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## ABSTRACT

The essay, an Evaluation of Mission Enterprise of Orita Mefa Baptist Church, Ibadan is a research work that reflects on the enterprises of the Church and the pertinence if it to the early church. The significance of the research is based on the possible means employed by the church in implementing her mission enterprises within the church and outside her community. Also, the effects of the enterprises upon the Church in particular and her community in general since the period of her existence. This project researches into the problems observable in the way the mission enterprises of the Baptist Church are being carried out and the result of such activities and it involves the use of primary and secondary sources as the major sources for the information. The primary source such as the information collected personally from the Church and questionnaire administered. Secondary source as the use of textbooks, journals in the library, internet sources and project written by others in the Seminary in the past.

Through critical analysis of the research work on mission enterprise of Orita Mefa Baptist Church, the mission enterprises can be improved upon in these areas: the mission work by proxy was seen in practice among the members. The active participation of individuals is based majorly on giving their resources such as money, clothes etc. to the need of others on the mission fields instead of visiting the fields and involving in the activities. The church collaboration with other mission agencies is low and there is need for partnering with others as a matter of fact in order to have greater impact on the unreached. . It was discovered that the church focuses more on urban mission more than rural mission. There is no single church planted or adopted in the rural area which can serve as well as a means of executing the gospel message. From the result of the data collected, there are some problems. In order to improve the state of the mission enterprises of the church, the following recommendations are made: Church needs to extend more assistance to mission fields and missionaries. Sponsoring of missionaries' children's education. Building of school through collaboration with the mission agency body of the Convention. Provision of health facility will go a long way. The men missionary union must make a commitment to adopt a mission field and supply needed things to the adopted area. Also training could be organized by the church for the mission minded members to help them know more about mission. The Church needs to go on village evangelism and develop rural dwellers spiritually.

## 5.2 CONCLUSION

It is pertinent to conclude that the issue of missions is a must for all churches, more demanding still is when it concerns church pastors, and it becomes a task should never be compromised. In addition, pastors must be aware of the relative importance of passing across to members the need for missions enterprises. The African mentality of seeing the missions work as solely that of the pastors or missionaries on fields must be changed. The apostle Paul says, the foundation has

been laid and so everyone must be careful how he is building on it. Oritamefa has been examined in some areas of giving, church planting and training of pastors. The time constraint and other factors do not permit the researcher to look more in-depth. Based on findings, other Baptist churches need to brace up and work upon their mission efforts.

### 5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

From the result of the data collected, there are some problems. In order to improve the state of church missions enterprises, the following recommendations are made: Church needs to endeavor to extend more assistance to mission fields and missionaries. Sponsoring of missionaries children education and provision of health facility. 60percent of the respondents said no to question three raised about church assistance to any mission field.

Men missionary Union and Women Missionary Union may make it a year commitment to adopt a mission field and supply needs of the place as much as they can. From the responses, over 83 percent agreed to have trained missionary organisations in the church. The need for it was noticed in order to change the traditional way of doing things in the M.M.U and W.M.U. The church can call on mission experts and give a talk on how to effectively witness. This will also help the mission organization or committee in the church. The church needs to network with other mission agencies in order to propagate the gospel. It was seen that she has a good partnership with the umbrella body of mission in the Convention, yet much more lands can be covered if partnered with other agencies like CAPRO and Great Commissions.