Women In Tune
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Restoring, Raising and Releasing Women To Take The Kingdom
When the Lord began to speak to me, in November 2001, about starting a ministry for women, I was very disturbed because I did not like women’s ministry, and I certainly did not want to lead one. In fact, the mere thought of starting one made me feel so ill that I convinced myself that I had not heard from God. However, the Lord was persistent and, since I had learnt obedience in my walk with Him, on Sunday 27 January 2002, I invited a few friends to our home and we launched WOMEN IN TUNE (WIT). Just like Jesus, without pomp and pageantry, the ministry was born! A total of nine people witnessed this birth: Cobby, Jennifer, Nobelle and Richard Wallace, and our friends Joyce Allotey, Ivy Lawson, Mina Boadu, Florence Amaning and Pastor Paddy Brew.

Like Abraham, we took off, not quite knowing where the journey would take us, but confident that God would show us the way. The only other thing I was certain of was that we were no ordinary ministry and would not be focusing on cooking, knitting, pampering, manicures and pedicures! One month after the launch, we started monthly meetings for teaching and discipleship.
To my surprise, fewer people turned up than had been at the launch! In my naivety, I had expected more women to be excited about meeting to study the scriptures, pray and get to know God more! I soon realised that the task I had been given was not going to be easy! Only God knows the number of meetings we had, when no one else attended but my husband Cobby and I. However, the Lord supplied grace to keep us going.

Within the first year, we started WITNEWS, a monthly teaching newsletter and continued the monthly meetings. Our first conference was on 1st February 2003 in London. The theme was “Deborah Arise” and 25 people attended! I was so discouraged after that conference that I almost gave up. But the grace of God and Cobby’s support and encouragement sustained me. Also, I had put my hand to the plough and was not turning back, as God had given me all I needed to succeed – the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, access to Him through prayer, a loving and supportive husband and family and a few loyal friends!

Ten years on, WIT has been launched in Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda and Kenya, and has also run discipleship trainings, conferences and prayer summits in Nigeria and the Republic of Benin, touching the lives of many, many women, men, families and churches. By God’s grace and to His glory, we have developed and run several discipleship courses for women, including The Basics and Dynamics of Christian Growth and WIT Mentoring Classes. The FREE TO SERVE Discipleship Course, a strategy to recruit, train, equip and release women to fulfil the Great Commission, is being run even in villages in two of the nations where WIT operates!

We are trusting God to translate FREE TO SERVE to Swahili and Luganda this year. Also, there is now an increasing demand for us to also disciple men and the youth, as well, which fits in our ultimate vision to disciple the whole Church!

Apart from our trainings, seminars and conferences, WIT has been actively involved in raising intercessors and mobilising intercession for the nations. Prayer is one of our primary agendas as a ministry, hence, women in the nations where WIT operates are equipped and mobilised to take on the prayer burdens of their families, communities, cities and nations. Only eternity will reveal what has been achieved in the nations as a result of the prayer agenda and activities of WIT.

To further empower women, WIT began a literacy programme to teach women to read in their native languages, which would enable them to read their bibles and other literature. Unfortunately, the programme has been put on hold due to funding. WIT has also organised several evangelistic outreaches, in fulfilment of the Great Commission. We are hoping to pursue this agenda more pro-actively in the coming years.

It is impossible for me to describe all that God has done with this ministry, but I can boldly give thanks and glory to Him that what humbly began in our living room is still alive, has grown and is growing! The Lord has been faithful to His covenant word to us, and like Aaron’s rod, WIT has “sprouted, budded, blossomed and produced fruit!” (Numbers 17). Not only are we producing fruit, but the seeds from our fruit are reproducing in the nations. Women, men and families are being transformed. New ministries have sprung up as women have moved forward to worship and serve God. Two books have been published, with a third one on the way. Yes, WIT has sprouted, budded, blossomed and is producing fruit!

A popular praise song says, “Great things He has done, greater things He will do!” We have no doubt that the coming years will see an even greater move of God with this ministry, to His glory and praise. The past 10 years have been a time of foundation-laying. The next 10 years will be the raising of the building... Let’s see what the Lord will do. To Him be ALL the glory, thanksgiving and honour! Hallelujah! Amen!

SIMPLY SAYING THANK YOU TO...

Nobelle and Richard Wallace, the WIT UK team, Rev Dr Wole and Pastor Azuka Gbogboade, the WIT teams in Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda and Kenya, Joyce and Noel Allotey, Dr Hugh Osgood, Mrs. Barbara Hills, Mr. George Abanye, Mr. Douglas Adisenu-Doe, Antony Norris, Mr. Ernest Osafo, ALL our Financial Partners, The Cornerstone Church (Leyton, London) and ALL who have supported and served with us over the years. May God richly bless and reward you all.

From Cobby and Jennifer Abigail Wallace
WIT MINISTRIES IN NIGERIA

Women In Tune, Founded by Apostle Jennifer Wallace came to Nigeria by divine appointment in the year 2004 with the “Free To Serve message”. This message was an eye opener to the women leaders that attended the seminar. The impact of the message cannot be over emphasized; as it stirred up the women to serve the Lord with confidence. We were told to break through our cultural limitations and serve the Lord with liberty, as a result of the finished work on the cross.

While we were still ruminating on this timely message, Apostle Jennifer Wallace came back with the following year with another message on the “Identity of the Woman”. This second message further strengthened us in our service to the Lord. The identity of the woman was unveiled. We saw ourselves as God sees us, we saw the value He placed on us, and we also discovered that we were uniquely created by God for His specific purpose and Glory.

As a result of this unique work, WIT has made an impact in the Western part of Nigeria and the neighbouring country, Benin Republic. Christian women leaders who attended the WIT seminars took the messages back to their various ministries, towns and spheres of influence with passion to impart others.

WIT also did a joint work with our ministry, Esthers’ Arise Int’l Ministries (Nigeria) annually for several years during the Christian Women Leaders’ Prayer Retreat. Apostle Jennifer Wallace continued to impart grace into our lives through her unique messages.

This year, precisely January 2012, WIT also came to Nigeria, under the umbrella of Cedars’ House Christian (International), with a specific message to the Nigerian Church and the Nigerian youth. Apostle Jennifer Wallace urged the Nigerian church to wake up from slumber and rise up to the Lord’s call to kingdom lifestyle and righteousness. The identity and purpose of the church was emphasized. As a result of this message, a group of 5 pastors are now meeting regularly to intercede for the Church and the nation.

Identity crisis was also dealt with among the youths as they were told to break the mould that held them down for too long to stand for Christ. There were healings & deliverance at each meeting. We look forward to more open doors for the ministry in Nigeria especially in other parts of the country.

We congratulate Women in Tune on her 10th anniversary and wish her many more prosperous, life changing years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN

I would like to take this opportunity to not only say thank you to my husband, Pastor Cobby Emmanuel Wallace, but also to acknowledge him as a true servant and follower of Jesus Christ.

Cobby, your love for Jesus gave you the grace to embrace His call on my life. Your support for me has been no mere feat, but a sacrificial height very few men can attain. Indeed, many men question you, but your vision of the kingdom and your Christ-like mindset (Phil 2:3-8) enabled you to serve with me in all humility and sacrifice. You have often served by humbly taking a back seat, fasting, praying, interceding and warring for God to fulfi l His plans through my life. Oh, the number of missions I have gone on when you have stayed up, night after night, to pray for me, the mission team and the assignment given, and to bring a word of direction, encouragement or caution from Father God. Only God, you and I know how much you have selflessly given in diverse ways, to enable others to hear the good news of our liberty in Christ Jesus!

Whilst being confident that your reward will be great in heaven, I still believe you deserve acknowledgement even here on earth. So my Husband, Best Friend, Hero and Fellow Labourer, I salute you and say, “Thank you and well-done, good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ” ...And, oh yes, “I LOVE YOU!!!”

From Jennifer Abigail Wallace (JL)
Since the introduction of WIT in Cameroon in 2007, our lives have never been the same. The lessons from the “FREE TO SERVE” Manual challenged us. When Rev. Jennifer and Mama Azuka came back in 2009, we were further challenged. Lessons like “The Identity, Purpose, and Function of Woman” inspired us. A team of women was put in place to see into the affairs of this ministry in Cameroon. This team immediately started organizing seminars, workshops, conferences, and bi-weekly prayer meetings. The knowledge we had now acquired was passed down to other women, using the materials we had been given. Besides the conferences and seminars, team members ministered to women in small groups and mentored young ladies around Bamenda town. The testimonies from these women have been challenging, we praise God. As many women became aware of their identity, purpose and function as women, they are able to function properly in their families, churches and communities.

These successes have not been without difficulties like, some pastors discouraging their women from attending WITCAM Seminars and conferences and women still not being allowed to lead in their various denominations and churches. Then came the going home of our Coordinator, Sister Lilian Nkimbeng. The work almost came to a halt, but thank God for the constant encouragement we received from Rev. Jennifer and Mama Azuka. To crown it all, Mama Azuka came to Cameroon in February 2012 and strengthened us with more encouragement from Rev. Jennifer.

Praise the Lord, WITCAM has come to stay and by the Grace of God, we will do exploits and the Cameroonian Christian woman will never be the same again. She will know her identity, lead other women to Christ, disciple them and God will take the Glory. Our Key verse is PHILIPPIANS 4:13 which says, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.
In November 2008, Mama Azuka Gbogboade came to Uganda. She taught us so well in the word and her message challenged and left us wanting more. She promised to comeback the following year with a colleague of hers who would do a series of teachings for one week.

In August 2009, Mama Azuka came back with Rev. Jennifer Wallace, who introduced Women in Tune (WIT) and taught a series on FREE TO SERVE. We had been to Women’s meetings but this was completely different! Rev Jennifer taught on things that the enemy had used for so long to bind women, which we had no clue about. She taught about Culture, Religion, Fear, Submission and how they have kept women bound. In fact the first conference many women had mixed feelings about it. Some thought the teachings are empowering women to rebel but others said that our time for deliverance has come. Men in Uganda had put a lot of fear in women, in that each time there is a women’s meeting, their first comment is that we are trying to mobilise ourselves against their leadership, especially if the preacher is coming from Europe.

Fortunately the meetings were very successful and the attendance surprised all. There were many testimonies after the conference, but some people were not moved at all thinking that women are always excited about everything, and the excitement will wane. To God’s glory the fire has not been quenched, even when there was persecution. Actually this conference came to prepare us for the next season of ministry, both as women but especially for our church. Prayer became the in thing and till date, it’s now regarded as our major activity. Finding one’s purpose also became a major theme and many in our Church are testifying about finding their place in ministry and this has brought about peace in people’s lives. Some women were prayed for specifically to take their leadership roles and recently, one of them, Joan, was given responsibility to lead intercession in Church and the Leaders speak highly of her, to God’s glory.

The good thing is that we held discussions in between the sessions and many questions were answered. But after that...
conference something was birthed in the lives of many women. Women decided that they want to experience what Rev. Jennifer has. She demonstrated very clearly that God can use women. There was a special impartation that year. We were challenged by the way she expounded the Word of God.

Many women knew from that time that if we have an intimate relationship with the Father, read the Word and obeyed the Holy Spirit, nothing can stop us from serving God. Actually our problem was ignorance and lack of exposure. Now that we had been exposed, God started working in us mightily. We started slowly to pray in small groups. From what she shared, it was very clear that prayer is a priority in her life. We had already desired change and this helped us to know that Prayer is the starting point. So we started praying especially dealing with the issues that bind us as women.

In 2010, Rev Jennifer came with her husband, Pastor Cobby and they handled the issue of Identity, which transformed many people's lives, especially the youth. This time we organised meetings for the Women, Youth and Men, and since the men had their share from one of their own, Pastor Cobby, their attitude changed tremendously, especially when they saw how he treated his wife with respect. Some pastors also attended and were greatly challenged.

We had always talked about transformation but we tasted it that year. Men had their issues but God challenged them greatly. In fact that was the beginning of revival in the men and youth also. They are now praying as if "God is coming back the following year." For the women, the way we see ourselves is different now from the way we used to. We no longer see ourselves as ugly old women, but princesses. We have value added and it’s tangible in our lifestyles.

In 2011, the story was completely different. Even men were so eager to attend the women's conference! They said that from what they tested in 2010, Rev Jennifer is well balanced in her teachings and does not give 'poison' at all. She qualifies to teach even in Global Leadership Summit and to God's glory, all our associate Pastors (all men) attended the conference. The focus was on the Kingdom of God and the message was mind blowing to all, as that year, God had told our church to teach the Kingdom of God to the whole Nation and we were still struggling with it. WIT was sent to us in Grace Assembly to prepare us for the National Transformation God has called us to do. We are very grateful to God who has not left us as orphans.

There are many testimonies but I will give one here. In 2010 Rev prayed for one of our leader's wife who had had 2 miscarriages and had failed to conceive again. Rev Jennifer held her womb and commanded it to hold a baby and in 2011 she had a baby boy who is now 8 months old. My own testimony, however, will be given at another time.

On Monday 1st August 2011, WIT was officially launched in Uganda and many Pastors and key leaders from the city came and gave WIT the right hand of fellowship. It was a blessed day and we felt WIT-Uganda has a special place in Rev Jennifer and Pastor Cobby’s hearts, which is God ordained for the work He wants to do in Uganda.

To advance the work of WIT in Uganda, we have decided to meet and disciple women according to their interests. In the past we tried to have everyone in the same category but the results were discouraging until when we decided to group them according to their needs. The results were tremendous. From Jan 2012, we have been taking these groups for one-day retreats and at times we would be there for three days. We have had time to fellowship and to know their interests and even their struggles. The Senior Pastor himself has been spending this time with us and it opened his eyes to how we had neglected people's needs. Now Retreats are part of his strategy to disciple people. The Holy Spirit is smart in His dealings with us.

WIT Uganda now have Young Ladies who meet every Thursday Night under the supervision of Mrs. Betty Kisakye. We also have Young Married Women, Senior Citizens (who are 60 and above), Single Mothers and Intercessors who meet every Tuesday night. Each group meets at the time of their convenience, and the core leadership team meet and decide for ministry. We are so glad for the grace of God for we got to know GOD better. Rev Jennifer’s coming to Uganda was divinely arranged by God.

We love you WOMEN IN TUNE!!!
I joined WOMEN IN TUNE Ghana, Accra Branch at its very inception, because I believed in the organization’s vision of empowering women spiritually to enable them take their place in society and the kingdom of God. Five years on WIT Ghana, Accra Branch has grown into a dynamic prayer group made up of women from different denominations and cultures.

The vision of a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne (Rev 7:9) certainly has women as major stakeholders. I dare say they will be in the majority. How can this vision be realized when we live in societies that do not believe in the spiritual and social worth of women? There is no gainsaying that women form a greater majority of the congregations of most churches in the world, at least in Ghana. Their spontaneous response to the gospel of Jesus Christ and their active and fervent involvement in church activities make it undeniable that they fit perfectly in God’s redemptive plan.

However from my position as a women’s human rights advocate, witnessing human rights abuses of women on a daily basis due to structural inequalities and entrenched socio-cultural practices, I tend to wonder whether the church is having the needed impact on our society and whether women are finding the spiritual strength they need in our churches. The outflow of women into prayer and spiritual camps and the abuses meted out on them in some of these places is enough indication that something is wrong with our spirituality as a church.

If tradition and custom leave women poor and vulnerable, when they come to church for solace, they should be able to find the spiritual strength to overcome these barriers because the word of God must provide solutions to their needs and must offer transformation and liberation to them.

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Mrs. Jane Quaye
WIT Ghana Accra Branch

GREETINGS FROM ELMINA
Cecilia Peggy Quansah, WIT Ghana, Central Region Leader

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Fundraising Initiatives

Pauline Jean-Baptiste, WIT UK Team Leader

Women In Tune UK has always played the key role in raising funds for our various missions. One such fundraising initiative was a sponsored walk. The team had a brainstorming session to think of how we could raise funds for missions and someone suggested a sponsored walk, which we all thought would be a good way to not only raise funds, but also, awareness of the work of the ministry.

How far, when and where would we walk? All that needed careful planning, as we all live in different parts of London. It was eventually agreed that we would walk from East London, starting from Valentines Park in Ilford, Essex to the London Eye in the City of Westminster, London – a distance of approximately 10 miles! However, the greater challenge was that we only had about four weeks to get as much sponsorship as possible! Thank God, people were very interested in the work and were willing to sponsor us.

On Saturday, 8th August 2009, a team of eight members of WIT UK, wearing our WIT T-shirts, met at 06:00am at Valentines Park and after prayers set off, for most, into the 'unknown'. We had no idea how long the walk would take but we knew we would complete it. Heading west, our walk took us through Manor Park, Stratford, Bow (we stopped at a McDonalds for a comfort break), Stepney Green, Mile End, City of London (where Rev Jennifer joined us by train!) and into Westminster and our destination, the London Eye. The walk had taken around 4 hours! We were all tired but elated at completing the walk - a distance of 10.2 miles (16.4km or 18,035 steps!).

Another fundraising venture was what we called, ‘Exclusive Kente Prints’. On a previous mission trip to Ghana, we had purchased several Kente print designs, with the intention of using them to make tea towels, tablecloths, tablemats, pillow-cases and cushion covers for sale. However, we changed the plans and made kaftans (‘patapatas’) instead. It was real teamwork as we all came together one Saturday to measure, cut and sew. We were able to sell some to family, friends and work colleagues. However, we needed another way to sell more stock. After researching the options, we rented a stall at Camden Market in London, and three members of the team went along to set it up. Unfortunately, we made no sales that day but had a good day, and experienced life as a ‘retailer’.

While returning from a conference in December 2010, we were discussing ways in which we could fundraise for missions when one of the team members, Lucille Wall-Onyema shared an idea she had for a Valentine’s Day play. With the year nearly at an end and February not far away, we opted to stage the play later in the year and set a date in June 2011. The team then had its own drama to secure a venue, hold auditions for the actors, design and print flyers, tickets, etc. etc. By God’s grace it all came together and the play “Has Anyone Seen My Marriage” was staged. The play explored the ups and downs of marriage and the importance of communication between husband and wife. A debate and discussion with the audience followed. This was a very successful endeavour and is still a talking point: we hope to be able to stage it again in the near future.

We are trusting God for more fundraising ideas, however, we are also trusting for more financial partners who believe in the vision of WIT and would donate generously towards our missions.

My Testimony

Celia Peggy Quansah, WIT Ghana, Elmina

I came into contact with WIT more than five years ago, when I was at Bible School. Having completed Bible School, I was wondering what I could do to support the Kingdom of God business, but through the WIT Free To Serve teachings, I started to build up confidence to reach out to people to witness to them. Now I can go anywhere to preach the word of God, and to talk to people of all classes, any time anywhere. Thank God for WIT.
Mark 10:35-45: Here Jesus tells us two things: 1) that He came as a servant in order to set us free, and 2) that the greatest way we can live out that freedom is by being servants of one another. This year we celebrate ten great years of our freedom and growth in our servanthood. Because of Christ, the Servant, we have been “Set Free to Serve.”

Jesus calls Himself “the Son of Man.” That term may have reminded His disciples of a prophecy from the Book of Daniel, where there is a vision of “one like a son of man” who comes from heaven with “dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.” So if ever there was anyone who could have rightfully demanded that others serve Him, it was Jesus, the Son of Man. That was the kind of Messiah the disciples expected, and as His closest followers they wanted to share in some of that glory. And yet Jesus says that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom. The Son of Man, as Jesus describes Himself here, sounds more like another figure prophesied in the Old Testament—the “Suffering Servant” described in Isaiah. This servant would make Himself an offering for sin. He would pour out His soul unto death. This righteous servant would make many to be accounted righteous by bearing their iniquities and sin. This is the kind of Servant-Messiah Jesus came to be and wants His disciples to see.

Christ came down into our mess, into this world broken by our selfishness, and He came as a servant. He came to give His life as a ransom. “Ransom”—this was the term used for the price paid to release slaves or prisoners of war, people in bondage who cannot free themselves. That’s us. We needed a ransom. We were slaves to self, bond-slaves to sin, and prisoners of death. Christ has redeemed and ransomed us for a purpose. We have been set free to serve. Christ has set us free from the harsh slavery of selfishness, sin, and death, and now we serve in the most blessed kind of “slavery,” which is really no slavery at all. We are slaves of Christ and servants of one another “if even I, the Son of Man, came to serve, then that’s the way it will be also among you. My disciples will be servants of one another.”

The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed. We are free to serve.

TESTIMONY
Rose Maina and Joyce Ashindu, WIT Kenya

You truly left us with sleepless nights just desiring more and more from the Lord. Words cannot express how you imparted the Spirit of God in our lives. It’s true it takes a spark of fire to burn a whole forest. It is not about a group or team but we have realised that God is looking for individual/a personal relationship with Him; we are seeking God as babies so that He can teach us to sit, talk, crawl, stand in Him.

In our own small way, we are seeking God in our closets through witnessing, prayers, reading the Word and are discovering such a Friend in Jesus that all the other cares can wait!!! We want to serve God with all our hearts and possessions.

Regarding the prophecy on Kenya, we have begun an early morning prayers everyday from 6am to 7.30am at our N.G.C.I church to pray for the Body of Christ and the Land of Kenya for a spiritual covering that will bring Kenya to its desired glory. We are breaking camps to witness to the born again to seek God diligently and to the unreached, the love of God.

You have some children in Kenya; you need to give them names because you’ve just messed us up!!! We don’t know ourselves anymore!! The Lord is taking us so far away in Him. Our insight has changed TOTALLY, we’ve broken out of religion, culture and now FREE TO SERVE, no longer defined as women, but full of CHRIST ESTEEM!” THANKS MUM. We are praying for the grace of God upon your life.
I AM ENCOURAGED

I attended Mentoring Classes
I needed someone
To listen and to pray
And opened hearts showed me love,
God’s way!
I was encouraged!

I returned, again and again
To join with others in fellowship
To listen to teachings that equipped me
With God’s armour for the battles that I fight
I was strengthened as I walked in His light.
I was encouraged!

Why did I not know these things?
We die for ‘Lack of knowledge’
As He gave Wisdom and Understanding
My heart and spirit rise and sing
Praises, giving honour and glory to my King.
I was encouraged!

Now with the peace of God inside
I grow in statue, in strength and grace
I have been set free to love, worship and serve
My Heavenly Father who said “seek my face!”
I have a destiny! I have a purpose!
I am encouraged!