yaa Adade Ntumy



Madam Augusta Ntumy



Lawrencia Nkrumah Afreh



Mrs. Faustina Badu Koomson



Mr. Anthony Gyane



Elder Emmanuel Gyane



Madam Grace Amoo



Madam Mary Ebachi



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- LIFE WELL LIVED

# Songs

#### (1)

# Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Calling for you and for me See on the portal He's watching and waiting Waitin' for you and for me

Come home Come ho-ome He who are wary Come ho-ome Ernestly, tenderly Jesus is calling Calling, oh sinner Come home

Come home Come ho-ome He who are wary Come ho-o-ome Ernestly, tenderly Jesus is calling Calling, oh sinner Come home (2)

a. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross

The emblem of suffering and shame

And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was

slain

## So I'll cherish the old rugged cross

*Till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown* 

b. O, the old rugged cross, so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. c. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me

d. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true Its shame and reproach gladly bear, Then he'll call me some day to my home far away, When his glory for ever I'll share George Bernard (1873-1958)

#### (3)

a. There's a land that is fairer than day,

and by faith we can see it afar. For the Father waits over the way

to prepare us a dwelling place there.

#### Chorus

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore. b. We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest; and our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

c. To our bountiful Father above we will our tribute of praise, for the glorious gift of his love and the blessings that hallow our days. Sanford Fillmore Bennett (1868)

#### (4)

## What singing there will be up there

What singing there will be up there, When face to face with Jesus we shall stand; And join the heavenly choir in a better land; What singing there will be up there, What glory for the saints to share, O Glory, glory, glory! What singing there will be up there. Hugh Mitchell PH 151

#### (5)

# When peace, like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows, like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know, "It is well, it is well with my soul It is well... with my soul... It is well, it is well with my soul

b.Though, Satan should buffet, If trials should come Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

c.My sin-oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin - not in part but the whole Is nailed to his cross; and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. d.For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live! If Jordan above me shall roll, No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life. Thou wilt whisper thy peace to my soul.

e.But Lord, 'tis for thee, for thy coming we wait The sky, not the grave, is our goal Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord' Blessed hope! Blessed rest of my soul. H.G. Spatted

#### (6)

a. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?When the clouds unfold their wings of strife;When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll: Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

b. It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;And the cables passed from His heart to mine,Can defy the blast, through strength divine

c. It will firmly hold in the straits of fear, When the breakers have told the reef is near, Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow, Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. d. It will surely hold in the floods of death,

When the waters cold, chill our latest breath

On the rising tide it can never fail,

While our hopes abide within the veil!

e.When our eyes behold, through the gathering night The city of gold, our harbour bright, We shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore, With the storms all past for

evermore

Priscilla J. Owen

#### (7)

a. Akwantu bi wo ho a yebetu Enys wiase ha akwantu no bi, Soro ho akwantu na yeretwen, Anigye ben na saa da no beye!

b. Se sum hye kabii ma apranaa bobom, Ma Kristo mu awufo sore kan. Na se yene won bom kohyia Kristo a, Anigye ben na saa da no beve c. Anigye na ysde betu kwan no. Ahurusi na yede behyia Kristo Gyedifo nyinaa bebom anantew, Anigye ben na saa da no beye

d. Yɛbehu yɛn ho anim ne anim Bere a yebehyia wɔ ahengua no anim, Na sɛ ahotewfo nyinaa bom tena a, Anigye ban na saa da no baya

e. YEWO dwom foforo bi a yEbsto, Soro abofo mpo renntumi nnte ase YEN nkunimdi ho dwom na yEbsto, Anigye bEN na saa da no bEYE Apostolic Twi Hymnal 297

#### (8)

Ampa Nyankopon n'adom ara kwa Na nns ysda so te ase yi Obra n'akotroka dooso dsn ara Wayi ysn afiri mu sonn Dwuma papa biara yedi Efi Nyame ne mmoa Enti ysbsto Ebenezer na ys akyers a ase Nea Nyame aboa ysn abedu nie

Ebenezer! Nyew!! Nyame aboa yen abedu ni EbenezerE Nyew!! Nyame N'adom ara kwa

#### (9)

Morotweon ne mbae no Wo sor adampan mu Morotweon me Jesus, Onkekver na Waba Meretsew na meretsie ndze a Ebetseem odasum Morotweon me Jesus. Onkekver na Waba Wahye bo de obefa m' Dze me ako N'envimnyam mu. Wahye bo de Obema m'kunyim Ahenkyew na m'asoa Meretsew na meretsie ndze a Ebetseem odasum Morotweon me Jesus, enkever na Waba.

#### (10)

Wiase amanne no dooso Dhaw, aperepere ne nyarewa Owuo twa so ma won a woaõhu Yesu Kristo no (x2) Kristo bema ye'ahoõme Na Əbedwodwo yen kra daa nyinaa

b. Akoneaba bebree yi mu Ahodwan ne ahokyere yi mu Awieõε, nea εhia ne sε: wobehu Kristo anim (x2)

c. Apinisie ne dadwene nyinaa mu Mpaebo, mmuadadi nyinaa m' Abrabo pa na yεde beõpue Kristo no anim (x2)

d. Yɛn "nhwesoɔ̃adwuma" yi mu Nea ɛhia yɛn ara ne sɛ: Akontaa pa na yɛbebu wɔ Kristo no aɔ̃nim (x2)

#### (11)

Wo Behwim yen afa Mununkum yi mu Ako yen Agya nkyen wo soro ho nom Yen koma beto yen yem Wo bema yen akwaaba Yen koma beto yen yem Wo bema yen akwaaba LIFE WELL LIVED

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