



### **The Team**

Our team consisted of four members:

Sixtus Awoke was responsible for all logistical matters and managed the books.

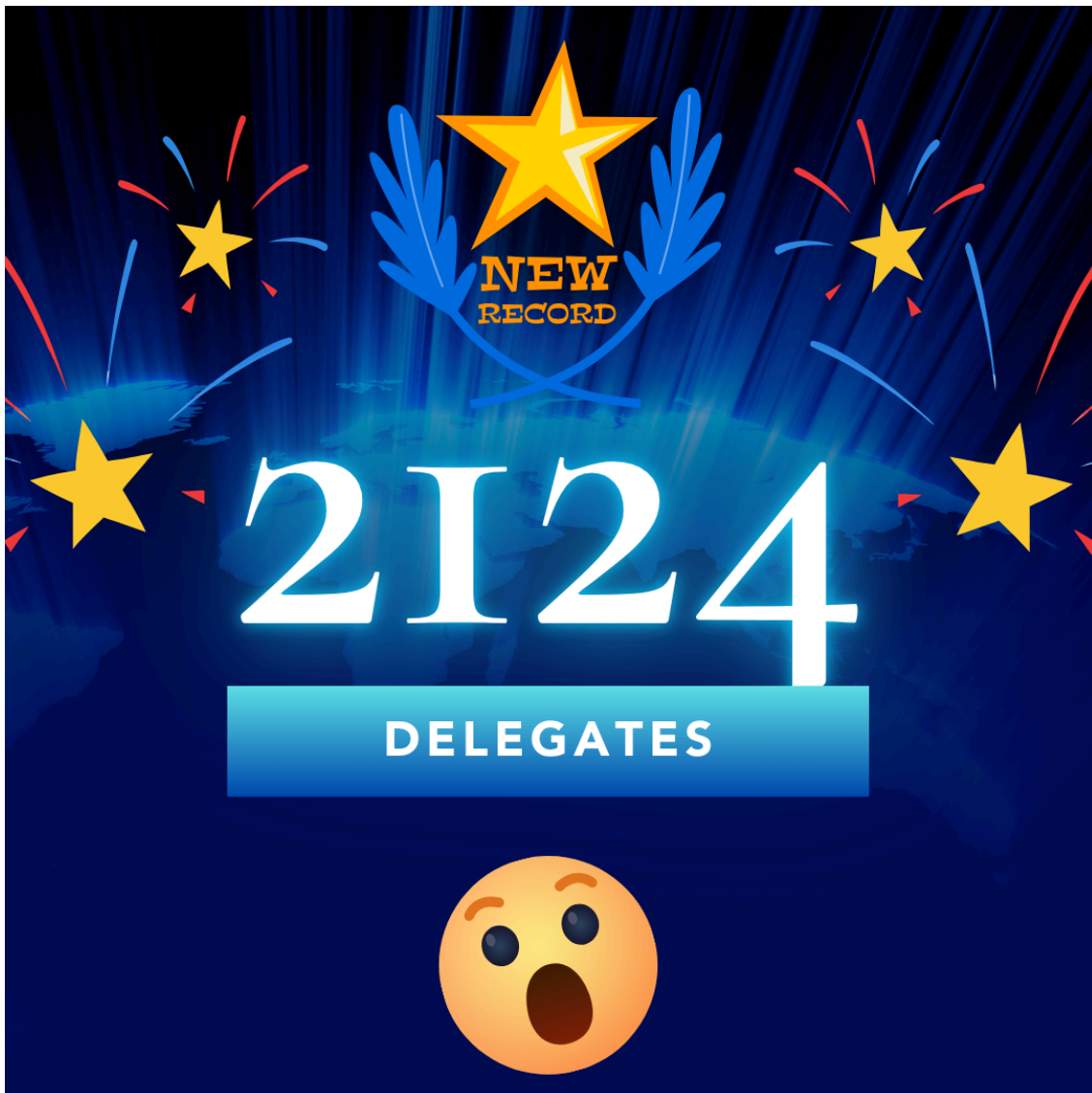
Peter Abutu, minister of Trinity Baptist Church in Abuja, served as our Northern Nigeria coordinator. He is highly knowledgeable about the region and has personal experience of the persecution faced by Christians at the hands of Boko Haram and the Fulani herdsmen.

Brino Kumwenda, minister of Christlike Baptist Church in Mzuzu, Malawi, preached sessions two, four, seven, and nine, providing insightful teaching throughout the conference.

Joshua Bolaji, minister of Welkom Baptist Church in Welkom, South Africa, managed the run, and preached the other five sessions.

### **The Conference Location and Attendance Stats**

Location	Date	Number
Kano	12-13 September	123
Gindiri	16-17 September	553
Jos	19-20 September	296
Kaduna	23-24 September	1025
Abuja	26-27 September	127





## **Theme**

### **Focus and Purpose**

The theme for the 2025 conferences is “Behold Your God,” which centres on a comprehensive exploration of the Doctrine of God. This theme was chosen as a deliberate effort to reorient delegates towards a biblical understanding of who God is, as revealed throughout the pages of Scripture.

### **Addressing Syncretism and Misconceptions**

A primary objective of this focus is to challenge the syncretism that has significantly influenced Christianity across the African continent. Over time, a blend of African Traditional Religious beliefs, New Age philosophies, and various superstitions has contributed to widespread misconceptions about the nature of the Godhead within the church. These distortions have led to errors in both doctrine and practice.

### **Recovering Biblical Knowledge of God**

Many prevailing notions about God stem from sources outside of Scripture, resulting in a deficient understanding of what the Bible truly reveals about His character and attributes. This lack of sound knowledge has profound implications for Christian life and faith, as the attributes of God are not merely abstract concepts; they are essential truths that every believer must know and understand for a vibrant and authentic faith.

## TOPICS

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The God Who Is  
The God Who is One  
The God Who Is Three  
The God Who Is All  
Our Creator God  
Our Covenant God  
Our Righteous God  
Our God Revealed in Christ  
The God Who Is Love

## SPEAKERS

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**JOSHUA BOLAJI**  
(Welkom Baptist Church, JHB, South Africa)

**BRINO KUMWENDA**  
(Christlike Baptist Church, Mzuzu, Malawi)

## **Context for North Nigeria**

On 26th September 2025, during the season premiere episode of HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, the host addressed the persistent violence against Christians in Nigeria. He characterized these attacks as a "genocide attempt" perpetrated by Islamist groups such as Boko Haram. Maher emphasized the grave scale of persecution, noting that since 2009, more than 100,000 Christians have been killed and 18,000 churches have been destroyed. He also voiced criticism regarding the lack of media coverage on this crisis. As a result of this broadcast, global attention was once again directed toward the plight of Christians in northern Nigeria, bringing the issue back to the forefront of international media platforms.

Reports from mission organizations including Open Doors and Voice of the Martyrs underscore that northern Nigeria is currently the most persecuted region for Christians worldwide. Against this backdrop, the Africa Pastors' Conference (APC) made its long-awaited return to north Nigeria in 2024. Prior to September 2024, APC's last visit to the region occurred in 2018. The intervening years were marked by a hiatus due to ongoing political instability and escalated terrorist activities by Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen. The opportunity to return to the region for two consecutive years was regarded as a valuable privilege, providing much-needed support to the gospel mission amid the challenging conditions faced in the northern states of Nigeria.

Further complicating the situation is the distribution of political power within Nigeria: out of the country's 36 states, about 19 governors are Muslim, a figure that corresponds with the core northern states, as well as several states in the Middle Belt and Southwest. Of these, ten governors are Fulani. This demographic reality helps explain the limited governmental response to terrorist activities—even when perpetrators are apprehended by local communities, little action is taken against them.

## **Pray for the Christians in Nigeria Video**



### Pray for the Persecuted in Northern Nigeria

The team is en route to the final conference in Mzuzu, Malawi, which kicks off tomorrow. In the meantime, here's a lovely summary of the Northern Nigeria run held earlier in September. It is well known that the northern region of Nigeria is rife with Christian persecution. We covet your prayers for the saints there and...

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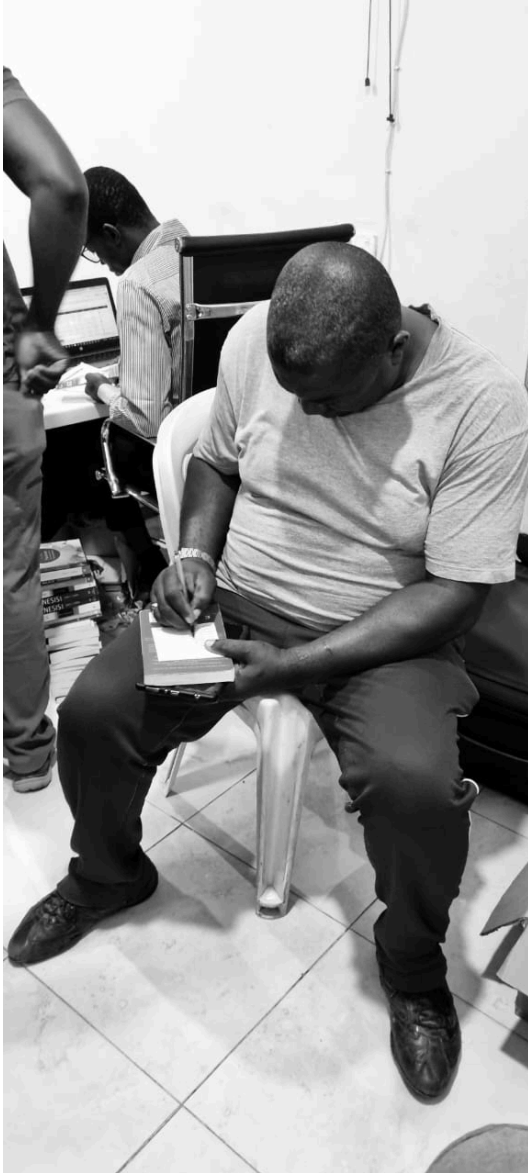


## Highlights

### Spiritual Hunger

Over the past 15 to 20 years, many Nigerian churches have witnessed a marked increase in dissatisfaction among believers, largely due to the prevalence of false teachings and unbiblical practices. This spiritual hunger has prompted a growing number to seek congregations committed to sound biblical preaching and authentic ecclesiology. However, the search often leads to frustration, as many churches offer little more than repackaged versions of the same problematic doctrines. Even seminaries, typically regarded as bastions of theological rigor, have not escaped fundamental issues.

A poignant example of this hunger comes from an Abuja pastor, who shared, “Pastor, do you know why I came to Bible College?” When asked to elaborate, he explained, “The church where I pastor is in an area that has been attacked by Boko Haram; so, I came to study the Bible so I can comfort my people with the Word of God.” This anecdote underscores the urgent desire for spiritual nourishment and the real-world implications of doctrinal clarity in regions beset by violence and uncertainty.



### **Crossway and Broken Wharfe**

It is important to acknowledge the significant contribution of Crossway and Broken Wharfe in providing the free books distributed to each delegate. The delegates were both impressed and deeply grateful to receive such outstanding resources as “Deity and Decree”, “God Is”, and “The ESV Global Study Bible”. Many delegates expressed their appreciation by immediately looking up the retail prices online, only to discover the substantial value of what they had been given. Their astonishment was palpable—one delegate remarked, “I can’t believe we received these books for free—they’re so valuable!” This generosity

not only enriched the conference experience but also equipped participants with essential tools for their ministries (we have the video recordings of some of the delegates giving feedback on our Facebook page).



## Theological Engagement

The APC conferences in Nigeria, particularly in the north, consistently attract large numbers of participants—a testament to the deep hunger for biblical truth. The intellectual and spiritual demands on speakers and preachers are considerable. During breaks, delegates eagerly engage in discussion, seeking answers and clarification on the teachings presented. The mental intensity of these interactions was described as “most probably the most mentally taxing of any APC run.”

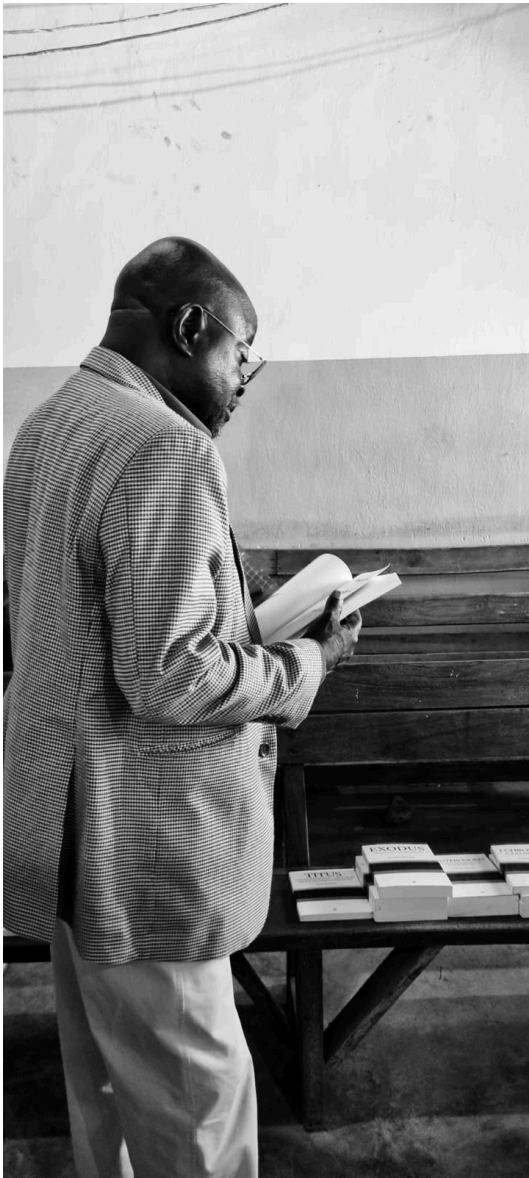
Delegates ranged from elderly pastors to teenagers, and their questions reflected genuine engagement with both the conference teachings and literature acquired in previous years. The report from Kaduna includes a representative list of these questions, illustrating the depth and breadth of theological inquiry. Such active participation signals a thriving culture of biblical examination but also reveals gaps in prior instruction and the pressing need for resources capable of addressing these concerns.



## **Pastoral Challenges**

The conference brought together pastors from independent churches as well as two major evangelical denominations in the region—ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) and COCIN (Church of Christ In Nations). Many independent pastors found themselves at a crossroads: having propagated the only version of Christianity they knew for years, they now faced the challenge of reforming their congregations in light of newfound biblical truths. The fear of losing members and the uncertainty of change presented real obstacles. Counselling these leaders through the reality that “this is the cost they will have to pay for standing for the truth” was a sobering task.

In ECWA and COCIN, pastors acknowledged their Reformed theological roots, lamenting the drift towards ‘Word of Faith’ teachings over the decades. The grip of church politics often stifles reform efforts: one pastor, after preaching biblically, was transferred to a rural area as a punitive measure. These internal dynamics create a climate where genuine theological renewal is both necessary and fraught with risk. Nevertheless, a few courageous pastors have chosen either to leave or actively reform their congregations, illustrating the complex interplay between conviction, institutional pressure, and personal cost.



## **Logistical Issues**

The conference's operational challenges were multifaceted. A publishing error led to a shortage of books, and unexpectedly high registration numbers in Gindiri, Jos, and Kaduna exacerbated the problem, leaving us ill-prepared to distribute free literature. Additional copies had to be commissioned from local printers, but unreliable transportation resulted in damaged goods and further delays. These logistical setbacks not only hindered the dissemination of vital resources but also negatively impacted book sales—normally robust during northern runs, but this time, a financial write-off.

The recurring challenges highlight the urgent need for dedicated logistical support, including the acquisition of a reliable vehicle and a permanent manager to oversee operations. Without such resources, the ability to expand conference runs and meet growing demand—potentially up to 30 annual conferences across Nigeria—remains severely constrained.

## Notable Individuals

The success of the Kaduna conference owed much to the exceptional organisational skills and commitment of Pastor Jeremiah Aluwong. His leadership extended beyond logistics: he is actively involved in missionary work with drug addicts, medical outreach, evangelistic efforts targeting the Fulani people, and church planting through LightWrk. Notably, the conference featured an on-site medical team, and the local congregation funded the facilities to host and feed over 1,000 delegates.

Pastor Aluwong's work exemplifies the integration of practical service with theological engagement—setting a high standard for future conferences. Anticipation is already building for the 2026 event, with an expected attendance of around 2,000 delegates, underscoring both the effectiveness of his approach and the expanding reach of APC in northern Nigeria.



## Concluding Remarks

Overall, the run was a resounding success—not only were the messages delivered well, but the conference saw an impressive turnout of over 1,000 delegates in Kaduna, surpassing attendance figures from previous years. The organisation operated smoothly despite logistical hurdles, thanks to the dedication of leaders like Pastor Jeremiah Aluwong. Theological engagement was particularly robust, with dynamic discussions on orthodox doctrine and memorable contributions from the speakers who addressed pressing questions about biblical truth and church reform. The immediate impact among delegates was evident in their enthusiastic participation and commitment to applying what they learned. This achievement was made possible by the collective effort of organisers, volunteers, and delegates, whose passion and commitment set a new benchmark for future events.

In all, we give the glory to God our Father.

**Please Pray:**

- For the organizing of next year's Northern Nigeria run.
- For the persecuted Christians in Northern Nigeria.
- For the November South Africa 3 run. Conferences in Eswatini, Chatsworth, East London, Bethlehem and Welkom.
- For the Lords ongoing financial provision of APC.
- For the many books needed for the conferences.
- For the 2026 APC that seeks to expand its conferences into West Africa and the rest of the continent.
- That God's work in Africa will continue to grow.
- That the delegates would read and use the books, and that doctrinal errors would be corrected.
- That the talks would be remembered and applied both individually and corporately to the churches represented.
- That pastors would preach biblical sermons and that their congregations would benefit from them.
- For the ongoing work of the APC in training pastors on the African continent.

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**Promotional Video of APC**

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