

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

HELPS MINISTRY WEEKEND 2017

T H E M E :

**HELPS
MINISTRY-
ROUTE TO
COMPLETE
RESTORATION**

21st – 24th September, 2017

Venue: All RCCG Parishes

PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE | General Overseer

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Through: THE PASTORS IN CHARGE OF REGIONS/PROVINCES
THE PASTORS IN CHARGE OF ZONES/AREAS

To: THE PASTORS IN CHARGE OF PARISHES

Dearly Beloved Pastor,

It is with a heart full of gratitude to God Almighty, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that we bring you greetings in this season and times.

As always, we are so thankful to God to have spared us and kept us safe and sound to witness another year of celebrating the “HELPS” MINISTRY weekend. We can never be too grateful, thankful and appreciative of all His mercies, love, care and faithfulness towards us and all that is ours. To him be all the Glory and honour for ever more in Jesus Name. Amen

In this year of COMPLETE RESTORATION that will surely result in all of us shouting HALLELUYAH – the Sound/Song of Victory, the Spirit of God is leading us to centralize the theme of this year's Helps Weekend celebrations around these key slogans. Hence our theme this year is HELPS MINISTRY – ROUTE TO COMPLETE RESTORATION and our lead scripture is taken from Joel 2 : 21 – 27, in which God is telling us in summary, that we should fear not and that whatever we have lost to the enemy or the enemy has stolen from us, there will be full restoration and our joy shall be full as shame will be far from us and all that has to do with us.

The role of the Helps Ministry to accomplish the above is the focus of this year's

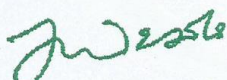
celebration, may God help us as we continue in the celebrations, Amen.

As we may all know already, the Departments involved in the celebrations are:

- (a.) The Ushering Department (b.) The Prayer Champion Department
- (c.) The Music/ Choir Department (d.) The Welfare Department

We wish each and every one of us a blessed celebration on this year's "Helps Weekend" that will make God to completely restore us to our original destiny in Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.

As we identify with the vision of the Helps Ministry, may the Almighty God bless us mightily in Jesus name. Amen.



PASTOR J.F. ODESOLA

Assistant General Overseer (Admin & Personnel)

NOTE: Kindly note that all reports, including records of attendance and offerings collected during the weekend are to be forwarded to RCCG Directorate of Helps Ministry, Redemption Camp c/o CRWS Office, Admin & Personnel Dept., International Secretariat, Redemption Camp i.e. (Ushering, Music/Choir, Prayer and Welfare), through the office of the Pastor-in-Charge of the Province.

All offerings should be disbursed to the respective Departments as follows:- Parish (15%), Province (5%) and (80%) should be sent to the Directorate of Helps Ministry, Redemption Camp.

Programme Of Events

DAYS	TOPICS
Thursday 21st September, 2017	The Need For Complete Restoration
Friday 22nd September, 2017	Attitudes For Complete Restoration
Saturday 23rd September, 2017	Acts For Complete Restoration
Sunday 24th September, 2017	Route To Complete Restoration

DAY 1

**THURSDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER, 2017**

TOPIC: **THE NEED FOR COMPLETE RESTORATION**

Everyone born into this world is born needing to be completely restored! Why?, this is so because of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden- Man though rated very good by God Gen. 1vs 31 fell into sin when he ate the forbidden fruit and lost his position in God and creation to the enemy – The devil, ever since then and every man born into this world has been born needing restoration- not a loop sided restoration, but complete restoration.

Man struggled through generations to achieve this restoration by worshipping strange gods and creatures, but man's desire for complete restoration was accomplished when God came to man in the person of Jesus Christ to atone for the sins of man, thereby effecting and enforcing complete restoration to all those who will through salvation i.e. being saved in Christ Jesus, accept his saving grace extended to all men irrespective of tribe, colour, status etc.

As saved children of God, when we truly desire complete restoration after salvation, we take our serving God higher by identifying and joining one of the arms of the helps Ministry Department. When we truly thirst for more of God after salvation, we usually join one of the arms of the Helps Ministries as enumerated in our introduction i.e.

- a. The Ushering Department
- b. The Prayer Champion Department
- c. The Music/ Choir Department
- d. The Welfare Department

When we join any of these Ministries, we are called “Workers” in the Vineyard of the Lord. At this point, we are no more just Church Members, we are now higher than ordinary Church Members and consequently we invariably come under authority and discipline of God and the church and thereby start our journey to complete restoration.

We are now bound to the church doctrines, disciplinary measures and strict spiritual and physical monitoring, because we have, on our own volition opted to be close to God, God Himself will keep a close eye on us, to watch over us, fight for us, protect us, provide for our needs, spiritual and temporal and truly make us the apple of his eyes. (Phil 4:19, Ps 23: 1, 2 Cor 9:8, Isaiah 54:17, Zach 2:8).

As many of us that are yet to join any of the Helps ministerial arm (Worker), a challenge is being put forward to us today to take a step of faith and join the Workers- if we are to be completely restored in every areas of our lives.

May God bless us, encourage us and empower us as we take this decision in Jesus Name. Amen

TOPIC: **ATTITUDES FOR COMPLETE RESTORATION**

To be completely restored means to gain back all we have lost to the enemy i.e. the devil. Another possible definition of being completely restored is to fulfill our destinies as originally planned by God i.e. the destiny of

- a. Being head and not tail
- b. Above, not beneath
- c. Being lender nor borrower
- d. Being a terror to our enemies
- e. Of fulfilling all of God's promises to us in His word from Genesis all the way down to revelation. (For the above Read Deut. 28 vs 1 – 14.)

The question now is who needs complete restoration? By a diligent study of the Word of God, the following can be said to be those that need complete restoration.

- a. The sinner. (Luke 18: 13 – 14, John 10:10)
- b. The backslider. (Isaiah 55: 6-7)
- c. The prodigal, the lost. (Luke 15:11-32)
- d. The believer. (John 11:32, Luke 8:43-50, Romans 8:32)
- e. The helpless and the needy. (Isaiah 41:10-13, Ps 46:10-13)
- f. The defeated, the hopeless. (John 11:23, Ps 136:11-12)
- g. The forgotten. (1 Samuel 16:12-13, Ps 136:23)
- h. The captured. (Isaiah 49:24-25, Acts 3:6, Psalms 35:2)
- i. The sick. (Ps 41:8-11, Acts 9:34, Isaiah 53:4-5)
- j. The oppressed, the limited. (Mark 10:57-52, Psalms 24:7-10)
- k. The deserted and abandoned. (Isaiah 49:15-16, John 4:28-29)
- l. The afflicted (1 John 3:8, Psalm 34:19)
- m. The poor (spiritually, physically, materially, financially etc.) (Matt 5:3, 1 Sam 2:7, 3, John 2)
- n. The humble. (James 4:10, Ps 147:6)

HOW CAN I "BE COMPLETELY RESTORED"?

It is only through God's power that those who need complete restoration can be restored and by coming to Him for solution. Overwhelming desire for divine intervention invites a divine visitation. (Ps 43 vs 18)

Prayer - The move of God can be drawn by a shattered heart of a broken, burdened person who believes and desires to "**be lifted**". Ps 51:17b :- "**a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise**"

Prayer draw the power of God through the humble plea of the broken hearted. 2Chronicles 7:14. The father of the boy openly declared the sorrowful situation of satanic activities in the life of the boy, who the disciples could not help nor deliver. (Mark 9:17-27).

CONCLUSION:

Complete restoration, Divine power, Divine provision and Divine protection of God are available to all men. Jesus has conquered Satan and demons (Gal. 2:20, Phil. 2:9-11). All things promised by God with faith in His mercy, compassion, and unfailing power. The humble plea and tender sympathy of the Father for Himself and the son drew the compassionate action of God.

TOPIC: **ACTS FOR
COMPLETE RESTORATION**

On this day we wish to highlight the acts or actions of the Members of the participating Departments of the Helps Weekend that can naturally trigger complete restoration that we all so much desire

The number one and basic condition for any one who would be a Member of any these Departments are salvation, water baptism in RCCG and Holy Ghost baptism evidenced by speaking in tongues is assumed and compulsory before these.

USHERING DEPARTMENT:-

As an Usher in the Vineyard of God, the following should constitute/manifest a higher walk with God:-

- a) Getting the venues of church events ready before the event start. This includes cleaning, arranging the seats and furniture, decorating the seats and furniture, decorating the auditorium to ensure good aesthetics.
- b) Assisting in sanitation and cleaning of the inside and outside of the premises before, during and after the events.
- c) Monitoring and ensuring orderliness of people's movement and conduct during church events.
- d) Collection of all offering during events, counting and recording them into all necessary books for statistical records.
- e) Handing over the checked offerings to designated Officers who take them to bank at once.
- f) Attending to the needs of congregational Members during an ongoing event/service.
- g) Taking attendance of the congregation in Church events/services and recording this in all necessary books as stipulated.
- h) Waiting on the Pastors and Ministers for errands to meet official needs during and after events.

MUSIC/CHOIR DEPARTMENT

Just as for the Ushering Department, the following qualification should be seen in the life of a true and dedicated Choir who wish to walk higher with God. All these should make them more efficient in carrying out the functions expected of them.

1. Must be blameless 1 Cor. 1:8, Titus 1 & Col. 1:22
2. Must be the husband of one wife and be able to rule his own house, 1 Tim 3:12 and 3-4.
3. Must be an ardent prayer Champion Luke 18:1
4. Must be contented
5. Must be humble
6. Must have cheerful attitude

7. Must be neat and decent
8. Must have stamina / alertness
9. Must be ready to endure all hardness
10. Must be security conscious.

PRAYER CHAMPION DEPARTMENT

This is the spiritual bedrock of the Ministry, they are intercessors, the unseen, unsung power brokers behind the pulpit – those who uses prayers to wage war on the powers of darkness assigned and assailed against the people of God and the Church of God.

Their qualification and requirements are similar to those of the Music/Choir Department as above.

THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Welfare Department of the Church is the Department that liaises for, and portrays, the Church to the larger society. Their qualifications should include the following:-

- 1) Generosity: One must have a large heart and ready to give and to assist others. (Exodus 25:2, 2 Corinthians 8:7)
- 2) Love for others: One must also be the type that loves and willing to help others. (Job 10:12)
- 3) Sense of Concern: Without a sense of concern for others, one cannot make headway in this Department. (1 Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:2)
- 4) Confidentiality: A Worker in this Unit must be ready to keep official information about others confidential as he will be getting privileged information by virtue of his duties. (Galatians 6:2)

Principally, in the RCCG, the major arm of the ministry that is in charge of Welfare, and help to Members and non Members and indeed the world is "Christ the Redeemer's Welfare Services" CRWS Ministry was founded on the 13th of January, 1991 and the major functions are the following areas:-

- 1) To cater for the less privilege in the church and around us
- 2) To provide financial support to viable business ideas.
- 3) To assist in financing indigenous viable children projects.
- 4) To help/support committed and devoted Christians to realize their goals and destinies in life.
- 5) To help in employing and employment placing for members who are qualified.
- 6) To give financial help on compassionate grounds to member e.g for transportation for the first month of employment, for house rent, children school fees etc
- 7) To answer to distress calls for assistance e.g. during natural disaster, war situations etc. anywhere in the world.
- 8) To sponsor and support genuine missionaries and missions all over the world.

- 9) To organize welfare awareness programmes e.g. through seminars, conferences, symposium etc. both in local churches and the society at large.
- 10) To organize and facilitate rescue missions to disaster areas/regions of the world. To extend the love of Christ to all those in critical and desperate situations anywhere in the world.
- 11) To help and give scholarship and bursary to talented, brilliant but less privilege children/students and thereby helping to eradicate poverty in our churches and the world at large.
- 12) To help in running and maintaining schools e.g. primary, secondary and university thereby helping to give Godly and all round sound education to our youth who are the leaders and futures of nations tomorrow.

The Welfare Department should be made to work together with C.S.R i.e. Corporate Social Responsibility unit of the Church for greater results.

NOTE: In all Parishes and at all levels i.e. Parish, Area, Zones, etc, there should be practical demonstration of Christ love and welfare today by sharing out foodstuff, clothing's etc to our neighbors and surroundings. God will surely bless us as we do this. Remember (Proverbs 11:25.)

May God bless us, encourage us and empower us as we take this decision in Jesus Name. Amen.

DAY 4 **SUNDAY 24TH**
SEPTEMBER, 2017

TOPIC: **ROUTE TO COMPLETE RESTORATION**

Today Sunday marks the last day of this year's helps ministry weekend celebration and on this day we wish to really show us all the true and sure route to our complete restoration in all ramifications.

After salvation, i.e. being born again through the saving name of Jesus Christ, the easiest and allured way for quick total and complete restoration is SERVICE to God. By service, we mean working for God, with God and for His (God's) people. The four departments marking this HELPS weekend as can be seen from all that has been said from day one of this weekend programme is all about Service! Service!! And Service!!!

The ushering department is about service to God and His people. the prayer champion department is about service, the welfare department is about service, the choir / music department is about service so what constitute service in the house of God for one to experience complete restoration. Our lead scripture will give a guide to this. Joel 2 vs. 21 – 27.

From the above scripture, it could be summarized thus: - That once we engage in spiritual stewardship, we will begin to understand that God is not looking for whom to use but who to bless. Exo. 23vs 25 – 27 and Job 36 vs. 11.

We engage in spiritual service in two main ways among others.

- i) By praying kingdom – promotion, advancement and enlargement prayers e.g. Luke 23: 7, Matt 6: 9 - 10 & vs. 33
- ii) By consistently and effectually reaching out to the lost – Jhn 15: 16.
Also by going to the high ways and hedges and compelling men and women in their multitudes to come into the house of God Luke 14: 16 – 23, Jhn 15: 8
Some areas of our lives God will completely restore when we yield to the above commanding service in the house of God are:-
 - a) Divine Health – II Cor. 5: 20, Prov. 13 : 17
 - b) Supernatural Breakthrough – Luke 5: 1-7
 - c) Express answers to prayers – Jhn 15: 16
 - d) Supernatural fruitfulness – Ex. 23: 25-26
 - e) Divine Favour – Prov. 14: 28, ISam. 2: 30
 - f) Long life – Jhn 15: 1-2, Ps 90: 10
 - g) Command of signs and wonders – Luke 10: 17-19, Mark 16: 20

In conclusion, we should remember that we serve a God of 'set times' and from now on is our ordained set time for us to experience complete restoration in every area of our lives that will make us to continually be shouting HALLELUYAH for the rest of our lives and beyond in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

So let the completely restored shout HALELUYAH! HALELUYAH!! HALELUYAH!!!

Happy HELPS weekend and remain always blessed.

2017 HELPS MINISTRY WEEKEND

Offering Sheet

Thursday	- 21st September, 2017	₦	:	K
Friday	- 22nd September, 2017	₦	:	K
Saturday	- 23rd September, 2017	₦	:	K
Sunday	- 24th September, 2017	₦	:	K
TOTAL		₦	:	K

This sheet is to be completed by the Pastor in Charge of the Parish and sent with the September remittance to the National office, through the PIC Province. Other welfare materials are to be distributed to the needy at the discretion of the Parish Welfare Services Committee.

THE CHEQUE SHOULD BE WRITTEN IN FAVOUR OF RCCG, DIRECTORATE OF HELPS MINISTRY

1. Name of Parish Head Usher _____
Signature & Date
2. Name of Parish Prayer Champion Leader _____
Signature & Date
3. Name of Parish Music Leader _____
Signature & Date
4. Name of Parish Welfare Services Coordinator _____
Signature & Date

_____ Name of PIC, Parish	_____ Signature & Date
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