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6TH JOINT CONFERENCE

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○ ABOUT THE 6TH JOINT CONFERENCE

The 6th Joint Conference (JnC) is a quadrennial event that gathers Christian healthcare professionals and students from various medical and dental fields to explore the intersection of faith and healthcare.

The 6JnC themed, "Impact - Share, Serve, Shine" focused on maximizing the influence healthcare professionals have on their patients, colleagues and communities.

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- INITIATIVE PRESENTATIONS
- WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS
- PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- NETWORKING
- IMPACT STORY SHARING



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CEO'S DESK

BURDEN FOR THE CONFERENCE

At the beginning of the decade, God's word came strongly to us, declaring the period 2020-2029 as the Decade of Impact.

Out of the blues, what became a devastating COVID-19 pandemic emerged just a few days after that declaration. The rest is history... CMDA Nigeria rose to the occasion to give succour to a hurting world, and in the process created unusual impact stories. I remember asking the Lord why such a huge crisis heralded the declaration of the decade of impact. The answer was simple: There cannot be an impact without a crisis. Moreover, the more intense the problem, crisis, or difficulty, the greater the potential and opportunity for impact.

Beyond the pandemic, the global community has become a bigger crisis theatre. The Russian war in Ukraine, the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, destructive flooding in Dubai, Yemen, and several Asian countries, political tsunamis and uncertainties in the UK, USA, and France, social unrest due to economic hardships and insecurity in Nigeria, Kenya, and many other African countries, decolonization and militarization of some African countries, and internal conflicts in countries as nationalists seek to reclaim countries across the world.

Added to the global upheavals is the fundamental agenda of darkness to discredit the institution of family, parental influence on children, and God's creative judgment especially concerning gender. While we see the vicious attack on the minds of children, teens, and youths, busyness to either meet legitimate needs or to satisfy the lure of materialism, has left these young ones without present parents, enabling the rapid growth of a shallow generation with little love of God, passion for evangelism, and commitment to virtues.

In Nigeria specifically, we have seen one of the worst inflationary trends in history. Coupled with hunger and low employment opportunities, crippling security problems food and medical inflation, and consequent expansion of multidimensional poverty, the streets are being filled with desperately needy Nigerians of varying ages. ,



The desperation has increased citizen agitation, worsened insecurity, and driven even the godly to find ways to help themselves. The consequence is that many, including believers, are being driven into sin and its eternal consequences.

Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people.

2 Tim 1-5 (MSG)

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... *The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. Dan 11:32 (KJV)*

Beloved, this conference is meant to catalyze a passion for impact in every participant. The plenary and parallel sessions will provide specific equipment necessary for impact. Stories of Impact will be shared to show you that if carefully incubated, your vision can become reality. The examples that you will listen to will cut across various spheres of marketplace influ

ence. Be deliberate enough to engage with what you hear during this meeting. I challenge you to catch your own vision of a future of Impact that is so big that it is bound to fail unless God is in it. Many people around you are also available to answer your questions as you undertake your journey on your Road to Impact.

To make a lasting impact, the foundation and steps to impact must be golden. There are no shortcuts. The earlier this is realized, the better. Commit to becoming dedicated to God's assignment for your life. **You cannot be dedicated and not insightful. If you are insightful, you will become creative. If you are creative, you will be productive. Productivity will lead to success. If you are successful within the framework of God's assignment for your life, you will make**

Finally, I must challenge you to use the opportunity provided for re-examination rededication. Remember, **lasting impact only happens when you are dead in Christ, rooted in God, enflamed by the Holy Spirit, committed to your assignment, and zealous for God to be glorified.** Be fully present for the conference as you aim to prepare better for your own Story of Impact. You are next on God's list of Heroes of Faith and your time starts now!

His Servant and Yours

Prof. Chima Ariel Onoka



“And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death. (AMP) “
Revelations 12:11



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TESTIMONIES

Joint national conference has always been a blessing but this 6JnC was on a different level. First, it was obvious that God is interested in what we're doing as shown in the attendance, safety and the lives touched. Secondly, the presence of God was palpably present and has become my selling point of encouraging students and doctors alike to come for conferences. What we enjoy is different from any other kind of service. Thirdly, the impact stories shared by the forebears were the highlight of the conference for me especially that of Prof. Christian Isichie. I realised that if you decide to go all out for Jesus; Jesus will go all out for you. I have made up my mind to see Jesus glorified in my life and practice. Overall, the conference was a huge success and kudos to the LOCs for a job well done. God bless CMDA Nigeria, God bless everyone.



At 6th JnC, I was: A. Challenged B. Encouraged and, C. Blessed, with the Testimony of one of the doctors, who gave birth while doing her NYSC to a preterm weighing 1kg at 28 weeks. A. What challenged me while listening was the fact that God had spoken vividly to the mum about her daughter being a warrior while she was pregnant but the pregnancy became turbulent. God gives us visions, and sometimes the enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy those and we succumb to his agenda. B. What encouraged me was that she held on to the words she had heard convincingly from God in the midst of the storm. She had hoped against all hope. The awareness that God always honors His words every day. C. What blessed me was the baby girl being active, shouting hallelujah while mum was sharing this testimony and running around the stage. She achieved and is achieving all developmental milestones normally without any delays. Eventually, we see that God can do abundantly, He preserves what we keep to Him. I asked myself a very simple but delicate question: "Who's in your boat?" Romans 8: 37-39 then comes to mind. The victory we have because

because God's love never fails. I remain grateful for the opportunity to attend JnC 2024, Impact. I'm grateful for CMDA Nigeria.



I came across the conference advert sometime in May and decided I wouldn't miss it for anything. Then in July, I registered and nursed the idea of taking five (5) working days out of my annual leave for maximum participation as I wanted to be in the outreach as well. While preparing to submit my letter, a colleague suggested I should go to our unit head and ask for 5 days off. Of course, I went with my letter, my thought was that if he doesn't accept my plea, he should then sign my leave letter. To the glory of God, it was a smooth discussion. He only asked why I needed to leave, I told him and he said, "Wow, you belong to that group...NCCMDS that disturbed campus back then?" I responded, "Yes sir." In the end, he said, "Ensure you inform all other consultants and your fellow SR." I'm so glad I took the bold decision to attend 6JnC. I can say I can hear the voice of God right from the conference ground. I'm so happy I yielded as there were other attractive alternatives. I was so convinced of what God was saying to me. This is sure the beginning of a beautiful era. I believe in no distant time, there will be many more manifestations of the impartation gotten from 6JnC and I'll make impact in all facets to the glory of God. God bless the organisers of this conference beyond your wildest expectations in Jesus name, Amen! Thank you.



My experience was a great one, I can't contain them in words. All the session has something specially package for me and I thank God for the grace to get them. It was a time of regeneration of vision and re-awakening of life. It was a great one. The conference exposed the darkness surrounding the need for doctors to impact the healthcare system through transformation and it took away the delusion of medicine for money and replaced it with medicine for sharing, service and shining. I pray I forever share my story of impact and I will never recover from this lifetime experience.



It was insightful, impactful and exhilarating. Having to listen to the wonderful speakers that God used to minister to us students and looking at the elders that have worked in the field of medicine with absolute faith and trust in God, breaking boundaries has given hope to me. It was a wonderful time in the presence of God and the gathering of Christian medics. God really worked on me. There was great impartation. I may not have the exact words to express myself but all I can say is that I am not the same person that came for the meeting. There's a great difference! I can feel it in my spirit. I also thank God for the enlightenment of seeing that Medicine is indeed a Ministry and I'm ready to run with this. God be praised!

6JC was life-changing for me. I'm grateful for every session and the intentionality with which the speakers were chosen. Every speaker, including the parallel and panel session speakers were custom-made for me. I'm grateful that the questions in my heart pre-conference were answered. I'm excited for 7JC already! And I know I'll have impact stories to share too.

The conference was intentionally made to break the box that had been caging my thinking, imagination, and expectations from life. Seeing Medical doctors functioning excellently in different fields was quite inspiring and challenging. Here's to a great cloud of Witnesses cheering me on to greatness. Everyone that was up on stage to say a word blessed me. I had an awesome experience in 6JnC. My eyes were opened to see that God's intention for making

me a medic is beyond me. I saw that God is interested in using the medical profession to bring about wholesome health to human kind. Although I'm still a student, my perspective was redefined as I'm beginning to have a sense of purpose in medicine.

6Jnc was wonderful. It impacted me and gave me a new burden, new hope and a brand new view about medicine. It made me realize that my profession is my calling and my ministry. It also taught me about divine positioning and knowing that when you seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness all other things shall be added. The conference built a desire and passion in me to affect the lives of people positively. Also, following the conference, I received my first scholarship. I remember being scared of attending the conference because I had to use almost all of my money to pay for transportation but God was working. All glory to God for his faithfulness.

My Experience at this Conference was a life changing one. It not only illuminated me but fired me for the many things God will have me do on campus. I never saw this coming, my university never saw this coming, the world never saw this coming of what God will use us to do. By mercy and grace, Impact is a surety. God Bless CMDA. The conference was God's call to me to step up in faith. It challenged my faith to be physically present in the conference and because I followed God's call in faith, He showed up for me in a great way. I was encouraged, chastised with love, and instructed for my next level. How great Abba Father is. I can't but mention how grateful I am for His covenant of safety over each and every soul that was present physically. Indeed God is Faithful.



I'm grateful to God I didn't miss the 6th Joint Conference. My mind and eyes were opened to the truth that I was made for Impact and that there are people I am sent to. I understood that my profession as a medical doctor is my tool and ministry for Impact. Every speaker at the 6th Joint Conference stirred up something within me that won't leave in a hurry. God bless them all and all the organizers of the 6th Joint Conference.



"There is an age-long battle between darkness and light. And it is fiercer today than it has ever been. It is a battle for the possession and control of souls and systems."

Engr. Femi Reis

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"There cannot be impact without a crisis. When the difficulty becomes more intense, the potential impact is greater."

Prof Chima Onoka

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A CONFERENCE OF IMPACT!

A CASE STUDY OF CMDA NIGERIA'S 6JnC

INTRODUCTION:

From the 28th to 31st of August, 2024, the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA Nigeria) held her 6th Joint Conference at Bingham University, along Abuja-Keffi Road from 28th to 31st August, 2024. The conference attracted over 2000 students and doctors from across most of the states of the Nation, and some from outside the country. Its theme was IMPACT (Share, Serve, Shine).

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

To give a brief summary of the conference, highlighting important takeaways, events, and lessons learnt.

METHODOLOGY:

The CMDA conference in its entirety was analysed and x-rayed, starting from the very first session up until the final benediction, and summaries made of the salient remarks and points raised by various speakers.

RESULTS:

The meeting lasted for 4 days. It mostly comprised various plenary sessions (during which all attendees met together in the large school Chapel hall), and several parallel sessions (during which participants had meetings in small groups).

Many plenary sessions were called 'Impact Stories sessions.' During these sessions, many speakers, who have been involved in one area of impact or the other in the society, shared about their participation in missions activities and the work they have been able to do thus far for the kingdom of God.

We heard from Dr Iko Ibanga, on how he abandoned a professional career path in residency, and founded an NGO, "ProHealth International", which currently is a large missions organization that offers medical services to various rural communities across the country at little or no cost.

Senator Ipalibo Banigo, a serving senator in Nigeria, shared with us about her foray into the political arena, where she has been for so many years, and how she has been able to sustain her faith and shine as light in that area of influence.

Prof. Prosper Okonkwo, who works with an NGO called AIDS Prevention Initiatives (APIN), talked about sustaining integrity in the workplace, where sometimes it could be difficult to stand for righteousness.

We were moved to tears by Prof Isichei's testimony of Faith Alive International, a thriving missionary outfit he started in Jos many years ago, that renders multiple layers of service delivery at almost no cost. The range of services offered at giveaway costs (and many others for free) at his center made our eyes pop and some eyes water with tears: from high quality and extensive healthcare services across many medical specialties, to rendering care for orphans and the abandoned, free educational services, free skills acquisition services, even free cemetery services when sometimes required...to mention just a few.

There were many other impactful speakers during the conference.

Finally, Bishop David Abioye (of Winners' Chapel) was on hand to explain the spiritual aspect of it all, teaching that true impact/influence can only be accessed by connecting with and having a deep relationship with God, the author of all creativity and inspiration.

During parallel sessions, conference attendants were given the option to join any of several small classes, each classes handling a salient topic such as: managing career advancement and family life; whole person medicine; effective communication for impact; starting strong; bioethics, medical entrepreneurship to mention but a few.

In addition to the above, there were heartfelt worship sessions, varied presentations from schools, administrative meetings (reports, handovers) to mention but a few. Food was in abundance to the glory of God, and quality relationship were formed and forged between attendees. The joy and unity of brethren was indeed palpable.

DISCUSSION:

In the course of being exposed to such high impact sessions, many lessons were learnt and mindsets changed. A few words cannot summarize all the lessons learnt, but these few will have to suffice for now:



- Have a great vision of a future of impact that is so big that it is bound to fail if God is not in it.
- Fly your plane while building it. (Don't wait for all conditions to be perfect before you start).
- As a tree grows downwards, upwards and outwards, we also must: grow deep spiritual roots in God; grow upwards in professional/career excellence; and develop good relationships/friendships outwards with others.
- Battles are planned in the war room, but are fought on the battle field. Church is the war room for planning our strategy; but we need to go out into the world (our workplaces, hospitals, school, markets) and fight the battle to win souls of men for the Lord.
- Build competencies outside your curriculum. Take time to learn new skills and gather knowledge, so as to remain relevant.
- God gives strength to help you fulfil purpose.
- The greatest investment is in human life.
- The 5 Ds needed for making impact: Divine direction; diligence; dexterity; determination; and destiny helpers.

Conclusion:

CMDA Nigeria's conferences have always been atmospheres of impact, spiritual deprogramming and reprogramming. This conference did not fail; it was indeed a transformational conference in every ramification. God really showed up for us.

For many attendees, there were a lot of heart stirring moments, 'aha' moments and "Help my life, Lord" moments.

Soul searching was the order of the day.

There was an awakening to the realization that we are not to simply be passive passersby, letting life happen to us; we should actively take the bull by the horns, and seek to make a difference wherever we find ourselves.

We came to understand that if we cannot change the whole world, we can at least change our own world.

Indeed, the impact stories felt like the roll call of the heroes of faith of Hebrews 11 all over again, and we were left with the desire to join the list of seemingly ordinary people doing extraordinary things for the Lord to God's glory. We will work while it is still day, for "the night comes when no man will work!"

May the seeds planted in the life of attendees and we ourselves reading this, bring forth massive fruits, a billion fold, to the glory of God's Name!

Remember to fly your plane while building it. All will be well!

Dr Oluchi Ugwunne
CMDA (Doctors' Arm)
NAUTH, Nnewi.



“There is room for EXCELLENCE”
Dr. Olukayode Iyun

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Hardwork + Smartwork = Diligence.
Dr. Chuka Anude

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TESTIMONIES

I'm grateful to God for 6th Jc. It was an amazing experience, one I won't recover from anytime soon I'll categorize my testimony into three; 1) Before the conference I had used my savings to register for this conference without seeking parental consent because my parents are quite strict with allowing me to travel and I had to ask for consent. About a week before the conference, I told them about it and they said I would not go anywhere. I cried and pleaded but they said no. I just allowed God to take over Two days to the conference, they said I could go. I can't explain the joy that news came with. But I'm grateful to God for parental consent. 2) God was in that conference. God said a lot of things to me. God restored a lot to me. Now I know there's more than just being a medical student God wants me to make an impact. I remember how I've been struggling to start us a foundation God had given me this work to do. I kept on worrying about a lot of things including how I'll raise money for this but during this conference, God reminded me about this and told me to go ahead. He's my source and he will establish this foundation. This is just one out of the numerous testimonies that I have 3) Post Conference I'm working on starting my foundation already. My birthday is on 20th September and I want to reach out to many people on that day. I was beginning to think it was too soon but God has given me instruction to go ahead and I don't want to waste any more time. I trust God to establish the foundation to make an impact.



The conference is a huge blessing, an eye-opener and a testament of God's grace upon yielded vessels. It's so good to see people that were in my shoes at one point of their lives coming to testify of the goodness of God and how CMDA is training ground. The Impact stories remind us of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. I can't wait to share mine in the future starting from now! I thank God for the house of CMDA, since I joined in Year 1 I've never ever regretted my decision. God has used this house to teach me a lot and He still is. Hearing all the testimonies, I'm ready and set to make a difference, be an agent of change and cause tremendous to my world and the whole world at large. I see myself as God sees me and I trust Him to finish what He's started in and through me! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, CMDA! Selah. Isaac.



6th JnC was a million-dollar conference I got to attend with just #11,000. Even though I got to the conference venue on Friday because of an exam, I was still blessed. I loved the quality of the panel sessions, impact stories, and particularly, the quality of people in CMDA. I'm challenged not to be any less because there is a great cloud of witnesses in CMDA. One of my highlights was Dr. Abraham Awobem's session where he was talking about how he prayed for the doctor's arm and 11 years later, he saw the fruit of his prayer. This was a word for me because I've been trusting God for some things for a while and it just seemed as though God was silent. His story was a reassurance that though it may tarry, it'd come to pass. Another highlight was still from his story. He said that the CMDA we enjoy today is a result of these labours in the past. This brought perspective to the pledge we make when we sing the CMDA family song "My part I'll play this mission to accomplish". By God's grace, I'm going to play my part so that the next generation will enjoy it. Thank you CMDA for a wonderful time. Victory.

Overall, it was an amazing conference, from the speakers, the atmosphere, and the venue. I thank God for presenting this opportunity to me through the house of CMDA. I initially had doubts about my attendance due to financial issues and parental permission. The parental permission part was resolved but the financial part still lingered. Even when I had raised the money already, something important at school came up initially, so I had to divert the funds there. But a few weeks before the conference, God showed up again as a member of the house and was willing to cover the transportation fare for others. The next issue was that of security, but I brushed it off and believed in the covenant of safety that has manifested over time, indeed, God took us there and brought us back safely. Concerning the conference, first, everything was beautiful, the idea of a unique ID was also amazing, the meal, the accommodation was quite comfortable too. Secondly, the intentionality about everything but I'll focus down first on the flyer. "iMPACT" because, for the past few months, I've worked on the editorial board I rarely thought much about the spiritual aspect like that before designing, but after listening to the significance of the design I resolved within me to let God take over in my designs, to Consult Him before I start the design process.

Let me not just create beautiful designs but one that'll minister to people. The next point will be about the impact story sessions, oh my. It was exciting seeing what Medical Doctors, especially, are doing differently in their fields and beyond their field, impacting lives, transforming destinies, and still being so humble amidst all that on most days, you could be sitting next to yesterday's speaker or tomorrow's Moderator; it was mind-blowing. Just by hearing people's stories, a fire was rekindled from within. The CMDA talk also burned deep within; it broadened my already broad perspective of the house of CMDA. I had a great time, too, serving as a volunteer in the media unit as a photographer and also a parallel session moderator, I got to connect with others via that avenue, and I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve. I'll stop here now...although there's more to share



CMDA conferences are usually opportunities to be reminded of not being alone on this journey. To know that there are no impossibilities as a Christian in the medical sector. 6 JC wasn't any different. First, the faith to push forward when medical students were in captivity. Ensuring the conference is relatively affordable for the students. The mind-blowing calls for partnerships with God...by the way, I am confident we'll pass the 100,000 people mark. The access to excellent doctors... One could walk up to the Chief of Surgery in Saskatchewan at a CMDA conference. The sacrifices, like my chapter really subsidizing the transport fare for more people to attend, the impact stories, like the man taking care of orphans was an evidence to me that it could be done. Let's not even start with Faith Alive Foundation and evidence of 'you can dare to trust God', 'you can put all your eggs in one basket as long as it's God's.' The honesty of the reality. The provisions to manage them. Impacting us to impact others. My major lesson from 6JC is FAITH and that remains my watchword. My experience, briefly. God bless CMDA. THANK YOU

○ CMDA CONFERENCES AND PARENTAL CONSENT

Speaking of parental consent issues, I travelled for conferences from 2016-2018 without informing anybody till I got busted (1st CEC 2018 @ Kwali). That fateful day, I'd travelled for 2nd CEC in 2015 just upon finishing 300 level, arrived Abakaliki at 2am and my mum sternly warned that she did not want to hear of such trips anymore. I took it literally.

My mummy legit had the phone numbers of my Chapter executives and including my close friends. I felt embarrassed sometimes, like "my friends' parents don't call me to look for them." I cried.

Do I have regrets? No.

I'm grateful for every journey I could make as my younger self. It was easier. Way easier.

People commented on my registration number for 6JnC being DR025 i.e. I was 25th doctor to register worldwide. I had to register early. I had to start planning early. I had to start singing the song around my household that I was going to travel in August from January. I travelled with two boxes and a toddler as opposed to just packing up a backpack and jumping on a bus going to Lagos.

My counsel to everyone is to do the much that you can with the time you have now.

Times and seasons do change.

It's not the same for all of us.

Make that journey.

Take that risk.

Your youth will soon finish.

What will you reminisce about when you're old? That you were living within the confines of your comfort zone? Won't be interesting, I promise you.

Am I advocating for children to travel without their parent's consent/knowledge?

No.

Well, not really.

But, first of all, how old are you? As in, what's your real age?

You're very likely an adult officially. Discuss with them. Make them see reason with you. If possible, have one or two executives or seniors talk with them (inserts Dr Osadare Samuel).

Most of the time, what our parents (especially our mothers) want is just a hint of reassurance.

Truth is that if you're waiting for the day that your parents (mother) will wake up and certify you mature enough to travel on your own, you will wait long.

"You will always be a child in my eyes" is a real phenomenon, not for any fault of theirs. It's just the programming. You will do same when it's your turn.

My mum was on the phone with me and her grandchild, Kharece, we safely arrived home from 6JnC around 1am on Monday morning.

I think parental consent is intertwined with parental love and must be handled delicately and with wisdom. Understand your family dynamics, but don't let it stand in the way of what you ought to be doing in a particular season of your life.

I remember standing as shortee for one of my junior colleagues to travel for 2nd CEC 2018 (Sagamu). Her father almost *keeeeeeled* me via the phone.

It was a long journey. Our bus got spoilt somewhere between Benin and Okada. While waiting, one guy came and started searching the bushes around. He said he was in a bus that got robbed at that exact spot the previous day. He had returned to look for some of his belongings as they had run into the bush for safety. That's how we got up and started pushing our bus. We pushed that bus until we arrived Okada. Took us an hour, and we had fun doing it. We then hired another bus and continued on our journey.

Na person wey waka de see something.

Take the necessary actions for your future. CMDA Conferences are not to be missed in the lifetime of any medical student. No matter what.

Selah

Dr. Sophia Goodnews-Umoren

Students' Arm National Mission Secretary 2019





“The Medical Profession is a wonderful platform given to you by God. Look inward and ask ‘where is the current place of my assignment?’”

Prof Haruna Kuje Ayuba

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“The amount of influence you give is determined by how much you burn. You command a bigger sphere of influence when your capacity is increased.”

Bro Dominion Iria

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TESTIMONIES

First, I'll thank God for the success of the conference and the journey mercies granted all participants. May His name be praised. Prayers had been going on at all levels (both chapter and individual) as we trusted God for an outpouring in the conference. I had expectations from God, but it turned out indeed that what He had packaged was beyond my expectations. It was indeed a case of "my cup runneth over". The spiritual setting was supernatural, the atmosphere, charged... Visions of labor in which God would have me do, burst open in my sight. The flow of inspiration from each session, just so massive. I could say that through this conference, God has given me the vision of an eagle, the sight of a seer and equally the strength of an horse to run by the vision. It was a wonderful experience. Meeting with great minds, the humility of service witnessed at the conference, the sacrifices... It was a fulfillment of the scriptures I had held on to before the conference in Isaiah 2:3.

It was so amazing. I got to see humility at it peak from our doctor colleagues. How down to earth they were, approachable and kind. I saw that I could hold God firmly and still achieve all I set out to do. In fact, holding God firm is the first thing I should put in place if I ever what to be successful and be a person of impact. Testimony I am so grateful that God made a way and made all the resources need for my registration to the payment of my transportation available because all was a miracle. For taking us on the long journey and bring us back within any hitches, no accident, or sad stories. God is indeed faithful. From this experience I will try to make sure through the grace of God not to miss conferences and not only put into practice all I learnt because that is the only way to show I really attended. I really wished the program didn't come to an end. Seriously anticipating the next one. P.s let me go and start praying fervently for ICMDA LIBERIA AND KOREA and Also JnC 2028. Because why not.



The experience was a life changing one for me the impact stories were amazing, one major thing I realized was the fact that they all are men and women who have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide their lives. Moreover,there is the place of Psalm 32:8 and the treasure of the Holy Spirit,the parallel sessions were filled with real-time realities to serve God ,impacted to serve,share and shine in my little environment and beyond ,the journey is indeed a marathon and there is an expiry date but the timings between the birth date and death date is my best before period. Furthermore, I cannot go without saying a big thank you to the entire leadership of CMDA and the LOC for their well thought plans and help of the Holy Spirit to organize the 6JNC I cannot wait for the 7JNC as God is leading us to a season of perfection, God bless CMDA time will fail me to state how CMDA affected my perception of medics and how to practice as medics with a distinct difference, I am blessed will tell the story one day. God bless you superb.



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The conference was well organized. Indeed I was impacted, rekindled my fire and passion for holistic care. I am refocused to fulfilling God's mandate upon my life as a Christian Medic. I got an answer to the direction I had been trusting God for His leading this past 2yrs. Lastly, I had a reunion with colleagues I hadn't seen. The testimony of safety to all that traveled for the conference as a testament of God's presence with us indeed. I believe in the vision and mission of God in CMDA.

So I wasn't really into CMDA and registered mainly because the members in my class motivated me. Even after registering, I presented several excuses to cancel my registration and sell my ticket. I am glad I didn't have my way. This conference is the best thing to happen to me this year. I now have an understanding of the CMDA vision and I made up my mind to become a full time member back at school. Thank you CMDA for helping me see how to make a lasting impact.



6JnC surpassed what I thought it would be. I saw how big the vision that CMDA has, is. I now get why my colleagues that attended 5JnC couldn't stop talking about it even after 2 years. I am so grateful to God for the privilege to be in CMDA. Each session was beautiful. The hospitality was 1000/100! I trust God to bring to fulfillment, all that he told me in JnC. And that He gives me the grace to walk with Him and make a positive IMPACT.

6JnC was an eye-opening conference. I actually saw God. God spoke to me DIRECTLY and CLEARLY. I saw what God has planned out for me though I don't really know the precise trajectory but I now know the mission. I was also healed and I enjoyed the presence of God. I know for sure that since God has started it, He would provide for it (mission) so I have no fear. Thank you so much for having me. Also, the feeding was okay. God bless you CMDA.



All I can say is I'm happy I came, I saw and I was impacted. I'll intentionally intensify my focus on the things I learnt from this conference, the powerful impact stories, the talks, the panels and parallel sessions. Ah, I was mightily blessed. I'd also want to appreciate the organizing body of the conference and the management of CMDA-NIGERIA. It is very evident that the conference was well planned. Everything was spot on, the quality of the conference materials, food and all else. May God bless you all richly. Thank you.



Firstly, 6JnC was that conference I needed before starting HJ. I got inducted a while ago and I have been waiting at home to get a placement for Housejob. Little did I know that the wait was for this conference. I got my posting letter the Friday before JnC and I had 2 weeks to spare. I heard God speak during the conference and I'm ready for how He will use me to make an impact during Housejob. Thank you CMDA Nigeria.



MY UNFORGETTABLE HIGHLIGHTS OF 6TH JOINT CONFERENCE - IMPACT 2024

Let me take you on a journey to IMPACT 2024 and a tip of the iceberg of all you probably missed in this conference if you did not attend. I couldn't go for the last JNC so I know how that felt like. I could not afford to miss 6JNC again.

Wednesday evening came and I entered the Conference Hall with only one goal in mind. "Girl, your mind must become a sponge; absorb all knowledge." Yes I did just that. I paid close attention to everything shared. It was just me and my journal for IMPACT 2024. I was quick to observe everything and all that I saw were very mindful very demure.

Let's go...

PICKING A FRONT SEAT CLOSE TO THE DOCTORS' SECTION

Everything that would have a good ending should begin well. Beginning well for me started with my choice of where to sit. Sitting in the first 3 rows and of course very close to the row where the doctor's arm executives and guests speakers were was highly strategic for my mission. This became one of the best decisions in my life and I'm not joking. I realized that I witnessed diverse events because of my strategic seat. These events changed my mindset completely. I will share a few of them because I have been impacted.

MEN AND WOMEN OF HONOUR

I observed how well the doctors and guest speakers understood this scripture "Honour all men"(1 pet2:17). The way they all stood to honour every speaker after their ministration and how they greeted one another with respect. Experts in different fields of life yet connected to the same source God.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY AT ITS PEAK

The new executives of the Doctor's arm CMDA NIGERIA were called out and a student was asked to volunteer to come out and pray for them. Would you believe that all of these doctors and Professors knelt down the moment that student-volunteer started the prayer? I was stunned at this act of humility. These were men and women whose years of practice as doctors were probably more than the age of the young student praying yet they choose to be humble before God. May I never get to that level where I won't be humble in the presence of God.



FBI REPORT ON COUPLES IN 6JC CONFERENCE

Dear Readers, what did I not see in this conference? Should I start from the matching outfits from both young and older couples or when I caught a couple holding hands in worship session where all hands were supposed to be lifted unto God? The side to side conversations and exchange of glances between the couples during sessions became a part of the many reasons why I must marry God's best for me.

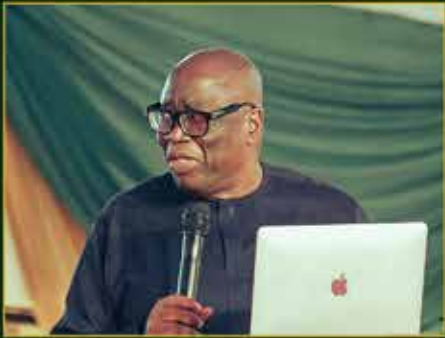
Have you heard of this famous quote, "behind a successful man is a woman"? Well, permit me to ask who is behind a successful woman? I got the answer at 6JnC. It is definitely a Man; her husband. A man who is not intimidated by her achievement, a man who doesn't see the need to take her spotlight or share it but rather support her when it's her time to be celebrated. A man who is secure enough to allow his wife shine bright. I saw this live at the conference.

Three amazing women were called out to be celebrated and their husbands all stood behind them on stage. This is a scene that will be plastered in my mind for a long time. Even while climbing down the stairs around the stage, I saw how these couples still held hands. Ohh, did I mention the hugs? Its the little little things that





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The Lord has asked us to impact. We have to therefore, engage the world.
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The creation cries and groans consistently waiting for your impact. How long would they continue to wait?
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TESTIMONIES

Well, my testimony borders from before, within and after the conference. I am from UBTH chapter and from not having money to register for the conference, God provided for me so much that I was able to register for eight people. At the conference, my mind was shifted, and all of God's instructions that I had neglected, came alive in my heart once more and I have started taking steps to obey them. I rededicated my life to Christ Jesus again and I felt so much joy in my heart when I did so. On our journey back from the conference, God used us so mightily that we even did evangelism in a village we didn't know in Sabongida-ora. Villagers gave their life to Christ and some even received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Even members of my bus who had not received the Holy Ghost also received Him. Those who were sick were all healed instantly and our bus, which people thought would turn over because of the bad road, did not turn over. One of the buses that was bad and refused to turn on was prayed for and it started. In all, I was impacted and have been sent to IMPACT also and I pray to God that I never recover from these experiences. Amen.



Every CMDA conference is refreshing to be fair. To see people who have gone ahead of you still running with the vision is truly inspiring and worthy of note. Also, stepping out from your chapter, seeing the bigger picture and all that there is to CMDA, it's nice! Shows there's so much more. From the organizational structure of both students to doctors, the conference was holistic to say the least. It was complete, attending to every single need and sphere that affects us as Christians and faith in God, our academics and profession, as Nigerians. We spoke on practical issues and matters that weren't just vague.

As a Chapter President, my testimony started right before the conference. We had to do a lot of fundraising to allow for many chapter members to come. I saw God's hands. I am glad I could bring 51 members for the conference, even though it was still small as two classes were writing exams. I could see my members, especially preclinical brethren catching a burden from the meeting. Those I encouraged to go for the conference came back to appreciate me for helping them to make the best decision of their life. God came for me too. I have more confidence in God. I got instructions. Thank God!



I have a very long story and testimony but I will put them all into a summary, I realized that I had truly received the impartation to impact when our bus had to stop on our way back home to wait for one of our other buses and my chapter family (UNIBEN/UBTH) decided to come down for a spontaneous village outreach. As we started preaching I began to speak pidgin so fluently, a language I've been mocked and asked to stop speaking repeatedly by my friends. Lives were saved and souls were won. My impact story started right from there. I'm most grateful to God for 6jnc, I've gotten the motivation and anointing to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creation and I'm not stopping by the mercies of God. I also got a name ordination a day before Prof Chima came to speak about the change of name as a symbol of enlargement of capacity, this explains why God had to change my name. Now I understand my calling better and I'm ready to share, serve and shine. Hallelujah!

1. It was a great event, strategically structured and impactful. I love it. 2. I was blessed by every one of the speakers, especially the iMPACT story anchors. Well chosen. Their testimonies were uplifting. 3. Thank you for the Holy Communion service I was imparted and had a spiritual breakthrough the moment I took it. Been battling with some heaviness and limitations in my spirit that immediately stopped the moment I took communion. Likewise, my child who had multiple skin boils was healed in the instant, and no drugs were given.

As I saw the theme of the conference earlier in the year, I just knew within me that I was meant to be in this conference so I began to plan towards it and to register early so that some other things do not come up within that period and I am so grateful to God that I was able to attend in the first place. As an encourager, I also knew that my attending the conference would be an encouragement to students and seeing the Crowd in the conference was also an encouragement to my heart. Then hearing the impact Stories, rekindled faith and the teachings brought refocus and greater commitment to the vision.



Personally, the IMPACT at 6JnC is really so much that I can't tell it all here. But I really appreciate God for the meeting. It was really a Blessed and Refreshing time. I got instructions from God regarding things to do in the future - my Purpose. I got exposure to revelation and experiences from those who have gone ahead and I also was greatly inspired by the stories and most importantly the Lives of our Fathers. Their humility and yieldedness to God's Leading all the way is really second to none. The lives of all the speakers and facilitators were really a blessing, particularly Dr. Iyun Kayode Ayodele. I pray God continues to Bless and Increase every one of the Management, the Governing Board, the Board of Trustees, the Local Organizing Committee(LOC), all CMDA Doctors, Students and the Entire Body. Thank God for IMPACT 2024.

The 6th joint conference was an awesome conference. This was my first time attending a CMDA conference and I can say I never regretted it. Now it made more sense to me why people travel far for CMDA conferences because It's not just about meeting people, it's about the value. I will play my part to accomplish the mission. I will also impact lives with those words and go through my jottings over and over again. Lastly, I would make sure I am available to attend more CMDA meetings and conferences because I could see how my life was and is still being transformed. Thank you CMDA.



Looking back this year, so far attending 6th JnC has been the best decision I've made. The Lord has truly blessed me with His presence and has reassured me of His will unto me for I came to know His mind over certain matters according to the books. I must say that God was intentional to have me attend the conference. I believe I can't recover from the IMPACT 6JnC gave me and I equally believe the small world around me will as well not recover from the lasting effects of the IMPACT coming upon it. ALL GLORY UNTO THE LORD OF HOST HALLELUJAH TO THE ONE WORTHY TO OPEN THE SEAL.



The conference is a huge blessing, an eye-opener and a testament of God's grace upon yielded vessels. It's so good to see people that were in my shoes at one point in their lives coming to testify of the goodness of God and how CMDA is a training ground. The iMPACT stories remind us of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. I can't wait to share mine in the future starting from now! I thank God for the house of CMDA, since I joined in Year 1, I've never ever regretted my decision. God has used this house to teach me a lot and He still is. Hearing all the testimonies, I'm ready and set to make a difference, be an agent of change and cause tremendous change to my world and the whole world at large. I see myself as God sees me and I trust Him to finish what He's started in and through me! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, CMDA! Selah.

OFURE - The Fire of God

My name is Ofure Angela Ogbidi, and I'm a final year student from the University of Benin (we refer to my chapter as "UBTH" here in CMDA Nigeria). I got into medical school at age fifteen in November, 2016, with the singular goal of graduating at twenty-two max (LOL). It's been eight years, and we now have this long-standing joke here in school that if we (dentals and medics) were doing a four-year course, we'd have been done twice. However, we're finally here, doing our last lap, and truthfully, I wouldn't give up this process for anything, length of years and all.

I got saved in 100 level during a Freshers' Welcome program held by my fellowship, the Christian Union UNIBEN/UBTH and joined our discipleship class. Soon after, I also joined the editorial board of CMDA UBTH Students' Arm on a whim, under Dr. Eleje Chioma (NEiC 2017). She was our School Editor-in-Chief then, and honestly, it was one of the best things that could have happened to me.

I still remember sitting in a room in our Clinical Students' Hostel with my chiefs (even those in final year) as we bonded and shared during some of our board meetings. It was a far cry from the rigid and sometimes toxic pattern of hierarchy our dental/medical school was known for (I have stories for days on this issue), and was a constant reminder of the uniqueness of CMDA, because it felt like I had older siblings who genuinely sought to watch over me, instead of senior colleagues who only wanted to run me down and remind me of how wide the chasm was between us.

That was also the first time I was introduced to the concept of words being a channel for God's power and grace to flow to people, and it's something that has played a huge role in determining my life's trajectory as well as my expressions through writing. It was also during that period of service as a board member I first got a bit of insight into servant leadership. I vividly recall the excitement I felt when Dr. Chioma came to visit me (a "mere fresher") in my hostel, and I kept telling anyone who cared to listen. Years later, it's still one act that has driven me over the years and has stood out as one of my earliest examples of what it meant to lead people by going the extra mile. Because of it, one of my deepest desires in leadership has been to try and "know people reach house".

From 200 to early 400 level however, I got recruited into my fellowship's leadership structure (where I got to serve as a general secretary, prayer secretary and welfare secretary/sisters' coordinator at different levels of leadership).

In that season, I kind of drifted away from the house, because I didn't have the skills required to handle both fellowship and CMDA activities without flopping academically, and honestly, I didn't care to try. These days however, I've seen that I could have done differently had I learnt to manage myself better, and it's something I've had to teach my younger ones who are in similar situations, here in my chapter.

Back then though, I made the decision to just grow and bloom where I had been planted per time, and I learnt so much from serving in my fellowship. My eyes saw the back of my head oh, but looking back, I believe it was all part of God's beautiful plan, because that and the trainings gotten from CMDA have proven to be very life-changing combo.

During my PathPharm year, I "used up" my eligibility for service in any office at my fellowship (we have a rule where you can only serve a limited number of times to allow for mentorship and continuity), and was then free to serve at other places. So, to my second home, I returned. Initially, I'd felt like a "prodigal daughter" after being away for so long, but God knew just how to break the ice, because I was then given the privilege to serve in CMDA UBTH, by being the Head of Finance of our Village Outreach Local Organising Committee (it's ironic how I like using work to find my bearing), and it turned out to be a major lesson in trusting God to raise His funds, for His work, His way.

Some months after that, I was called into service as our School Editor-in-Chief (SEiC), and served for the next two sessions from that office. It was a lot initially, majorly because along the way I battled impostor syndrome and struggled with fitting in (it was like the family had grown without me, and



I was still stuck way back in time), but with the help of my mentor, Dr. Joshua Orifunmishe, and the consistent warmth from our past leaders and my national correspondents, I began to see my place in the family again.

Cue early last year, during my second tenure as SEiC, I began to get words during prayers about God wanting to use me to align His people into their destinies. I'd get different nudges and promptings, all pointing towards standing in the gap and acting as a guide for His people, but I honestly never thought in the line of being School President, because I was supposed to be ineligible at chapter level, seeing as I was entering my final year.

At a point, I'd even thought it was Him speaking in the direction of becoming a national executive, because I was not meant to be eligible at chapter level—I'll keep saying this everywhere (LOL). When that turned out to not be the case, after the National Conference in August, 2023, I assumed He had referred to a service outside the confines of an office and had decided to wait for further instructions (though I was incredibly confused because I could have sworn it was in relation to CMDA, and that it was for the next service year).

We came back to UBTH to begin our chapter electoral process, and I remember how, when I came back from class, one hot afternoon to see a letter of invitation from our School Electoral Committee, to present myself at an interview for possible election into the school executive committee, I had kept repeating to myself and my roommate, quite loudly, that there was surely a misunderstanding somewhere because everyone was supposed to know that I and my classmates were ineligible. And I made up my mind there and then, that when I got to the interview table, I would give the Eleco a "piece of my mind" on the whole matter.

I'm sure we can see how well that turned out.

Throughout the electoral process, I noticed my apprehension kept rising, and for someone who had been so certain she wasn't going to be serving in her final year, that September turned out to be a very turbulent period, emotionally. My emotions moved from anger to denial to fear till it culminated in a deep longing and an intense desire to serve. I'd never desired serving as much as I did in that month. Till today, I can't wrap my head around why I'd felt so intensely that I needed to serve. I remember nights where I'd even cried, telling God that I'd give my all if He would just let me serve one more time (I still can't believe it really, but I did). I realize now that it was the Lord prepping my heart.

The more I prayed, the more I started getting

insight into the office the Lord wanted me to serve in, come 2024. And oh boy, I balked. We'd never had a female president in my chapter, before this time, and I'd thought it unfathomable. (Un)fortunately, during the elections proper, our Eleco Chairman felt led to tell the house that there was no reason why the School President couldn't be a female (it felt like a holy setup). Next thing I knew, I was being announced in our October General Meeting as the first female president.

Cue mental breakdown and mini-panic attacks.

I had to take out time in November to retreat, and during the retreat, the Lord gave me four major projects we would need to undertake as a chapter during the next service year. These projects would culminate in one major end-point: the drawing-in and equipping of chapter members (both active and inactive) and their eventual offering of themselves in service.

The first project was getting a chapter bus (which He literally gifted to us—the testimony still leaves me slackjawed till date), and this helped facilitate the second and third projects (God is amazing like that).

The second project was taking 100 of our members to the Western Zonal Prayer and Missions Conference that held in Ilorin, which was 10 hours away from Benin, with a subsidized transportation fare of 5,000 naira. 104 of us registered but only 90 ended up attending, because three classes had their professional exams the week of the PMC, my class being one of them. From the number of students to the cost of transportation, everything was just overwhelming. I didn't know it was a pretest we were doing (LOL).

Fortunately, the Lord had instructed that I attend the PMC in the middle of my exams, and it was during the conference He told me of the next project we would be undertaking together. A project that would later be known as the "Project 200", a project aimed at subsidizing the transportation cost for 200 students to be able to



attend the 6th Joint Conference. I had been walking round the conference venue when I heard Him say, "Now that we've done 100 students, let's do 200", and I was like, "Enipe?!" That same day, I mentioned it in passing to one of our past leaders, our Deputy CEO, Dr. Aihie Eghe, to gauge his reaction, and his lack of alarm ended up becoming a great source of comfort, because I was like, "If Dr. E. isn't shocked, then it's not a big deal. We go fit chest am."

Immediately my exams ended (Hallelujah, I passed!), the burden came back with full force. I remember one day, I just sat on my bed and began to feel the impulse to design a flyer, and three hours later, we had our very first flyer for "Project 200". It was with serious palpitations I sent the flyer to my chapter secretariat members and told them, "See what God is saying oh. My palms are sweaty, my heart is beating fast fast, and I can barely breathe. How will we send this out? And once it's out, we can't take it back! What will our past leaders say?!"

I thank God for my people truly (it pays to have willing people serve God with you!) because when I brought it up at my school excos' table, they all took a deep breath and said, "Oya na, Presido. We don't know how it'll happen oh, but God go run am!"

And run it He did.

As we moved in obedience, instructions began to come in. From "make a video", to "print out the flyers and paste strategically", to "put one at the front of your wardrobe, where you can see it everyday", to "make another video", etc, instructions and words of encouragement kept coming. Someone reached out to me once that she had a dream about "Project 200", and that really comforted me at a point when I became discouraged, and then so many miracles kept happening (if we were to do a podcast, it'd be at least 2 hours long).

One of the miracles I'd share here, was that the budget of 5 million was raised (and exceeded) by less than sixty out of the three hundred potential sponsors we had aimed to reach out to. And out of the sixty, more than half of the budget was given by less than five of those people. Another one was that we had chapter members literally carry 6JC on their heads like they had been in national secretariat or the governing board meetings when the plans were made. I saw members literally drag others to register. I saw our 100 level students who had only just entered medical school "evangelise" to their classmates about iMPACT; same thing with our foster chapter, Benson Idahosa University. I saw class executives and committed members contribute out of their pockets to pay for the registration and

transportation fees of classmates who either wanted to attend but couldn't afford it or didn't want to and had clung to not having money as their excuse. I saw people have personal prayer meetings different from the ones we were already having at chapter level, just for 6JC. Perhaps most shocking of all was the chapter member who reached out to me that God had wanted him to sponsor the registration fees of eight persons from the eight classes in our chapter and the transportation fare of five people, as an act of faith, and then proceeded to do so. Everytime his alert came in, I'd fall to my knees and thank God.

I was wowed. I was muzzed. I was mind blown.

Time would fail me to share on all that we were taught by God in preparation for iMPACT. Financially, emotionally, and prayerfully, as a Chapter, the Lord stretched us (and we're grateful for it).

I saw God raise His money Himself. He gave us strategies, He gave us grace to follow through with them, and He gave us favour—immense favour. We had a lot of obstacles along the way, from members falling sick, to exams popping out of nowhere, to restrictions from certain departments, but God raised a standard and ensured every mountain became a plain.

Personally, beyond all the things that happened, what I am most grateful for are the heart changes I've experienced in this season. I learnt to have no choice but to trust God completely and step out in faith, making my boast in Him, and to do it repeatedly. I learnt to answer questions and reply subtle ridicule with grace and tact (because if you're sure it'll happen, then there's no need to be upset naw). Honestly, I'm just grateful for this privilege called service in CMDA Nigeria.

I'm thankful God insisted I serve this year, and I'm grateful for the people He has placed around me to guide and strengthen me on this never-ending journey of service. And if there's one thing I can tell any dental and medical student for free, it's that CMDA Nigeria is a whole house (we put the "whole" in "wholeness"!). Yes, there are tough days where you have to balance being a busy dental/medical student and service in the house, but there is grace! In the words of our Deputy CEO, "where God is taking us is far, and He has called us to be set apart", and in the words of our CEO, Prof. Chima Onoka, "God is searching for promotable men". By His grace, I choose to continually offer my life in sacrifice, and I pray you do too.

Ofure Angela Ogbidi

IMPACT STORY

Impact doesn't come without sacrifices.

Service is not the pathway to greatness, it is greatness itself.

God sees potential in each one of us.

Why Serve, Share and Shine?

1. Medicine offers us access to all places.
2. Because the greatest investment one can make is in human lives.
3. It gives us the opportunity to be good Samaritans. Our talents can impact lives.
4. Medicine gives us an opportunity to fulfill God's calling/obey God's command/impact lives for Jesus.

Step out in God for impact, He won't fail you.

Ask and you will have.



Prof Chris Isichei

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Sen. (Dr.) Ipalibo
Harry Banigo

IMPACT STORY

We need to break limits intellectually, economically, and spiritually. Because God has called us to break limits.

Success is knowing your purpose in life. You cannot make impacts without knowing your purpose.

Sow seeds that must benefit others.

Good relationship is very important.

Maintain the right attitude.

We must not faint.

We must cooperate with God in any position we find ourselves so that He can use us for greater impact.

Godliness with contentment is great gain.

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TESTIMONIES

My sister told me about the conference and I knew I had to attend. The insecurity issues at that moment did not discourage me from attending, rather I was more encouraged. Also the environment was nice and cozy; I enjoyed the weather. The impact sessions, parallel sessions and prayer sessions were powerful. Kail! The speakers spoke to me personally. It was like God sent them from around the globe to speak to me. Seeing how Professor Christian Isichei offers services to the helpless and how he works for God, I was marveled. When Professor Chima Onoka said we should write our vision, I began writing according to my spirit. I knew I had to do more for God as a medical laboratory science student (in final year) of EBSUTH chapter. In general, the conference was powerful, impacting and fun. I am glad I attended 6JNC!



This was my first conference In CMDA and it was amazingggg!! In fact, the impact started from the very first day. Coming for this conference with so much desire and expectation and I left filled to the brim that I began to run over. The things I received were heavy!! My view changed. I'VE BEEN STRATEGICALLY PLACED HERE FOR KINGDOM TAKEOVER!!!! I saw the vision and I caught it and I'm running with it!!! This word hit me from the first day "Whenever God sets his eyes on a man, His aim is impact." INDEED, EYES HAVE BEEN SET ON ME!!!! THE VISION REMAINS, "That God made man spirit, soul and body and he has called us Christians in the medical and dental discipline to be proficient in caring for the whole man."

"MY PART I WILL PLAY, THIS VISION TO ACCOMPLISH"

It's funny how just two months away from August I wasn't sure I'd be attending the conference. I had no expectations at the time and I didn't want to spend money just to go make friends and take beautiful pictures. Five weeks to the conference, I prayed and asked God to help me and that I needed expectations. Of course, I had a lot of expectations. Head and tail of this narration is that all my expectations were met if not exceeded. It was as if God prepared everything for me, from the worship session, parallel session, words down to even the food (lol). I felt God in a way I had never felt or experienced Him. I don't think this experience will be forgotten in a hurry. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have attended the 6th Joint Conference.



The conference was a point of retreat for me and the Holy Spirit reminded me of my convictions and consecration. Again, this is my first CMDA conference and I was able to get the vision of the house of CMDA in a clearer picture and MY PART I PROMISE GOD TO CONTINUE TO PLAY. This conference opened my eyes to what impact really is. I'm yet to receive from God my area of impact and once I do, God helping me, I promise to branch out and influence my world.

I was highly impacted. The impact stories stirred up a hunger in me. A hunger to use my profession to make impacts and touch as many lives as possible for Jesus. The impact story of Prof Christian Isichei was such an inspiration. Meeting Medical Students who got distinctions while serving as executives also makes me believe I can do exploits academically even while rendering quality service. I saw the humility of Jesus in display in many of the doctors and professors who spoke to us. People who are making impacts and doing exploits in the kingdom and in their career, yet exuding humility. Everything was perfect. I bless God for providing the registration and transportation money so that I could be part of this life-changing experience called CMDA 6th JnC.

I have so many things to say, but the summary of it all is that I was greatly impacted. My expectations were not cut short at all from the impact stories, to the parallel sessions, to Prof. Chima reminded us of the mission of CMDA. I was blessed, something stirred up in me that I have to be excellent not only spiritually but in all areas of my life. And the food for the three square meals was unexpected. God will replenish the pockets of CMDA. I was just thanking God that there are still people who behave like the way Christians are meant to and will never compromise, I am honestly looking forward to the next one. CMDA is a family I don't see myself ever leaving and it all started because of IMPACT. God bless CMDA.

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The 6th JC truly inspired me to make a difference in the world. The conference highlighted how medicine can serve as a platform for sharing God's kingdom. Initially, I attended just to get out of the house, but the experience transformed my perspective. I also had the chance to meet new people and network with like-minded individuals, which enriched my experience. Every aspect of the program—from the sermons to the talks and parallel sessions—left a lasting impression on me. The "Impact Stories" particularly reshaped my understanding of life and its potential for positive change. Overall, this conference was a memorable experience that will guide me as I strive to make my own impact.



Indeed this Conference answers to its name "Impact". I saw a different light concerning the reason why God granted me the opportunity of studying medicine, I am sent to the health sector to make an impact and to reveal Christ to everyone I will meet, I saw the vital truth of been rooted in Christ and grow professionally and spread out by making impact and building relationships with others. I'm so grateful to God that I didn't miss this conference. I can't stop thinking about Professor Christian Isiechei and his wife, one family impacting thousands of People for Christ, I admire him so much and I pray that God will help me to be selfless as he is (Amen)

I loved each session but what was unique to me was the parallel session. I regret missing the first day of the Synderham's leadership course but I attended the last two days. I loved the topic "health care missions" that was talked about on the second day. Summarily, this conference motivated me to work harder so I can actually make impact as a practicing doctor and it also helped me spiritually as I learnt that I can be a doctor and at the same time a minister, ministering to souls through healthcare because from one of the teachings "the hospital has more people going in and out than any other gathering". Thank you CMDA for the impact and all the students and doctors who made the conference a success. I learnt a lot.

○ AN AWAKENING CALL

The profession medicine and surgery is not for everyone.
It is a call to partnership with God among those who have been gifted by him with wisdom and understanding.
However not everyone has come to the realization of this truth and with the recent trends in the society, this truth may sound so absurd and abnormal.

I believe so strongly that CMDA is a platform God wants to use to transform the health sector. I believe God wants to raise Christian medics after the pattern of the Great Physician (our Lord Jesus).
I believe God is at work in CMDA.

Oh Father, help us see your vision and your mind for CMDA. The medical discipline is the greatest platform for reaching out to all kinds of life.
There are no limitations to the boundaries God has called us to break.
God is raising men in the marketplace for that is where the labour is.

The labour is in the marketplace. Launch out into the deep for a great catch.
The mission is to win souls through the stethoscope and scrub.
We must partner with Jesus in caring for the whole man.
We must not give up, for our master and our commander is a victor and he has gone ahead of us.
We must lay hold on the provisions He has made available.
We must do all to stand firm.

We must press on towards the mark until we see him alone highly lifted up.
We must play our part. The Lord beckons on us.
Oh Christian medic listen to the groaning of creation.
The whole of creation is groaning and waiting for your manifestation.
You are the light of the world shine bright for all to see and then you will make the IMPACT the world awaits.

Eleberi Vincent Eze
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How to trigger and grow impact

1. Be constantly filled with the Holy Ghost
2. Grow in knowledge
3. Prayer and fasting
4. Keep longing for God's presence
5. Keep acknowledging God as your source.

Bishop Abioye

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Men of impact are destiny transformers. If you need a title for impact, query yourself. A title without function will tie you down.

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TESTIMONIES

I'm so happy I attended 6JnC. All my expectations were met and I received more from God than I expected. I met a lot of amazing people. The amount we paid to attend this conference was small compared to what we got. I learnt a lot in all spheres of life. The speakers were amazing. God bless and enrich them. I'd like to thank the LOC. They did a great job. The media team also...they were great. May the good Lord bless everyone involved in the planning. God bless CMDA Nigeria. God bless CMDA Students arm. God Bless CMDA Global.



The conference was beautiful. God reconfirmed a vision He gave me a week before the conference while I was praying for the conference. He had shown me that I would be a kingdom financier, especially in the area of orphanages. It also came to me that CMDA would have its own orphanage where children would be raised with love and their hearts would burn for Jesus from a very young age. I want to thank God because prior to attending the conference I was very weary and feeling overwhelmed that I was able to draw divine strength from the conference. Finally, I had always desired to share Jesus with patients I come across, but I didn't know how to go about it but after attending the saline process, I feel impacted.



It was a well organized and impactful conference. Kudos to everyone involved in the planning. I'm particularly impressed by the level of organization of the local organizing committee in putting things in order. I'm grateful for all the speakers at the conference who shared stories of impact, provided perspectives relevant for making impact both as a student and as a doctor. The conference has helped strengthen my resolve to be impactful and has opened my eyes to practical ways of making an impact. Thank you for the opportunity!

It was a beautiful and amazing experience, getting to see how the vision is growing in Nigeria and beyond, seeing people putting their lives and jobs on the line for the work of God. I enjoyed every parallel session. I lowkey have improved my communication skills as well. The theme exposition made me see the theme in another light: I must first shine brightest so that my environment can shine as well. And as Prof. said 'we're called to make LASTING impacts'. I've become more conscious now. There's a lot to do for God and I'm grateful for IMPACT 2024.



I am a 200L medical student from the ABUTH Chapter. I made a lot of sacrifices to attend this conference, money, time, even school activities (3 tests) precisely. I just want to thank God because he has made a way for me to be impacted. I learned a lot about how I need to grow my roots downward with divine direction and diligence, and to grow my professional skills upward with dexterity and determination and then to grow my branches outward by building strategic relationships with people and by being a destiny helper to someone. I also received the anointing for excellence that is not streamlined to my academics alone. I got empowered to impact lives by the help of the Holy Spirit and my fire was rekindled. There's more testimonies to come, only time can tell.



I will say this is the best conference I have attended in my life, the talk, impact story and every segment is so great. The organization is the best I have seen in a conference. I am so grateful for attending because the awesomeness of God's presence, the information and enlightening is just what I need in my life right now. I can say gladly that I can't work in darkness again. I have seen light. CMDA is home. The level of excellence I see is what I want to work with in my life as a medical student. Thank you CMDA.



This conference really changed my perspective about medicine entirely and made me understand the reason why God has called me to this course. I also want to thank God for the miracle of a house in my family. The devil sought to disgrace us but because God cannot let His children be embarrassed or put to shame, he showed up right on time beyond our expectations. I give Him the glory. For the vessels God used to impact us, I pray that the anointing of God in their lives would never run dry.

I'm really grateful to God for allowing me to attend this impactful gathering. Being in the midst of brethren revived my spirit and set my heart ablaze. It started in me a new longing for God. I met good people and interacted with them. I also received good news of an answered prayer (aunt's pregnancy). A prayer I made during the NZPMC that our school hosted earlier this year. I feel less stressed about the troubles of academics. I sleep better and by God's grace, I'm getting out of bondage of sin. Thank you, Jesus.



My expectations for the conference were met. I was surprised at the number of turn up for the conference. And the fact that everyone is with the sole aim of fulfilling the goal God has given to CMDA. Also the impact stories blessed me and placed a burden in my heart. I choose to not live without finding and fulfilling God's purpose for my life. And of course living for impact. I'm grateful I attended 6JnC and I hope to attend other joint conferences to come and may God continue to bless CMDA.



Firstly, I want to return all the glory and honor to God for journey mercies. While registering for 6JnC, I got to the space that was meant for expectations, and I was like 'what should I fill now?'. I can't even remember what I wrote again. But I wrote something. I asked God to provide for my family during the conference, especially my siblings and on getting home, I was told my elder sister got a contract and she delivered well. Like I was the happiest because God answered meeeeeeeee... I am so grateful and happy I attended this conference. May the Lord be praised, Amen.

IMPACT STORY

If the vision is from God, the problem is from Him.

When God makes a promise, He keeps it.

Sometimes God calls you to things that don't seem to make sense.

There is power in partnerships/relationships/friendships. They yield greater results because two will chase 10,000.



Iko Ibanga

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Five Master keys to a life of lasting impact.

1. Divine direction
2. Diligence
3. Dexterity
4. Determination
5. Destiny Helpers

Dr. Chuka Anude

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TESTIMONIES

This is one of the best conferences so far. I have attended the 5JnC, Northern conference and others. The 6JnC had a unique impact on my personal and professional life. I made deliberate decisions on how to clearly and prayerfully plan to make IMPACT around me. The testimonies of individual impacts have stirred my heart to put more effort into improving the impact the Lord has been helping me make before the 6JnC. And I would continue. I was really impacted by the stories. I now understand more, that as a doctor, I'm a missionary and a minister. I never liked politics. I'm someone that doesn't want to be known, just a quiet life. But I have learned from the conference that I'm a light that is set upon a hill that can't be hidden. So I can't be hidden. I have also decided to participate in politics and impact my world the way I can. I also made some new connections with people. God bless CMDA and the leadership of the house.

I experienced GOD'S enlargement of my love for HIM, capacity, and vision. I also experienced a confirmation of GOD'S prophecy over my life on the things I must do to bring impact to my world through JESUS. I'm deeply thankful to GOD for CMDA, its leaders, and members, and I trust that HE will surely bring to pass THE FUTURE we all desire and strive towards by GOD'S Grace. AMEN!

JnC gave me the answers to the questions about the visions the Lord has shown to me prior to the conference. It indeed is a life changing experience for me, as I have received clarity as regards the purpose of God for my life. And I believe coming down was not a coincidence. It's all a part of God's big plan for me. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. May the Lord continue to be with the CMDA family at large. I have indeed been impacted to make generational impacts.

Every session was a blessing to me, the impact stories segment showed me how God is using men to make a great impact. It was so inspiring. Sen. Banigo made me realize that you don't have to be dirty to make an impact in politics. Those who fear God just like Daniel did in the Bible still have a space in today's politics and lastly Bishop David Ibiyeye's message was a blessing to me honestly "it hit me hard". Thank you CMDA. I am proud to be part of this great family.

The 6th Joint conference served as a huge platform for the Lord to grant me clarity, directions and Purpose. I found boldness and enablement to move out in Faith to take the necessary decisions and make the required adjustments to ensure I fulfill destiny and be an agent of impact. I pray I never recover from this experience and the Lord grants more grace to the speakers and CMDA Nigeria to keep making a difference in the lives of many, in Jesus name, Amen.



I've been greatly blessed. This conference made me realize that I've made God too small in my eyes. God is too big to be limited by my uninformed imagination. I know I've been empowered to make a great impact. I trust God to help me continue in this might, to not recover from this conference and to come back in 4 years time with my own impact story. I'm really grateful for the speakers and everyone who organized this conference. Thank you CMDA.

One thing about CMDA conferences is that it always answers to its theme and 6JnC was no different. Every session was filled with reminders of God's calling upon my life. Seeing our fathers still steadfast and burning in the vision reassured me of possibilities and I'm convinced that with God on my side, I'll run with this vision till the very end. One more thing, I'm grateful to God for the privilege to serve in this great house. LONG LIVE THE VISION! LONG LIVE CMDA!

6JnC was an out of this world experience for me. I heard God speaking, I saw God moving and I saw Him prove himself faithful and just. From the talks, to the exposition, to the parallel sessions and the impact stories, every one was loaded with awesome words for me. I certainly didn't return back the same way I came. As a starting medical student, this is certainly the foundation I needed for the journey ahead. I pray that God keeps us alive to fulfill purpose and to do all the great things we have vowed to do. Thank you.

THE NEWBIES WERE NOT LEFT OUT

The 6th JnC was my very first National Conference, I got to see CMDA in a bigger light. The speakers opened my eyes to how much impact we can make as students and doctors. We have our parts to play, it's much bigger than I ever thought, but with God in it, it is very possible!

6JnC made me understand that I have been called into missions through medicine and surgery. Before this conference, I had second thoughts of switching to nursing, but God made me understand he has called me and He will sustain me till the end. This wonderful conference made me understand that you can serve God and still do excellently well and make that IMPACT I have been called to do. Listening to many doctors talk and share their experiences and Impact Stories was really such a blessing and a rare privilege and knowing that there are still doctors out there who love God despite their busy schedule is just so amazing. Thank you CMDA Nigeria for making my first ever Conference an amazing and unforgettable one. I will never forget this, all your sacrifices were not a waste. God sees you all and will reward all your efforts. GOD BLESS CMDA. #IMPACTED TO IMPACT.



It was a beautiful first experience (my first CMDA conference). The fellowship of like minded students and doctors and students gathered from across the country gave me a lot of clarity regarding the future. We were given the chance to listen to men of God excelling both in the works of the lord and in their medical field; that alone was a mindset changer. The house of CMDA is blessed. My testimony: I received clarity and directed purpose. I was IMPACTED through and through, I had answered prayers during and post conference. Again, God has proven to be always there for me from time to time. IMPACT 2024 has reassured me.

This would be my first CMDA conference and I am so grateful I was able to attend despite the circumstances and the state of the country. The theme was one I needed at this point in my life and there was so much to learn and pick up from the speakers. Seeing Christians doing well in different fields inspired and pushed me to indeed want more out of life. I have also ensured that I put into work all that I have learnt. There's one more thing I am grateful to God for - I got more clarity on the purpose of my business.

First of all I will love to appreciate the Men God placed this vision in their hearts. It was a rare privilege to be part of this in my 100level first semester. God has used this program to work and brood me of fears and doubts that the enemy has filled my mind with. He restored back the courage I lost seeing how people served God and still excelled. I have decided to be a Christian Medic impacting lives as a student and even as a doctor till thy kingdom come.



It was the first conference I've ever attended and I'm planning on not missing any. All the stories were indeed impactful and the wake up call I didn't think I needed.

I came to the conference in low spirits and I made a silent prayer to God "Please let me find you". From the first message by Engr Reis, I knew God was there. I had found Him. I heard and saw Him through every activity and message. I left there with a lifted Spirit. It was looking like I wasn't going to attend but God had bigger packages for me. This is my first conference and I must say, it surpassed my expectations. I'm glad to be part of this great family.

This is my first time attending any conference, be it national or zonal. I didn't know what to expect as our chapter president kept saying we should have an expectation and all. I simply went to God in prayers and said "You know it's my first time, you know all I need, meet me at the point of all my needs and do what only you can do". From the first day (we landed Wednesday midnight) I have seen God's faithfulness! The first morning section on Thursday was all I needed! God did wonders! I got my healing. I got prayers on excellence and every other section just kept icing the cake for me! I had no regret because God showed Himself faithful again and again and again! Praise God!!!!!!

Wow! My first ever CMDA conference. The 6th Joint Conference is one I will live to remember for the rest of my life. I was really impacted. Every single session blessed me tremendously. God laid some impressions on my heart concerning what he'll have me do and there was a confirmation to it (through somebody else that was also present in the conference). My eyes were opened to many things. I sincerely want to thank God for the house of CMDA. Truly, God is in CMDA. I also want to appreciate the CEO, Prof Chima, the outgoing president, Dr Iyun and the governing board for a great job well done. Thank you so much sirs/mas. You all made 6JnC memorable for me and everyone as well. I'm super grateful.



It was my first conference as a CMDA student and I was thrilled by the events that took place in the conference. It was a time of fellowship with God and a time of life changing decision making. I enjoyed every Impact story shared, the sermon and it was a time of motivation and inspiration. The conference was beautiful and well organized. Well done to everyone involved in the planning and we thank God for the success of the program

Being the first conference I've attended, it was amazing. I loved how everyone decently appeared and comported themselves. The speakers were truly blessed. And the parallel sessions were nothing short of amazing. I loved the food too. Being a newbie, I considered CMDA another association, now, it has become a family.



As the first conference I ever attended, 6th JC exceeded all expectations and more. All I prayed to gain by attending were answered. I especially want to thank the host chapter and CMDA -Doctors arm for making sure we students were comfortable and properly cared for. I also want to suggest that maybe next time we allocate some time for sightseeing. I can count Nasarawa state as one of the 36 states I've visited but I didn't really get to see the state. Just a suggestion. But in all Thank you!!

This is the first ever conference I'm attending as a CMDA member. I'm grateful to God for the opportunity to be impacted. I had a nice time at the conference from the food, the accommodation and also the opportunity to connect with medical students from other schools. I have learnt that I'm not studying medicine by chance or by mistake, rather this is a calling and I have a purpose. I will make an impact through this platform as a medical student who will eventually become a doctor. I am impacted already, therefore I will impact the world.

This was my first time attending JC and I was beyond blessed. This conference opened my mind to possibilities, seeing men and women who were once students like me and also went through all the challenges of school and at some point felt like giving up too but today are doing great things and have kept the faith for many years, standing strong and making impact in different sectors, being the light that cannot be hidden and propelling the gospel. It just made me realize that I can dream as big as I can, it's very possible to serve God till the very end and at the same time be excellent in whatever I do.



VISION

That God made man - Spirit, Soul and Body and He has called us Christians in the Medical and Dental disciplines to be proficient in caring for the whole man (1 Thess. 5:23b)

MISSION

The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Nigeria seeks to establish a Christian witness through Medical and Dental doctors and students in every community in Nigeria and beyond. To achieve this, the core mandates of CMDA Nigeria are:

1. To start and strengthen Christian Medical and Dental Association of Nigeria (CMDA Nigeria) chapters nationally through calling, equipping, fellowship and service.
2. To establish and enhance Christian witness through members' personal and corporate ministry in holistic care, health education, missions, and leadership in healthcare

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