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#### D. CONCLUSION

The growth and development of the Baptist work in Ilorin is impressive and very encouraging. The Islamic barrier and stronghold is being broken. Surely, the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2, NIV). There is no doubt that "in the midst of chaos, (travail) and crisis, a dynamic church has emerged."<sup>55</sup> However, with the dawn of a new century and the challenge of revival in Islam, the church must rise up with vigor and face the great task before her. If she desires a great harvest of souls among the muslims.

The wall of Islam is already broken and it is time for the church to consolidate her presence in the community. Though the task is enormous, the church is able to possess the land for Christ. The task of disciplining the muslim is a call to witness, to love, to serve and pray earnestly.<sup>56</sup> The victory of the cross over the crescent is sure.

Let the Church arise and shine.

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<sup>55</sup>Mark Kelly, "Nigeria: Mission On the Move in a Volatile Land" Commission, July, August 1995, p. 10.

<sup>56</sup>William M. Miller, A Christian Response to Islam, p.8.