

AN ANALYSIS OF THE ROLES OF ITINERANT  
EVANGELISTS IN PROMOTING EVANGELISM  
IN OGBOMOSO LAND

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## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The study was an analysis of the roles of independent evangelists in promoting evangelism in Ogbomosoland. There were three people groups selected for both oral interview and questionnaire. They include pastors, evangelists and lay people. Their responses were reported in frequencies and percentages. The findings were summarized below.

### Summary of Findings

1. The study revealed that there were several itinerant preachers in Ogbomoso known to people but only two of them were functioning and as such were known to the majority of christians in the town.
2. It was also gathered from the study that only few churches-about 25 out of 69 people indicated made constant use of itinerant preachers while the rest churches had little or no use of their services in a year.
3. The findings indicated that the itinerant preachers were concerned about preaching of the gospel in churches.
4. The study revealed that the itinerant preachers also involved in open air services.
5. There were strong agreement of respondents that the itinerant preachers preached, as their main focus, salvation through christ, healing and deliverance and prosperity and blessing messages.
6. The responses of the respondents indicated that some of the itinerant preachers preached in churches, open air rallies and through media programmes.

7. The study indicated that itinerant preachers in Ogbomoso were very effective in their gospel ministries.
8. There were diverse of opinions as to their relationship with the pastors in the town. While some pastors were maintaining cordial relationship, with them, we find out that others were not in good terms with the itinerant preachers.
9. Strong argument indicated that all methods of evangelism will be applicable to the people.
10. However other strong view suggested counseling methods for various groups and how best to plant and grow churches in the town.
11. All opinions gathered showed that open air services, church revivals, seminar, and radio/television programme will attract more people to their Ministries.
12. There were strong agreement of respondents that itinerant preachers were very zealous and have concern for the lost people in the town.
13. There was an unusual silence as to the negative aspect of the itinerary preachers in Ogbomoso. While some people said they had their lapses, others refused to comment.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings in this study the researcher is making the following recommendations.

1. All itinerant preachers should come together to formed an association of christian preachers. Whereby they will be able to worked together and plan how best to reach the city of Ogbomoso with the gospel message.
2. All the itinerant preachers in Ogbomoso must not be

competitors between workers. Self should be put aside and christ be put in center of their ministries.

3. More also the itinerant preachers in Ogbomoso should wait until they were invited by a local church but rather make frequent visit to churches with the purpose of intimating them with the message of God.
4. Evangelists and pastors are not enemies of each other but rather labourers together with God. As such their should be a forum for both the pastors in the town and the evangelist whereby they will meet and discuss together how they can both promote the work of God in the town.
5. Another thing the itinerant preachers should be mindful of that itinerant evangelists are not church pastors but church planters. Therefore they should concentrate their efforts on their God given gifts.
6. Itinerant preachers should unite together and organize open air rallies from time to time within and around the town.
7. Itinerant preachers should belong to a local church irrespective of their denomination. So that they may have a sense of belonging and sense of accountability.
8. Evangelists should desist from making the gospel ministry a commercial organization where by they will see it as belonging to them and that they can do it any how. They should realize that it is a spiritual gift to be used for planting churches to the glory of God.
9. Another danger that the itinerant preachers should beware of is that of crave for money and materialism. While it was not be bad to have these things, the bible confirm it

that it may lead to people astray. As such they should beware of waving their messages around materialism. It is not for them to demand from their host how to be treated rather let God who called you meet your need.

10. Another obstacle for the itinerant preachers to be aware of is the women or ladies waving around when. They should prefer touring with men to ladies when they go on evangelistic journeys.
11. Another important aspect to be noted by the itinerant preachers is sound knowledge of the scriptures. In addition to their callings and gifts they should make themselves available for theological training so that they don't end up preaching cheap theology which often left people worse than when they met them.
12. Finally the itinerant preachers should be open to criticism and correction from the people. To ignore such is to dig once grave.
13. The Churches will benefit much if they work hand in hand with genuine itinerant evangelists. They will benefit from their spiritual gifts and the Churches will become alive when they allow for revivals seminars and sound bible teaching with which some of these itinerant preachers were endowed.
14. The Pastors are in a good position to know those evangelists that are spiritual and knowledgeable in the word of God. He is therefore owes it a duty to liaise with such and frequent them in his Church where he pastors.
15. Frequent visiting of Godly itinerant evangelist to the

