

ANNIVERSARY PREVIEW EDITION

CHAPTERS OF GRACE

20 Years of Faith, People, Ideas
and Impact.
A Future Still Being Written.

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TBN 20

PREVIEW

Expanded archive-informed preview
edition.



GRACE MADE
EVERY CHAPTER POSSIBLE

BUILD AGAIN + BETTER / RESTORING THE WELLS.
REBUILDING THE GATES.

**“We are not replacing the
foundation. We are building more
faithfully upon it.”**

Twenty years gives TBN reason to remember and responsibility to examine. The anniversary is a compass check: What did God say? What has God done? What have we become? What must we become next?

THE NETWORK BEYOND THE ROOM

WHERE IS THE BRIDGE NETWORK?

Twenty years after its beginning, TBN cannot be measured only by the people currently in the room. Its

story travels through people, convictions and relationships. Adam Madojemu, who grew up alongside the church, community is not finally defined by a building or even a city.

Adam Madojemu / oral-history recording, September 2026

Adam Madojemu / family or next-generation image

“Community isn’t necessarily a specific place. It’s the people and what they’re doing together.”

ADAM MADOJEMU / ORAL HISTORY, SEPTEMBER 2026

Adam Madojemu’s reflection gives the name fresh meaning. People moved away, but community travelled with them. Alumni remained connected. The network became larger than geography.

Perhaps “Network” was prophetic from the beginning.

ORIGIN / BEFORE THE NAME

Before There Was a Church

Long before TBN had a name, one question was already disturbing Pastor Francis: Why should the life of God be confined to church? The teaching burden, whole-life theology and instinct to connect Scripture with ordinary life had developed over many years.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Manchester / train / early
founders archive

The institutional decision crystallised during a train journey from Manchester in 2006. Pastor AJ recognised that something within her husband needed room for expression. They chose to move forward together.

“Is God aware?”

THE BURDEN REQUIRED A FORM.

The institution began in 2006. The conviction began much earlier.

FOUNDING SCENE / FACTS TO VERIFY AGAINST THE
ARCHIVE

1 October 2006 — And Then the Doors Opened

The first public service took place on Sunday, 1 October 2006. Pastor Francis remembers choosing a Sunday morning deliberately: TBN would not begin by drawing people away from their own churches after morning worship. Nearly 200 people reportedly came in support. The number and individual roles

HOW IT BEGAN, AS LEADERS REMEMBER IT

The opening did not begin with a large institutional machine. Leaders remember people simply finding what needed to be done — preparing the room, organising the ushers, carrying worship and helping a new church take shape. Before TBN had twenty years of systems, programmes and history behind it, there were people taking responsibility for what was in front of them.

2006 / MANCHESTER**The decision crystallises**

The decision to establish TBN takes shape during a train journey.

1 OCTOBER 2006**Public worship begins**

Pastor Francis recalls almost 200 people at the first Sunday gathering.

EARLY YEARS**Community + institution-building**

Service, joint gatherings, teaching, prayer, experimentation and systems.

ACROSS THE YEARS**Whole-life formation**

Real Success, Knowledge Classes, children, teens, leadership and practical faith.

BEYOND IBADAN**The story travels**

People relocate; relationships, convictions and influence move with them.

2026**Twenty years**

TBN asks not only what has been built, but what must now be carried forward.

A selective set of anchors — not a claim to exhaustive chronology.

THE PEOPLE ARE THE MEMORIAL

Buildings can be photographed. Programmes can be listed. The most important evidence of TBN lives in people: what they learned, carried, built and became.

- heard the Word and found direction
- received help
- grew up in the community
- served without a title
- moved away but carried something with them
- passed through briefly and left changed

“The strongest evidence of The Bridge Network is what God has built in people through it.”

PASTOR FRANCIS E. MADOJEMU

INHERITANCE / THE EARLY BUILDERS

THE FIRST LABORATORY

TBN did not emerge from a vacuum. Jesus Embassy had already become a laboratory for excellence, creative communication, thematic teaching, vulnerability, Kingdom collaboration and faith applied to life.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Early community / volunteers /
archive mosaic

The new church carried much of that inheritance forward, while gaining freedom to experiment more fully. Early workers prepared the room, clothed the ushers, carried worship and solved practical problems before formal systems existed.

“This work has always been carried by people, not by one person.”

PASTOR FRANCIS MADOJEMU / LEADERS MEETING, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

WORSHIP

PRAYER

CHILDREN

HOSPITALITY

MEDIA

ADMINISTRATION

PRACTICAL HELP

MARKETPLACE WITNESS

The anniversary must honour both inheritance and ownership. What did TBN receive? Who carried it? What must the next generation now add?

What kind of ownership must be recovered if another generation is going to build again — and better?

RECEIVE / OWN / SERVE / BUILD / HAND
FORWARD

PASTOR FRANCIS MADOJEMU

PEOPLE THE WORLD COMES LOOKING FOR

Pastor Francis describes a long-held picture: government and corporate vehicles arriving because an institution needs a particular person to solve a real problem.

TBN's task is to form people whose spiritual depth becomes public

The World should produce integrity, intelligence, competence, courage and responsibility. Faith must become visible in work, family, leadership, citizenship and service.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Pastor Francis — editorial
portrait

GATHERING / FORMATION / PRACTICE / PUBLIC
USEFULNESS / VISIBLE FRUIT

Attendance begins the journey. The outcome is a person whom the world can trust with difficult work.

“Build people in such a way that institutions come looking for them.”

PASTOR AJ MADOJEMU

SPACE TO BECOME. GRACE TO WALK TOGETHER.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Pastor AJ — editorial portrait

Pastor AJ recognised that the founding step would give Pastor Francis room to express what God had placed within him. She also understood that the journey would have to be worked out together, one step at a time.

Her account refuses the stereotype of the silent pastor's wife. She speaks of faith, family cost, freedom from conformity and the grace that Church and home often shared the same space. Privacy, finances and family time carried real costs. Yet the result became a family extending across continents.

WHAT SHOULD THE NEXT GENERATION
INHERIT?

A world-changer mindset
rooted in God.

WHAT SHOULD TBN BECOME?

A Fulfilment Centre. A
national and global
resource.

NEXT GENERATION / FAMILY

TBN GREW UP WITH US

For Adam and Edward, TBN grew alongside them. Church arrived early, stayed late and regularly entered the family home. The boys experienced both the community and its hidden cost.

Adam Madojemu / the community travelled with him

Madojemu family archive —
then / now

Pastor Francis identifies his children's faith as one of the most important tests of the journey. Could the Gospel remain credible to those who saw the sacrifice at closest range?

Their testimony does not remove the cost. It shows that faith, family and community survived it.

Buildings change. People move. Children become adults.
Community can still travel.

OPTIONAL IMAGE SLOT — second family / brothers image

BELONGING BEYOND GEOGRAPHY

COMMUNITY, EVEN AT A DISTANCE

Community becomes believable when difficulty tests it. During Pastor AJ's cancer treatment, people who were not biological relatives rearranged their lives, entered the family home and carried ordinary responsibilities.

Pastor AJ's cancer treatment was one of those tests during a difficult season of medical treatment in Maryland. Members who were not biological relatives moved into the family home and helped carry ordinary life while she was away.

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Care / community / global
family image

That care reveals a central grace story: God often answered the family's need through people. Across countries and generations, relationship outlived attendance.

KOREA

connection online

CANADA

family + faith

EUROPE

alumni + relationships

NORTH AMERICA

care + support

IBADAN

the anchor community

FAMILY WORLDWIDE.

Belonging has never been entirely synonymous with being in the same room.

THE LIFE OF GOD BEYOND SUNDAY

Where should the life of God become visible?

Pastor Francis names the founding assignment plainly: wherever a person is planted, God intends to manifest through that life. Sunday gathers and forms people. Monday reveals whether the formation can travel.

FROM THE LEADERS MEETING

Members repeatedly describe the surprise of hearing business, government, creativity, money and family treated as spiritual responsibilities.

WORK MATTERED. FAMILY MATTERED.
CULTURE MATTERED. THE CITY MATTERED.

GOD'S LIFE WAS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL.

From Sunday into work

Into money

Into leadership

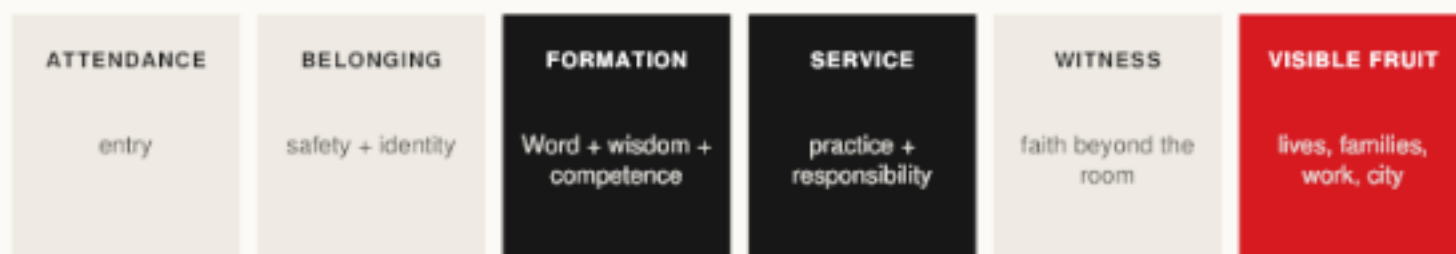
Into family

Into citizenship

Into creativity

Into the problems people were actually trying to solve

The aim was never merely to make people effective inside church. It was to form people through whom faith takes useful form outside it.



Not merely coming to church. Becoming someone through whom faith takes visible form.

LEGACY REQUIRES STRUCTURE SYSTEMS ARE SPIRITUAL

The transcript links systems with generational purpose. People who expect the work to outlive them document, organise, maintain standards and prepare others to carry responsibility.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Adinike — portrait / work /
then-and-now

TBN's next chapter cannot depend on memory, personality or heroic intervention. Its values must become repeatable practices, clear responsibilities and accountable systems.

This is one meaning of Build Again + Better: preserve the life, strengthen the vessel and stop confusing informality with spirituality.

WHAT SHOULD A
SYSTEM PRESERVE?

Clarity, truthfulness,
stewardship and a
standard that outlives us.

WHAT SHOULD THAT
PRODUCE?

People who can be
trusted without constant
supervision.

CONVICTION / PRACTICE / SYSTEM / CULTURE /
LEGACY

LATE INSERT SLOT — optional second alumni proof point

DR. FUNMI AKINYELE / FRIEND OF TBN

SHE TAUGHT BY CONNECTING THE DOTS

Dr Funmi Akinyele describes Pastor Francis's teaching like reading a literary work: apparently separate ideas remain in tension until the connections become visible and the whole picture resolves.

PHOTO PLACEHOLDER

Dr. Funmi / programme
archive / candid

That method did more than transfer information. It invited people to participate in discovery. Ministers also showed their scars, allowing listeners to recognise their own lives inside the teaching.

Her reflection helps explain why Chapter 5 of The Power of Moments resonated so strongly: insight becomes transformative when people encounter a truth and connect it for themselves.

The teaching did not always provide a conclusion immediately. It created the conditions in which a person could stumble over the truth.

This is more than a teaching style. It is a formation method worth preserving and improving.

People remember conclusions. They are changed by discoveries they feel they made themselves.

DR FUNMI AKINYELE / FOUNDING-STORY INTERVIEW, SEPTEMBER 2026

TRIP OVER THE TRUTH

From the article "Falling Into the Truth"

"A truth can be true and still be incomplete."

At the Threshold, Dr Abib Olamitoye's distinction between assets and liquidity became more than financial advice. It created a moment of recognition for Pastor Francis.

The earlier principle had truth in it: assets can protect value. The encounter revealed its incompleteness: preserved value can still leave a person unable to act.

WHY THIS BELONGS IN THE MAGAZINE

This belongs in the anniversary because the teacher must remain teachable. Build Again + Better requires enough humility to preserve what is true while changing the conclusion that no longer serves the whole reality.

SOURCE NOTE: Pastor Francis Madojemu, "Falling Into the Truth," 29 September 2026. Final quotation verification recommended before print release.

REMEMBRANCE

HEAVEN KEEPS THE FULLER RECORD

Some people who built these twenty years are no longer here. Others served so quietly that those who benefited may never know their names. An anniversary cannot carry heaven's complete record, but it must refuse institutional amnesia.

THE PRAYERS

THE PRACTICAL HELP

THE MEALS

THE LATE NIGHTS

THE TEACHING

THE QUIET GIVING

THE DOORS OPENED

THE PROBLEMS SOLVED

“They also built the Bridge.”

We remember their names, their work and what continues because they served.

FULL-BLEED IMAGE PLACEHOLDER

Great Hall / NuStreams — dramatic contemporary image

BUILT BY MANY HANDS

— gave money

— gave professional skill

— sourced

— repaired

The renewed Great Hall is one of the anniversary's most visible markers. Concrete, cables, paint and equipment cannot tell the whole story. People gave money, skill, labour, time and attention so the platform could serve again.

— installed

— cleaned

— kept ordinary church life going

— gave when giving was costly

NOT A MONUMENT. A PLATFORM ENTRUSTED FOR SERVICE.

DISCERNMENT / THE THREAD

DISCERNMENT / THE THREAD



AT THE THRESHOLD / 27 SEPTEMBER
2026
DR. ABIB OLAMITOYE

Future leaders may bring different personalities, architecture, technology and methods. Pastor Francis does not ask them to imitate his externals. He asks them to preserve the movement into God represented by the outer court, the holy place and the most holy place.

METHODS WILL CHANGE.
PERSONALITIES WILL CHANGE. CHRIST
REMAINS THE FOUNDATION.

But what must survive?

The interview adds two further non-negotiables: tell the truth, and do what is right rather than what merely pleases the leader.

CHRIST / THE WORD / THE
HOLY SPIRIT / TRUTH / DIRECT
LIFE WITH GOD / FORMATION /
OWNERSHIP

Succession succeeds when the next generation preserves the source of life without becoming a copy of the founder.

CARRY

What has God entrusted that must not be lost?

RECOVER

What wells once gave life and need reopening?

LEAVE

What habits, assumptions or methods no longer serve the mission?

REBUILD

What gates must become strong enough for the next generation?

RETURN → ORDER → BUILD → HARVEST → THANKSGIVING

FUTURE / FULFILMENT CENTRE

The next twenty years require more than preserving a Sunday gathering. TBN must become a Fulfilment Centre that forms people and produces what the world needs.

Who carries the story next?

Digital platforms and AI have widened access. A person in Ibadan can learn, create and serve globally. TBN's task is to unite that access with the wisdom and life of God.

"The next generation must take this farther than I can."

PASTOR FRANCIS MADOJEMU / LEADERS MEETING, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

KingdomOS, BridgeWorks, Real Success, Market Day Live, the children's experience and NuStreams are not isolated projects. They are possible instruments for forming capable people and releasing them into the world.

RECEIVE / FORM / BUILD / RELEASE / MULTIPLY

The foundation remains Christ. The methods will change.
The responsibility continues.

The question for 2046: What will exist because this generation built faithfully now?

PASTOR AJ HOPES THE NEXT GENERATION INHERITS

DEEP IN GOD. FULLY FORMED.
USEFUL TO THE WORLD.

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

What has God entrusted? What must we build? Who must we prepare?

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THE STORY BECOMES THE MAGAZINE, THE FILM, THE SONG AND THE LIVING DIGITAL ARCHIVE.

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HAND FORWARD.

We remember.
We receive.
We build.
We hand forward.

Jesus Christ remains the foundation.
The next chapter requires our obedience.
The story continues.