

## **Goodwill message – Partnering in His Vineyard**

On behalf of the Nupe Christians in Diaspora and my family, I take this precious time to thank our Heavenly Father through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for giving us this chance and the free gift of life to be co-partners in His Vineyard. I know in the age of information technology and new media platforms the Nupe Christian Fellowship Website has come to stay at an opportune time.

It has been a long and tedious journey for the Nupe Christian Fellowship International (NCFI) since it was founded in 1976, which needed determination and commitment. As Christians, we know where our help comes from as echoed in Psalms 121:1-2.

I lift up my eyes to the hills--  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of Heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—  
He who watches over you will not slumber ---

We must learn to stay ourselves upon God as a God of Power and a God All sufficient, not dependent upon powers of the earth, upon strength of the hills, upon princes and great men who hold up their heads towards heaven. No; “In vain is salvation hoped for from the hills and mountains”. Jer. 3:23. But we must be united and work in partnership for the salvation of our people.

The journey is still long and obstacles abound on the way, but we must not be deterred by the risks and dangers on the way. We must make use of every opportunity while we have it, for a “night” cometh when we are no longer free or able to work. For our people both at home and in diaspora my prayer is “The Lord will keep you from all harm; He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch your coming and going both now and forever” Psalms 121:7 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

I will end this goodwill message with a quote by Martha Graham - “Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are not great because of their technique; they are great because of their passion”. Best wishes for NCFI for a fruitful future the Nupe people.

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