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I first met brother Cec as a young Medical student in the University of Port Harcourt way back in the summer of 1986. The setting of this meeting was the new fellowship that a few of us (Myself, Bro. Isaac and Late Sis. Chizoba; in addition to some lecturers that included Bro. Emmanuel Udegbumam and Sis. Patience Manilla and other students) had just started on the 10th of January 1986. (We had been informed that he had first visited Calabar and Uyo, Nigeria the previous year during which the brethren there were blessed by his ministry. This encouraged us to invite him over to minister also to us in our new fellowship).

The Lord had just brought us together with the common vision of experiencing and expressing the New Testament Christianity in a fellowship setting based on I Cor. 14:26 in which all would minister unto the Lord and to one another as priests. We were determined to go beyond the Pastor-type Pentecostal church system which He had clearly indicated to us as being unable to bring us into the fullness of Christ or into oneness with Him.

This initial vision and burden that we carried was largely a product of personal dealings with the Lord and that of

the "*fore-running or foundational ministry*" of a British Missionary to Nigeria, Late bro. S.G. Elton, who was instrumental in laying the foundation of the end time and the kingdom word in Nigeria. Thus, there were a bunch of first fruits of this move scattered all over Nigeria by the time Bro. Cec came onto the scene.

The impact of this first meeting with Bro. Cec was so foundational and dramatic that it completely destroyed our securely built up theology. I still remember very vividly his initial remarks as he was called up to minister on this first night of meeting at the "*sardine-packed and overflowing*" Lecture hall. It went thus, "***the church is a fallen system***" as he banged on the pulpit with his fist. What followed thereafter was a crushing tirade on the apostate church system and an exposition of Rev. 12 regarding the three dimensions of the church-infantile Moon church, the pregnant woman church and the life-giving Man child church.

The magnitude of the ministry of Bro. Cec in Nigeria which spanned 24 years (1985-2009) was so far reaching, foundational and Apostolic that I wish to recount it in the following format:

A. The Call: The testimony of his call to minister in Nigeria was as unique as his initial seven-month daily visitation at 4p.m. by the Lord Jesus Christ, during which he was commissioned with an apostolic message for this generation. He said that in a vision, he saw himself be-

ing approached by certain brethren from Africa and that as he talked with them, the house in which they were began to move off. It flew over several lands, rivers and oceans to land at the sea shore of a foreign land. Soon afterwards, he was accosted and attacked by a giant from the shore and mangrove. He found himself alone, contending and fighting with this beast as all the brethren had fled with some being mauled over by the this beast, while others were even digging his grave being that they were certain that he would not be able to overcome this obstacle.

He did overcome as he was led by the Lord to strike down the beast, and to give several deadly blows to its mouth; and to tear apart its mouth while scattering its entrails to the winds. He then said that God had made a covenant with him to destroy this "*mammy water spirit*" that was ruling over the land as soon as an overcomer generation arises in the land. His ministry in Nigeria began shortly thereafter through an invitation by Bros. Joe Lekwauwa and Idem Ikon and other brethren such as Uko Etuk, to visit Calabar and Uyo, Nigeria in 1985.

B. The Burden and Vision (1985-1991): The initial years of ministry were essentially that of sowing and declaring the burden he was given to bring to us in Nigeria. This burden was **four-fold**:

- That in a vision, he saw himself carrying a *huge* load of food which he was to bring to Africa and

which many workers thereafter began to distribute to the many hungry hearts all over the land.

- That the Lord told him that there were three principal spirits the Christians in Nigeria had to overcome: **Pride, Divisions/Strife and Blood Covenants and the ruling spirits.**
- That we must come out of Babylon and the systems of man in the Church.
- He shared a vision with us to the effect that the word of the kingdom would go forth unto the nations of Africa from Nigeria.

He subsequently spent a lot of time and energy to teach and equip us to overcome these coverings over our soul and to prepare us for the work of the kingdom:

- **Pride** - He brought forth the word about the **Tabernacle of Moses** to help us deal and overcome the very strong spirit of Pride (Which does not play second fiddle, but must be top dog), that characterizes and has plagued the church in Nigeria. The Lord is emphatically calling for true humility, meekness, piety and submission to one another at this time.
- **Divisions/Strife** - Here, he strenuously and practically taught and exemplified in our midst (through his walk amongst us) the word about the body of Christ being one. We came to appreciate that the one characteristic that sets us apart from

the Pentecostal system is the vision and practice of the supremacy of the body of Christ over and above individualism, the one-man Saul type ministry and even the leadership that God has set in His body. Hence, the clergy and laity division in the church systems of man (including the later variants of "*primary and secondary leadership or ministering brethren*"; the National Church organizations such as the "*American or Nigerian Church*") in the body is ungodly.

We therefore **need to repent of these various divisions, sub-divisions and superstructures** that we have erected to segregate his body into different classes to enhance our "*supposed positions of leadership*" for that is what Bro. Cec, demonstrated and stood for in our midst. He taught us that true leadership in the body is not to seek to be elevated above the brethren, but to serve as **unprofitable** bond slaves. He also admonished us to relate as brethren and **One Church** practically and not just as a cliché that we fall back upon when it suits us.

- **Blood Covenants** - This aspect of the vision was very challenging to us particularly regarding Traditional Marriage as regards paying the dowry and bride price. He touched on ancestral covenants and curses, as well as the breaking of ungodly familial traits and ties. Another very important word

in this regard was that which dealt with the "*Mammy water spirit*" or the ruling spirit over the land which he enjoined us to overcome.

This seed of life that was sown in our hearts caused an earthquake of some sort and triggered a nation-wide awakening to the word of the kingdom. It shook the very foundations of the church in this land. Many responded and came out of their church organizations. The word of the kingdom became sharper and clearer, and grew in this land in a much grander dimension than what had been the case under the initial era of Pa Elton. Thus, it became clear that the Lord had sent brother Cec to continue and expand the work that Pa Elton had begun (Bro. Cec also said that he met and discussed with Pa. Elton in the spirit regarding the ministry in Nigeria).

As is always the case, every word must be tried; so it turned out that this word and vision was tried in our midst. This brings us to the second stage of his ministry in Nigeria:

C. Trials and Persecutions (1992-2004): This was a very turbulent period for Bro. Cec as his personal integrity and character was severely put to the test. His carriage and reaction to all that happened was very instructive even as we saw him keep his cool as many who would either pass as his children or grandchildren spoke roughly to him; challenged his Apostolic calling and teachings, or twisted his teachings to suit their whims

and caprices. The spirit of rebellion, strife, contention and divisions crept into the body as many groups experienced avoidable splits and divisions - some even went through multiple traumatic splits.

The intellectual, prideful, division-prone nature of the Nigerian was a fertile ground for weird and strange doctrines to pollute our communion as such hurtful and divisive teachings as "*Ultimate reconciliation*" gained grounds even among respected ones and circles in the midst. The main plank of these teachings consisted of: *Ye are gods; Jesus is not coming back in the flesh; Satan will be saved and reconciled back to God; etc.* Furthermore, the leadership of the fellowships became organized and aggregated into regional, National and even primary and secondary groupings at these levels.

In the same vein, a special recognition and position of "*ministering brethren*" (similar to the "*clergy and laity*" that we had condemned as practiced by the Pentecostals) was given to those who **serve** the body in the ministry of the word. As the body began to drift, wax cold and gross, many began to turn back to their old denominations. At some point, Bro. Cec did take a stand against some of these excesses although some of us felt that he did not go far enough (due to his fatherly disposition and large-heartedness which many were wont to take advantage of). This principled and spirit-led stance did meet with stiff resistance from many quarters in the body.

The result was that the sphere of Bro. Cec ministry in Nigeria was greatly curtailed to a remnant few here and there. At some point, some even began to pray that he would not come back to Nigeria saying that his ministry was over. However, it is to the glory of God and to the credit of the fervent hunger and prayers of the remnant few that he continued to visit in the company of many dear brethren such as Bros. Burt Asbill, Pete Schneider, George Herrig, Mark Jantzi, David Walter, Gary Sonmore, Martin Kluson, etc.

The result and impact of these wrangling within the body was that the vision became beclouded and many lost touch with the **original vision and burden** of assiduously striving to overcome the three principal spirits of pride, strife and divisions, and blood covenants and the ruling spirits. Thus, what emerged was a mixed multitude that had little or no Apostolic foundation and direction on one hand; while some in the leadership that were contending with the Apostolic vision and direction brought forth by Bro. Cec (in rejecting what the Lord had originally given us), turned back unto the very Pentecostal Saul type settings they had originally rejected, while still holding unto the mixture (*"Death in the pot and wild gourds"*) that had crept in while men slept.

D. Reconciliation, Preparation, Harvest and Fruitfulness (2005-2009):

The above scenario continued until 2005 when the Lord began to stir the hearts of His people to the place of re-

penitance. At this time, the major word from the Lord through Sis. Mavis that helped to heal the breaches, break down the walls and partitions that existed between us was that which pointedly declared that the brethren were warring against one another because we were in the **outer court**. A series of reconciliation meetings soon ensued with the primary objective of making peace with one another.

The driving spirit and motivation of these meetings was **NOT** so much as to **deal with the errors that had crept in and become entrenched** in various persons, fellowships and groupings across the land. It was essentially to **restore fellowship** as it were and did not and still has not gone deep down enough to deal squarely with these errors. **Thus, there still remains the need for repentance and prayerful and sober confrontations of these issues before the Lord as He leads and directs by His spirit both on an individual and corporate setting.**

However, the fruit of these meetings was the open door of ministry that was once again opened up unto Bro. Cec, to declare the counsels of God unto His people across the land. A major fallout of this spirit and wave of reconciliation was that there was also restoration of fellowship in different dimensions and degrees amongst the brethren and fellowships in Nigeria; as the walls of separation, bias and suspicion were and are still being broken down as the Lord causes the watchmen to see eye to

eye. The reverberations and ripple effects of this initial work of reconciliation are still ongoing in the body. It therefore behooves us all to beseech the Lord to cause this work to yet go deeper into the innermost recesses of our humanity, personality, carnality, ego and flesh so that this work of reconciliation would be true, complete, total, permanent, real and perfect.

During this period, Bro. Cec also began to bring forth the word about 2008. **This is a true word from the Lord.** Many feel that since the year 2008 has come and gone, they may well become at ease, forgetting that the timing of 2008 is according to God's prophetic calendar. It is even more imminent NOW than we realize. Indeed, the Lord is clearly declaring woe to them that are at ease in Zion. However, this word about 2008 against the background of the spirit reconciliations in the body, served to quicken the work of awakening the people of God to prepare for the imminent time of Midnight that is coming upon the whole earth.

E. Sharing the Food/Word (Beyond 2009): It was therefore with a great shock that many received the news of the sudden passing on to glory of our very beloved Bro. Cec. It marks the end of an era and the beginning of another dimension for the people of God as was the case when Moses passed on to glory and the Lord caused and encouraged Joshua to arise and lead the people of God forward to possess their inheritance. The major burden of the hour (now that Bro. Cec had

gone home to be with the Lord) is to **remember the import of the original vision** God gave to him when he was commissioned to come to Nigeria: the first phase of that vision has just ended; while the second and definitive aspect that concerns us has already begun to roll by:

- **First Phase** - Bringing and sowing of the word and food of the word of the Kingdom in our midst by **Bro. Cec.**
- **Second phase** - Sharing of the food and word of the kingdom by those who have faithfully received, digested and had this word made flesh in them (Have oil in the vessels of their souls) so that they in turn will be bread and sweet wine to refresh and heal the Nations in this generation.

The time we are in NOW is that of going forth with the food or word of the kingdom to the hungry people of the land and Africa. The problem of Africa is entrenched in ancestor worship, sorcery and Traditional priesthood; and the message that bro. Cec brought to us is central to overcoming these chains of darkness. God is about to open the doors of ministry to people, churches and hearts that had been shut to this word of the kingdom and **we cannot** be of any relevance in this new move of God until this word becomes flesh in us; and we overcome in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We must first buy our own oil before we can strengthen others.

The trumpet call at this hour is for **ALL** to go back to the original vision, and burden that he brought forth unto us in Nigeria and the body of Christ at large. We have proved over time that the brethren in Nigeria **MUST** go back to examine the four-fold vision and the three principal spirits we are enjoined to overcome, as briefly recounted in this testimony.

F. Personal Reflections: It is to the glory of God that I testify of the life-changing privilege of closely knowing and sitting under this apostolic anointed servant and slave of the Lord. He taught by example that the ministry is to be a slave and not Lords over God's heritage. His depth of revelation and walk with the Lord was outstanding and did lay a solid foundation in my life. My wife and I and all our children (Amaka, Chinazom, Ozichi and Ruby) are eternally grateful to God for causing such a ministry and blessing to touch and bless our lives in the magnitude and manner that has been our experience.

Shortly, after finishing medical school and while on National Youth service in Calabar, Cross River State of Nigeria, bro. Cec brought forth a personal word of the Lord to me. In a vision, he said he saw me running off without first waiting to receive the equipment that the Lord was handing out to me. I do testify that this word was a true reflection and discernment of my heart and attitude at that time being that my head was brimming with self-motivated ideas, plans and vision for the ministry and

the kingdom of God. On another occasion while he and Sis. Mavis laid hands on some of us as we were being prayed for and dedicated as elders and servants of the new fellowship on campus; they both brought forth prophetic declarations about the direction and nature of God's dealings in my life. Again, it has turned out to be a true word from the Lord. Such was the veracity and magnitude of his ministry.

In conclusion, Cecil James duCille was a true slave and servant of the Lord; a man sent from above unto us with the true bread of life. He was real, humane, humble, simple, meek, gentle, approachable, loving and caring. Like a true Apostle of the Lord, his vision and grasp of the word of the kingdom was through and through. Yet as a man, he had his shortcomings; which were very few and far in between.

Dear Lord and father of mankind, we bless you from the depths of our hearts for this blessing and gifting that you caused us to be so privileged to receive. May it please you therefore to raise up a company of Joshuas that will arise to lead your people over these mountains into the treasures of the new Jerusalem, even Zion, the city of the living God. Amen.

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