A Journey Through Faith and Life:

The Biography of Rev. Toba Olowokere

Born in Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria, 73 years ago, He entered into a bustling family of 15 members. His family included dad, mum, stepmum, and 12 siblings. His educational journey began at St. Michael's Primary School in Akure, and later pursued studies at St. Patrick's Secondary School in Oka Akoko, Ondo State, completing his secondary education in 1970.

The years between 1971 and 1975 saw him embracing various job roles. Ventured into teaching, served as a Town Planning Assistant and Building Site Inspector, and also spent time working as a Bank Clerk.

In 1976, He left Nigeria for the UK to pursue further studies. He attended the College for Distributive Trades in Smithfield, London, where he eventually graduated in 1979 with a degree in Meat Science. Upon his return to Nigeria, he took on a lecturing role at the Federal Polytechnic in Akure, which later relocated to Ado Ekiti. He continued to share his knowledge and expertise in this capacity from 1980 to 1984.

However, the pursuit of knowledge and growth knew no bounds, and in 1985, he made his way back to the UK to obtain a post-graduate diploma in Business and Finance from the London College of Printing (now London University of Arts and Business). From 1987 to 1999, his professional journey led him to positions of responsibility, including a Sales Manager role at Newsrack News Agent in Vauxhall, London, and later at Harper Ventures Limited in Morden, South London.

Following the unfortunate closure of Harper Ventures Ltd in 1999, He secured a position at London Tramlink in Croydon, where he found fulfilment as a Tram Driver until his retirement in 2019.

However, the most transformative and spiritually significant chapter of his life unfolded in 1976 when he found faith through Gospel Faith Mission. This marked the beginning of a profound journey that led him to become an ordained minister, culminating in a beautiful marriage and the blessing of children. In 1986, he joined Deeper Life Bible Church in London, where he also served as a minister and pastored an assembly in Toothing, South London. As his spiritual journey continued, he felt the calling to return to "Bethel," his former church, Gospel Faith Mission, where he dedicated himself to helping build a new assembly until his retirement.

In conclusion, his life's journey has been marked by a pursuit of knowledge, professional growth, and above all, a deep connection with his faith. From humble beginnings in Nigeria to fulfilling roles across different continents. He embraced every chapter with passion, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to life and to

Open Gates Christian organisation.