

**PASTORAL RESPONSE TO ROAD ACCIDENT
VICTIMS IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN
STATES OF NIGERIA**

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ABSTRACT

This research work is focused on Pastoral Response to Road Accident Victims in the Southwestern states of Nigeria. It is to suggest how rescue works could be performed effectively by Baptist pastors under the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Areas reviewed include biblical survey of rescue work, historical survey of rescue work and contemporary survey of rescue work. It also focused on the rescue work as a stewardship assignment, limitations to stewardship performance and stewardship attitude. All these combined together to reveal the changing nature of rescue work.

Though the questionnaires for this project are in two forms, the focus of the work however is based on the Baptist pastors and rescue work. The data are formed through the responses from the pastors, medical officers and interviews from medical officers and Road Safety Officer.

According to the research, pastors are aware of their duty as life saving agents. However there are several problems which stand between pastors and rendering rescue to road accident victims. There are however several solutions which this project recommended in the concluding chapter.

The major solution lies in the pastors acquiring training in Accident and Emergency. They are also suggested to register with one road safety organization so as to eliminate any fear or embarrassment which the task might have been faced with in the past.

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5.2 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings of the research exercise, the following conclusions were reached. That Baptist pastors are not ignorant of the biblical fact that it is a point of duty for them to give rescue to road accident victims. Rather, the various problems that they faced in the event of doing such has prevented them from dabbling into it. This has become a weakness on their part except for those that belonged to a rescue organization unit. This, it becomes imperative for a Baptist pastor to become a member of such organizations. Having the help-line numbers of the Federal Road Safety Commission could also be of help.

A pastor that is interested in the rescue of road accident victims should go for training in Accident and Emergency operation. This will enhance the relationship between the pastor and the hospital personnel. It would also enhance a psychological relief and healing to the victims. The training combined with the spiritual capability

of the Baptist Pastor puts him or her in the best position to be able to be a life saver to the road accident victims. Though the core work of the Baptist Pastor is not to become a road safety agent, but serving as a shepherd. However, shepherding include preserving and rescuing of the sheep from dangers. Thus, the Baptist Pastor should be expecting to save a road accident victim when embarking on a journey.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings of this research exercise, the following recommendations are hereby proposed for action by the serving Baptist pastors under the Nigerian Baptist Convention and The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomoso.

Baptist Pastors should:

1. Strive to become a road accident victims rescue agent and restore back the parabolic lost of integrity in the contemporary time. Be prepared to meet an accident victim that will need your help whenever you are going on a journey, especially in a personal vehicle.
2. Be ready to do your best in rescue work at all times. Remove every fear or doubt of victims dying in your custody. Focus on safety.
3. Go and read again the “Good Samaritan” parable of Jesus Christ (Lk. 10:30-37).
4. Wave down other motorists for assistance.
5. Keep the helplines of the Federal Road Safety Commission with you, get used to them by being involved in a rescue operation to road accident victims.
6. Keep with you the phone numbers of Ambulance services if available.
7. Try to overcome your emotional strain.

8. Do not because of financial breakdown or other problems resist doing rescue work to road accident victims.
9. Always go about with your personal identity card.
10. Go and attain training in Accident and Emergency operation.
11. Go and join a rescue organization and lead in rescuing road accident victims.
The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomoso should:
 12. Give training in Accident and Emergency operation to all her students.
 13. Establish a recognized Nigerian Baptist Theological seminary road accident victims rescue pastors.
 14. Take the rescue of road accident victims campaign to the Convention Level.

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