

REPORT ON THE LAUNCHING OF DR. PATIENCE SELUMUN TSAVNANDE FOUNDATION (DPTF)

The Launching started with the celebration of one-year memorial Thanksgiving mass which was officiated by Rev. Fr. Matthew Bassah SMA, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Sabon Tasha Kaduna. The mass started at 10.30am.

During the mass, a Thanksgiving procession led by Sir and Lady Thaddeus Tsavnande took place. They were accompanied to the alter by members of the immediate family, Board of Trustees, Advisory Board, Knights & Ladies of St. Mulumba Nigeria and other well-wishers. Gifts of cash and materials were presented for the Thanksgiving.

As a way of creating awareness, the parish bulletin for that Sunday was sponsored by the Foundation. The logo of the Foundation was conspicuously printed on the front cover, while the entire back cover carried the Foundation's launching invitation and the flyer.

After the thanksgiving mass, the invitees moved to the venue of the launching which was the Mulumba Hall in Queen of Apostles Church Kakuri, Kaduna.

At about 1:30pm guests were seated and the stage was set for the launching. Mr Philip Omachi, aka Oga Driver anchored the programme. The occasion was chaired by Barr. A.A. Iroagalachi Esq. who is also a member of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the Foundation.

The event was well attended. Some of the dignitaries that were in attendance included; His Excellency Senator (Dr) George Akume; Honourable Minister of Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Affairs who was ably represented by the Elder Statesman Simon Uve Shango, members of the Board of Trustee, members of the Advisory Board, Grand Knights of various sub-councils in Kaduna, Traditional Rulers in Kaduna led by the Hakim in Barnawa and Reverend Fathers & Pastors amongst others.

The programme commenced with the recognition of the dignitaries present and the opening prayer was said by V. Rev. Fr. Moses Madaki.

The chairman of the occasion, Barr. A.A. Iroagalachi said the opening remarks. In his speech, he thanked the organizers of the Foundation and welcomed guests to the launching. He highlighted the importance of the Foundation and emphasized the need for all to be part of the noble cause.

Thereafter it was address by Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), Sir Thaddeus Tsavnande. In his address, the Chairman BoT gave a brief background and explained the reasons why the Foundation was being established.

He gave an insight into the major activities and methods the Foundation would employ to carry out her activities.

Finally, the BoT Chairman called on all benefactors, philanthropists, friends and well-wishers to join the Foundation by donating generously to bring succour to the poor.

The Minister of Special Duties & Inter-Governmental Affairs through his representative Elder Simon Uve Shango unveiled the Foundation flex and kick started the launching. He launched the Foundation on behalf of the Minister with the sum of one million naira (N1,000,000.00) only. Elder Uve Shango also on behalf of his family & himself launched with the sum of five hundred thousand naira (N500,000.00) only.

Other dignitaries then followed, the Chairman of the occasion Bar. Iroagalachi launched with the sum of one hundred thousand naira (N100,000.00) only, Chief Sabastine Hon SAN, launched with the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand naira (N250,000.00) only. Rev Tiku Nsan and Sir Michael Aule launched with two hundred thousand naira (N200,000.00) and one hundred and fifty thousand naira (150,000.00) only respectively. The Chairman Board of Trustees, along with his family who are also members of the BoT, collectively launched the Foundation with the sum of five million naira (N5,000,000.00) only. On the whole, the launching of the Foundation was a huge success.

The total amount realized was nine million, seven thousand and seven hundred naira (N9,007,700) only, made up of six million, seven hundred and ninety thousand, seven hundred naira (N6,790,700) only in cash and two million, two hundred and seventeen thousand naira (N2,217,000) only as pledges. The details are contained in the financial report attached.

At the venue of the launching, a medical team was on hand to carry out checks on vital signs, free medical and administer some essential drugs. The team was led by Dr Taiwo Hassan Kamorudeen with other two members. They carried out vital signs on participants like temperature checks, blood pressure etc. and provided some drugs to those in need at the venue at no cost.

The Foundation provided palliatives to forty (40) indigent persons drawn from various parts of Kaduna town. Those who benefited cut across all ethnic and religious groups in Nigeria. The presentation of the palliatives was done by various dignitaries that were in attendance.

Goodwill messages were received from the Hakim Barnawa who spoke eloquently about the Foundation and thanked the organizers for a job well done. Testimonies were received from two persons who had benefitted from the kind and philanthropic gestures of the late Dr Patience Selumun Tsavnande.

The activities came to a close through the closing prayer after the vote of thanks by Mr Eric Tsavnande, a member of the BoT at 4:30pm.

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