



A day with...

pastor andrew

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Praisereel recently spent a day with Pastor Andrew Adeleke in an attempt to know a bit more about this very charismatic Pastor and leader. Pastor Andrew, a member of the executive committee of the UK arm of The Redeemed Christian Church of God, arguably the fastest growing church in the world today. He is also the Senior Pastor and founder of House of Praise, a part of the RCCG.

PASTOR ANDREW'S TYPICAL WEEK:

SUNDAY:

Wake up at 5.am to pray. Leave the house for church by 7.am to take the leaders meeting and workers meeting by 8.am. The first service starts at around 9.am and finishes at 11.am. Appointments and counselling are held between 11.10 and 11.20. The 2nd service then commences by 11.30 and finishes around 1.30pm. More Counselling and appointments. See the Teenagers by 2.30pm. Take the Yoruba service which starts at 4.30pm. Get home by 7pm to relax and dine with the family, sleep for a while, watch a bit of football - especially if there is an Arsenal match to see. Take time to prepare for Monday's early morning glory.

MONDAY:

Leave the house by 5.am to conduct the early morning service at Charlton from 6-7am. Return home, rest a bit and make way to the office to resume between 11.00 and 11.30am latest. In the office; typically attend meetings, examine business proposals, counsel etc. Leave the office by 7pm to get home for like 8.30pm. Rest, dine and prepare for Divine encounter on Tuesday in Peckham.

TUESDAY:

This is really a repetition of Monday, Then prepare for Wednesday Bible study.

WEDNESDAY:

A bit busy, meetings, and preparation for evening service.

THURSDAY:

if there is no external engagement, I take a rest and prepare for Friday, especially if there is vigil coming up.

FRIDAY:

Evening Prayer meetings or vigils or external engagements.

SATURDAY:

This is a day for external engagements, weddings, specialised services and preparation for the services on Sunday.

DOES HE REALLY REST?

Pastor Andrew said; "The bible says there is time for everything. There are occasions when you have to create time for the family, because if the family is broken down, the church cannot stand. I try to manage my busy schedule by involving my family in my programme. They travel with me sometimes. It has not been easy, but God has been faithful".

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VISION FOR 2009

"The lord has spoken to us about 2009, it is going to be our year of fruitfulness and reproduction. It is going to be a year when the body of Christ will give birth to many nations. For the RCCG House of Praise, the lord has said that barrenness will be a stranger to us, physically and spiritually".

THE FOCUS FOR 2009

Pastor Andrew stated that the church's focus is on expanding the kingdom of God and taking back the lost through active Evangelism.

BUILDING PLANS

He told Praisereel that the church is trusting God to worship in a new auditorium in 2009. He continued "...but apart from building the physical structure; we shall train more missionaries, ministers, workers of the gospel and plant more churches".

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT?

"We need to look at the areas of commitment to God" He stated "People are getting distracted by rumours of war". He said the church will teach more on commitment and faithfulness to marital vows, family values and real friendship. He said there are no longer real friendships the type of which David testified of Jonathan in 2 Samuel.

"People need helpers of destiny. We worship Jesus today because He was highly committed to us to the point that He took our place on the cross" He concluded. He also added that the church will also focus on prosperity, and teaching the people to own their own business.

ON RCCG UK

Pastor Andrew began by saying God has been helping the church. He praised the unity and the wisdom and leadership of the chairman; Pastor Agu Irukwu, under whose leadership, the work has expanded tremendously. He further stated that the best is yet to come. "In 2009, we plan to go into Wales, Scotland, everywhere. No place will be able to contain us".

"Pastor Adeboye, the General Overseer has prophesied, and as a genuine prophet of God we believe that very soon, we shall get our own camp ground because I know his word shall come to pass".

