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THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF JOINT BAPTIST PASTORS' SCHOOL,
OYO (1977-1995) ON BAPTIST WORK IN OYO AREA.

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CONCLUSION

The Joint Baptist Pastors' School, Oyo has come of age and she has lived to fulfil her motto of "Training for Christian service." The school has also fulfilled to a large extent the aspirations of the founding Conferences.

The achievements of the school can be described as glorious. The story of the success of the school is that of testing the ability and capability of Oyo West, Oyo East, Ondo, Kwara/Kogi, Osun, Ogun and Lagos Baptist Conferences to initiate, plan and execute laudable and capital intensive projects. The success story has proved critics of the vision wrong and it has further proved that common vision, determination, pursuance of the set objectives and above all, faith in God will triumph over skepticism and retrogressive or status quo ideas and will eventually bring benefit and great pleasure in life. Kudos to the initiators, that is, the founding Conferences, the pioneer Principal, Advisory Bodies, staff and to all persons (past and present) who have contributed their quota to make the school what it is today.

Problems are bound to occur in life as well as in the life of institutions. I believe that the presence of problems makes one more conscious of existence. The problem of the school is mainly financial and this has been tackled from

various angles, yet there has been no appreciable improvement. The bottom line of the financial problem lies in our spirit of giving which is generally poor. It seems as if this bad trait has permeated through the entire "Nigerian Baptist Convention system." We need to change our attitude to giving and especially to Mission. Posterity will never forgive us if Joint Baptist Pastors' School, Oyo is carelessly allowed to grind to a painful halt. God forbid. God wants to use human beings like YOU AND I to develop the School. Let us carry on from where others have stopped. This is another big challenge of our time. We must not fail.