

IYINFEST 2025 YEARLY REPORT



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A Year of Grace, Growth, and Gospel Impact



GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AMONG US

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."
— Psalm 115:1

At the heart of IYINFEST is a simple but weighty vision: the salvation of souls, the discipleship of believers, and the reformation of lives and communities through the gospel of Christ. As we reflect on 2025, we do so with deep gratitude to God for His faithfulness in advancing this vision.

2025 stretched us in many ways, yet it also reminded us that God delights in using yielded vessels. Doors opened where we least expected, conversations happened at critical moments, and hearts were softened by the truth of the gospel. Everything shared in this newsletter is not a celebration of our strength, but a testimony of God's grace at work through ordinary people who said yes to His call.

GATHERED IN PRAISE, SENT IN LOVE

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." — Hebrews 10:24

Our annual Festival of Praise remains one of the major expressions of our vision. We believe that corporate worship strengthens believers and creates a platform for gospel proclamation. In 2025, young and old gathered once again to worship God as one community.



Beyond the songs and sermons, the festival is also an avenue for tangible love. Over 200 food packages are distributed yearly to widows and those in need, accompanied by the clear presentation of the gospel. We have witnessed moments where beneficiaries listened quietly, asked sincere questions, and later testified to a new understanding of Christ. We also extended this love to other missionaries serving in and around our community. The outreach was held on the 26th December, 2025.

STRENGTHENING THE HANDS GOD IS USING

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry." — Ephesians 4:12

In the year 2025, we placed strong emphasis on the training of our missionaries and volunteers. Many of them reach out to teenagers and youths, an age group that requires special care, attention, and strategic engagement. Experienced individuals with deep experience in working with teenagers were invited to train our volunteers.

Participants testified that they were sharpened and better prepared for mission work. Although the training was held twice this year, we are trusting God to increase it to four times in 2026, God willing.



GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD AND IN GRACE

Previously, our Bible studies were held monthly. However, due to the growing hunger of teenagers to know God more and grow in grace, we began a weekly Bible study this year. These studies have been instrumental in the spiritual growth of many teenagers, especially those who came to Christ through our school mission programs.

Participants are free to ask questions, contribute to discussions, and express themselves without fear. Our volunteers also organise Bible studies in other axes and communities far from the centre, ensuring that those in interior and rural areas have opportunities to grow in their Christian journey.



TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE CLASSROOM

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." — Matthew 28:19

God has greatly blessed our school mission outreaches. Weekly, our volunteers visit schools to share the gospel, counsel students, and answer the questions on their hearts. These outreaches have been fruitful.

More schools were added in 2025, and God sent many more volunteers to join the team. As a result, many young people are coming to know Christ and growing in the knowledge of Him.



RAISING A GENERATION ROOTED AND EQUIPPED

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” — Proverbs 22:6

Our five-year mentorship program, designed for students who have just completed secondary school, continued to make impact this year. The third cohort held their camp in August.

During the four-day camp, participants learned extensively on topics ranging from spirituality and mental health to personal development, academics, and leadership.



REACHING COMMUNITIES, ONE HOME AT A TIME

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.” — Isaiah 52:7

Our three-day community outreach to Ilai in Mopamuro Local Government was impactful. Despite prevailing insecurities and tensions, our volunteers courageously went from house to house to preach the gospel.

Activities included evening film shows, medical and counselling sessions during the day, youth and teenage meetings, and food distribution to widows and those in need. The testimonies from the villagers have been encouraging. Weekly follow-up continues for those who indicated a desire to accept Christ, and we trust God to help them stand firm in Him.



SERVING MINDS WHILE POINTING HEARTS TO CHRIST

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” — Matthew 5:16

Our extramural lessons for students in areas with a shortage of teachers have proven to be a strategic initiative. During holidays and weekends, volunteers organise lessons in communities where students lack access to teachers.

Alongside academic instruction, the gospel is preached and discipleship takes place. The lessons also include JAMB CBT training, equipping students academically while nurturing their spiritual growth.



STANDING TOGETHER IN PRAYER

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” — Colossians 4:2

As we look ahead, we ask you to pray with us for guidance and direction in the coming year. Please pray for the provision of more motorcycles, hymnbooks, relief materials, scholarships, school bags, sandals, and other essentials for indigent students.

We also ask for prayers for peace in the land, that rising insecurity and tension will come to an end, allowing our volunteers to travel and minister without fear. Pray for more staff and volunteers, for Christian literature to support spiritual growth, and for boldness and faithfulness in preaching the gospel.





EQUIPPING YOUNG HEARTS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SKILL

In August, we held our annual IYINFEST Musical Academy, a program that brings together young people from various churches and serves as a purposeful boot camp for teenagers during the holiday period.

Participants were grounded in the Word of God while also receiving hands-on training on musical instruments. Our desire is that they return to their churches better equipped to serve God and bless their congregations. About 40 young

people participated in the three-week intensive training, and many of them are already serving faithfully and effectively in their respective churches. We give thanks to God for the fruit of this program.



ENHANCING MOBILITY FOR MISSION WORK

The provision of two additional motorcycles to the ministry has significantly enhanced the mobility of our volunteers, especially in reaching interior and rural communities that are otherwise difficult to access. These motorcycles have enabled more consistent follow-up, timely outreach, and safer movement for our team as they carry the gospel to these areas.

We are sincerely grateful to Wollongong Baptist Church for their continued yearly support and for the donation of these two motorcycles. This support has strengthened our hands and expanded our reach on the field.



WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS AND HOPE FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." — Ephesians 3:20

As we bring the year to a close, we do so with grateful hearts for all that God has done among us. We are deeply thankful to our founders, the Abegunde family, Wollongong Baptist Church, FCS, and all our partners around the world for your prayers, generosity, and steadfast support. Your partnership has strengthened our hands and enabled us to reach schools, communities, and lives with the gospel.

Looking ahead to 2026, we step forward with faith and expectation. We trust God for deeper impact and wider reach. We look forward to continuing all existing programs and also hosting teenage conferences in various locations, as well as mission mobilisation conferences for pastors and church leaders, to encourage and raise awareness of the need for churches to invest in missions. In addition to sustaining and expanding our ongoing outreaches, we are trusting God to help us begin a weekly Children's Bible Club next year. Our desire is to intentionally reach children with the Word of God at an early age, laying a strong foundation of faith, godly values, and love for Christ. We believe that through consistent teaching, prayer, and fellowship, these young hearts will be nurtured in the truth of God's Word and guided in their walk with Him from their formative years.

Thank you for standing with us, praying with us, and labouring alongside us. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and reward your labour of love.

IN SERVICE TO CHRIST AND HIS MISSION

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