

From the desk of Pastor Lannie Robertson. . .

Decision-making and hearing God's voice for directing the ministry has been truly rewarding and enlightening over the past five years. It is a joy to be the Pastor of Monument of Faith Ministries. Today I can see the results of the mentoring from my dad, Pastor Bobby Robertson, the Founder/Senior of Monument of Faith Ministries, and the guidance I received from my mother, Co-Pastor Carol Robertson. The support from the leaders and members of Monument of Faith Ministries has been incomparable, for which I am truly blessed. However, much fasting and praying has been essential for my personal, mental and spiritual growth.

As we move forward to our next phase in ministry, my goal is to place more emphasis on our Evangelism/Outreach and Youth ministries. Our Evangelism/Outreach ministry should be working towards "Touching the Untouchable." We need to increase our feeding of the hungry, providing clothes for those in need, welcoming strangers in our midst, and visiting the sick and those incarcerated. The Word says that what we do for the least of them, we do unto Him. In Mark 16:15, Jesus says that we should go into all corners of the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Are we doing this? Empowering our youth for next generation ministry is crucial. To have an impact on young people, we need to break down our mind set and traditional thinking. Our young people grew up with technology. With the Internet, they have unlimited resources that can be both positive and negative. Our goal is to filter, explain, and communicate with them that what the Word says is the truth. We need to offer them "purpose" so that they won't be afraid to come to church; so that they will be excited to become a part of the ministry; and most importantly, so they will feel they belong and be accepted for their out-of-box thinking.



As Pastors, we teach our congregation how to conduct themselves in and out of church, how to dress, how to sing, how to testify, and how to pray. Nevertheless, I want members of Monument of Faith Ministries to live the life GOD has preordained for them. Jeremiah 1:5 says that before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; and before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you as a prophet to all the nations. When we realize that we are incapable of controlling our lives, we can surrender our will to God's will. When we truly realize who we are in God, then we can be filled with the fullness of God.

Even though I have achieved and completed a undergraduate and masters degree, I believe this first--growth comes when we are not burnt out. Listen to God, know your limitations. Next, delegate to others with the understanding that it takes a team to carry out the ministries within the church. Lastly, every member should invest into the ministry, not just financially, but also by devoting their time to different ministries within the church. Doing this will strengthen each individual and help them to realize their purpose in the body of Christ.

Every Sunday, just before I bring forth the word of God, I have my congregation repeat this statement with me: "If I receive this Word with my mind only, this Word will be dead to me; but, if I receive this Word with my spirit over my mind, this Word will be life for me. Lord, I don't need form nor fashion, I need LIFE." Jesus Christ is that Life!