

REV. CHARLES OMA SAGAY

Rev. Charles Sagay's early childhood was characterized by poverty and hopelessness, but through hard work and the grace of God, he was able to achieve his dream of giving back to society. The journey was long, tiring, and often frustrating, but looking back, he recognized the mercy of God with thanksgiving.

Rev. Charles attended Christian Missionary Foundation in Nigeria, All Nations for Christ Bible School in Nigeria, Vision Student University in Cameroon, and the University of Dubuque in the USA. His childhood dream of bringing hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ reemerged while he was in Bible college in Nigeria. He prayed that God would lead him to a people who had never heard the gospel. He also carried a strong burden for communities of underprivileged people. The hand of God in his life led him to the marginalized Baka people in Cameroon.

In 1980, Rev. Charles began preaching the Word of God from hut to hut. He was convicted that the Love of Jesus Christ was what this community needed, and that through His love they could attain the unattainable. It was a slow process that required much patience and prayer, but he was encouraged by the positive transformation he could see in the lives of the community members.

Working with the Baka people, he strove to teach them to read and write and to bridge the language barrier, as they understood neither English nor French. After graduating from the University of Dubuque, Rev. Charles founded Mission School of Hope to give the Baka children an opportunity for education. They started with fifteen pupils; today they have 600.

While working in the Baka region, Rev. Charles and his team noticed a high maternal mortality rate and that the Baka people were dying from preventable and curable diseases, so they constructed a medical facility to serve the community which has been a huge blessing, increasing the Baka people's life expectancy.

Rev. Charles Sagay's life was a testament to unwavering faith, selfless service, and relentless determination. His journey, marked by hardship and sacrifice, was ultimately one of profound impact as he faithfully followed God's calling to serve the marginalized and spread a message of hope. Through his vision, compassion, and dedication, Rev. Charles changed the lives of many, especially the Baka people, offering them not just the gospel, but also the gifts of education and health. His legacy will continue to inspire all who knew him, and his work will live on in the communities he touched. Though he is no longer with us, his faith, love, and mission remain a beacon of hope, reminding us of the power of just one life devoted to God's will.

