



Eulogy for Rev. Dr. David Angye, Wukari, Taraba State, Nigeria, April 2018.

This eulogy was written by Dr. Jan H. Boer, the proprietor of this website and friend, colleague and mentee of Dr. Angye, but delivered by Dr. Wiebe K. Boer, a son, who lives in Lagos.

Brothers and Sisters of the Chr. Ref. Church of Nigeria

I represent my parents, Dr. John H. Boer & my mother, Frances A. Boer. My father was also known as Yahaya MaiGona. They were missionaries to CRCN from 1966-1996 , in Wukari, Baissa and Jos.

The ministry of Rev. Dr. Pastor David and that of the Boers started at the same time. Pastors David and Boer graduated from theological college at the same time, though not in the same country. Pastor David's gift of preaching vigorous, meaningful and powerful sermons was already noted while he was at TCNN. So, he was first called by New Life for All (*Sabon Rai don Kowa*) to become a traveling preacher evangelist, before being called to and ordained by the CRCN. That's when he and my parents came to know each other in 1967.

Pastor David became pastor of Bege Gu, which at that time covered the area all the way from Sondi to Abinsi, near Makurdi. The road from one end to the other was only a sand road, not paved, and the ferry to cross the Benue was not much more than a canoe. And all he had was a bicycle to travel that entire distance from village to village along that sandy road. Who of us today would be ready to serve the Lord under such extremely difficult circumstances? I developed great admiration for him.

Whenever he would come to Wukari, he would often stay with us, living as we did at Gidan Dekka, what used to be Wukari CLTC—Christian Leadership Training Centre. He would be our guest also at the dinner table. We would have many discussions about our ministries during which Pastor David would teach us many things about how to do things in Nigeria and in the CRCN. We also did a lot of traveling through Gun Bege during which he taught me how to relate to the local churches and their leaders. And, from listening to his preaching, I learned a lot about preaching to CRCN people. In short, Pastor David was one of my main mentors and teachers. I was the missionary, but I did not teach him; he taught me!

We also worked together in America during his time there as student. I would be invited to preach, but we would go together and both do some preaching. The congregations were always impressed with his personality and preaching just as they were here in Nigeria.

The last thing we did together was running a workshop for CRCN members who were civil servants, people who work for the government. The goal was to teach them what the Bible teaches about doing the truth and doing justice in government and to oppose all bribery and corruption. I remember especially one thing he said over and over again:

What we are teaching you is not only in the Bible, but it is also in the civil service handbook that you all have been given. Read it again and see for yourself.

If there are civil servants among us here today, I repeat what Pastor David said: Read the Bible and read your handbook and see for yourself.

In closing, I condole Pastor David's family and friends. I condole the Churches of Wukari and I condole the entire CRCN for having lost a faithful and capable leader, a past President even. We thank God for his many years of service and for now ending his painful suffering of the last few years. He is in the bosom of our Lord-- healed, saved and blessed.

Comments from others:

Clement D Angyunwe-- Indeed he was a fearless leader and a bulldozer to the kingdom of the devil. We celebrate him. Have your sweet ETERNAL REST my mentor, "Dee" popularly called in our community.

Bishop **Benjamin Kwashi** --This is a powerful testimony which will serve as Handbook and inspiration for all who have a call to live in any society for the building of healthy communities. It is a story of selfless service of men who gave all they are to build people.

Thanks Wiebe!

Thanks John!

Adieu David!!!

Chris Abaga—Adieu, Rev. Dr. David Angye! You were such a delight to be with; you radiated the glory of God. Your humility, your gentle, broken spirit, were exemplary! The Papa John Boer clan and all of us in the body of Christ, especially, those in the Jukun/Kuteb nations, will miss you greatly. We are comforted by the fact that we shall see you again at the feet of Jesus!

Elly Linger Indrukwekkend, deze afscheidstoespraak voor een bijzonder mens in Gods koninkrijk! Translation: Impressive, this farewell speech for a special person in God's Kingdom.