

About Oscar L. James & Family

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President/Executive Director



Oscar's own journey and major events of his from Liberia to the United States and back to Liberia, were all part of God's careful design for his life. His word says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declared the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer. 29:11)

In August of 1988, by a miracle of God, Oscar left Liberia for the United States, barely two months before the notorious warlord, Charles Taylor, unleashed a period of tyranny on the nation. He was the only member of my family spared the brutality of the war. He lost both of his parents, a sister and a nephew to the war while the rest of his siblings wandered in displaced camps for several years.

While here in the U.S., the lord blessed him with a college education and he went on to received my Masters of Business Administration. He held several high paying jobs and was comfortably on his way towards building his version of the American Dream. He had met Sophie, Bishop Gus's second daughter, and we were married in August of 1995. Together, they are blessed with two precious sons, Leighton (9) and Miles (6).

Corporate America proved to be a blessing to his family but the Lord reminded him continually about the miracle of him being spared the trials of war in Liberia. He openly admits that he always knew God had another plan for his life. Psalm 37 says that the Lord delights in the way of the man whose steps he has made firm. **His steps led him to trade in my job for the cause of the cross.**

In 2001, having been loosely affiliated with Ahead Ministry for several years, Gus Marwieh, his mentor and father-in-law, extended an invitation for him to join the Ahead ministry board. After 5 years of service in various capacities, he assumed the role as the ministry's President and continued gleaning nuggets of wisdom from key ministry figures as he did from the Bishop.

On Saturday, July 28, 2007, the journey took on a new dimension. Dr. Marwieh, the founder of the ministry went to be with the lord. Like Elijah before Elisha, the

mantle was passed on from Gus to Oscar and thus began a new turn in Oscar's ministry.