ASSÓO RAYMOND
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Assóo Raymond was born in 1941 to Pa Ebba and Madam Angono Ndango at Ndanga Tribe of Yezoun in Cameroun. Both parents were Catholics. Assóo Raymond had two brothers. His elder brother was physically challenged, while the younger brother died in 1992.

HIS EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND CONVERSION. Assóo Raymond started his life as a Catholic. He commenced his primary education in a Catholic school from where he proceeded to a Protestant school and later completed in a Catholic school. At the completion of his primary education, he needed to proceed to Secondary school, for further education and preparation for the future.
While he was searching for a regular School for his Secondary education, he discovered a school at Nanga–Eboko which was a Seminary operated by the Seventh–day Adventist in Cameroun. After his Junior Secondary School II, he was employed as an evangelist and teacher for the Adventist Primary School. This for him served as the first sign of his calling into the pastoral ministry. During this period he worked as a director for the Seventh–day Adventist Church in Cameroun from 1962 to 1972. This privilege made him to renounce his Catholic faith as he got baptized into the Seventh–day Adventist Church on June 22, 1962. His elder brother did not like the idea of his new found faith, as a result of this; he tried to kill Assóo Raymond for leaving the Roman Catholic Church. His brother threatened him with a cutlass and in the process the brother’s hand was broken. Assóo Raymond was able to escape from his brother. He saw this as the second sign that God used to prepare him to become a full time minister in the Seventh–day Adventist Church. According to the Psalmist, “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” (Psalm 34:7.) This promise of the Lord’s protection in times of danger became a reality to him after this incident.

HIS MINISTERIAL CAREER AND ORDINATION: Assóo Raymond became a full time Seventh–day Adventist minister in 1975 at Nsem, in the Nanga–Eboko Mission which was led by Pastor Fichberger. He was trained for the ministry by Fichberger, Edwin Ludescher and Apack Auguste. He was later ordained as a minister of the Gospel on May 29, 1982 after several years of ministration. His ordination service was conducted by Pastors
Cherenfant-Boma, Emmanuel, Madjo Josué-Ruhaja, N’Kou Joseph and other pastors serving in Cameroun at that time.

**HIS MARITAL LIFE.** Assóo Raymond got married to Ngono Jeanette in 1969. They are blessed with eight children and all the children are still alive. These children are: Eboo Assóo who is a Primary School Teacher at Batoumi and Bertouw. He is a Lab Assistant at the Batoumi Hospital as well as a serving Elder in the Seventh-day Adventist Church; Ebaa Sylvian is a lecturer in Adventist High School at Yaounde, in Nbourgkok. He is a Sabbath School Coordinator in “It is Written” program at Central African Union Mission, Yaounde in Cameroun; Meyebeme Reuben is a teacher in Adventist High School at Adja, in Yaounde. He is the Sabbath School Director of his local Church. Nganga Theresa is a teacher in Adventist Primary School in Mbandjock; Bella Anóo Emmanuel Michée is a student at Yaounde II University. He is the leader of the University choir because he loves music. These Children, Pastor’s Kids (PK) are all involved in one way or the other in Church work. It is true they are not pastors but they are doing the Lord’s Service which they learnt from their father. The words of the wise man, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) is being fulfilled here. Ellen White says,

*To parents is committed the great work of educating and training their children for the future, immortal life. Many fathers and mothers seem to think that if they feed and clothe their little ones, and educate them according to the standard of the world, they have done their duty. They are too much occupied with business or*
pleasure to make the education of their children the study of their lives. They do not seek to train them so that they will employ their talents for the honor of their Redeemer. {Child Guidance, p. 38.2}

**HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Assòo Raymond served as an educator for 10 years at Wall, Nanga-Eboko, Mbangue, Nsem, Ndoggba in Northern Cameroun as well as a Youth Director. During his service, he was able to convert many, particularly young people who are pastors today by the grace of God. Such pastors include: Ryeck Nase-Nyede, phillippe – Oumate – Sanda Eli, Togloko – Aboulantang – Madi Jacob, Moso David – Toundai Jonas – Paisanga Eli –Menguewe Amose to name a few. Some of them came from the Northern Cameroun. In his own words, Pastor Assòo Raymond commented, “I was able to win these souls through the help of God by showing kindness and sympathy to touch their lives.” This was in keeping with Christ’s method of soul winning as recorded in the **Ministry of Healing**, p. 143 which says:

*Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry,*
greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.

**CHURCH PLANTING**

He contributed in the establishment of groups, churches and districts such as: Bibey, Nguélemendouka, Yangamo in the East of Cameroun, Bas-Congo city in Congo-Brazaville, Mbandjock and Kousoeu in Cameroun.

**MISSIONARY TO TCHAD AND CONGO**

Assóo did not only make a great impact in Cameroun, he also contributed to the Church growth in Tchad, a neighboring country. He was able to break down the barriers of ministering to the brethren in Tchad because it is a Muslim dominated country. He worked in the following places while in Tchad: Amti – mau, mango – koumea, Daba – Knim – Knim–Binden–Roissala–Guelendeng–Mandaléya–lai–Bénoé. He was the President while he was working at Congo, though he was not able to achieve much due to the war that broke out in Congo at that time.

As an administrator, he was the coordinator of the Association Department in Eastern Cameroun, a district pastor at Nsem–Ndoumbi, Bertoua – Ninta, in Yaounde II (Nelen) – Mbandjock–Nkoteng, Church Ministeries Director of Central African Union, Department Director of
F.C.S Avebe, President of Congo and Tchad Associations respectively. His children also joined with him to inaugurate the Youth Ministries Department in Tchad.

**SHEPHERDESS ASSÓO JEANETTE.** Madam Assóo was the one who introduced Women Ministries in Tchad and in the Eastern part of Cameroun. She worked very hard in evangelist activities with other women in the Church. Her husband confessed that she had been a great support to him throughout his 40 years of service in the Lord’s Vineyard. She is said to be a mother in Israel. She is very industrious and hard working.

**HIS RETIREMENT DAYS:** Assóo Raymond is currently a retired pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cameroun, though he is still very active in the work of the Lord. His activities even as a retired pastor comprises of the following:

- Encouraging Evangelism through Oikos method.
- Training Lay preachers, and church leaders
- Teaching family life lessons in Churches
- Equipping the Sabbath School Department in the local Churches
- Training pastors for the task ahead of them in the Ministry.
**HIS LEGACY.** Assóo Raymond feels fulfilled because most of his children are following his foot step. His first son works as a medical practitioner, while others are working as Adventist educators. His work for the Lord will continue until he sees Jesus face to face.

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