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My Unity Story

Coming from a strict religious background, where we were obliged to attend church every Sunday and engaged in other religious activities in school, I grew to dislike organized religion. Deep within me I couldn't find any joy, fairness and equity in living and it was my dream to grow up and become the master of my own destiny. I yearned to be a happy person. I was looking for the joy of living. I never grew up with my parents and there was a void or near-emptiness in me that I tried all the time to look for. I wanted to be happy. Listening to Les Brown I realized, "it's possible".

After finishing my formal education, I started reading widely and totally refused to have anything to do with the churches or organized religion. I read so wide that I almost became a sceptic. I drifted to the Eastern religion where I practiced Yoga and had my first initiation into meditation. I found it quite satisfactory since there was no noise as it's the practice with charismatic norms. Not going to church too, was not an option; there must be an alternative, until I bought two books by Anthony Robbins entitled *Awaken The Giant Within* and *Unlimited Power*. The books gave me some level of self-confidence but didn't send me back to church. I continue to read other books just to satisfy my spiritual hunger. I stayed in the wilderness for a long-time until I found the book "*Discover The Power Within*" by Eric Butterworth, and this blew off my mind. I was surprised to hear that what I was actually looking out for, was right within me and not out there in the sky or outside anywhere. This led me to discover Charles Fillmore and the Unity Village. Thereafter I read his other books including *Prosperity*. I realized that one could become prosperous, happy, and wealthy and manifest whatever one wanted. All this while I lost my job with a very good American oil company and I must admit that this was what actually sent me out searching for "greener pastures", which I was later to find right at my doorstep. I was the prodigal son until my life circumstances, situations and events drew me to the Unity Church reading materials and the Unity Church in Ghana.

I continued reading further on the Internet and got involved with network marketing and thereafter met with Bob Proctor's "*You are born rich*". He changed my perspectives about life and taught me how to take responsibility for one's own life and destiny. It was in the network marketing circles that I discovered different personalities who taught me much about spirituality and personal development and how to become the One. I tried on so many occasions to get in touch with the Unity Church in the USA, but this was not possible. The congregation in Ghana was a small one and members did not make use of the Internet to explore to discover the "Golden Key" in Unity, until I met Brother Akinsola, a very energetic man, on the Internet. He was a member of Unity on Nigeria, where the Church was far bigger and more vibrant. This meeting started a journey which finally led me to Rev. Helen Bala and other personalities resulting in other developments within Africa and my enrolment in the SEE program with Unity National School, UK. This must be considered a new beginning of a new relationship with and leadership drive in rebuilding the Unity movement and Church in Ghana and Africa for that matter. I believe we all need the Spiritual Education and Enrichment program to empower a new crop of leaders to steer the affairs of the Church in Africa and I am highly grateful that I am personally involved in this and am looking forward to becoming another worthy torch bearer for Unity in Africa. My appreciation for Unity Worldwide Ministries and all other departments and individuals who are ready and willing to assist us to a successful outcome for this project. All is Divine Order. I Am with God.