

Dr. Daniel Kolawole Olukoya was born over 50 years ago to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Olukoya, a retired police officer and a petty trader respectively.

He attended Methodist Boys High School, Lagos, where he finished with Grade One distinction and was the best student of his set. In his quest for higher education, he proceeded to the prestigious University of Lagos (UNILAG) where he studied Micro-Biology and bagged a first class degree honours, the first from the science department since the University was established in 1962. After about two years of teaching and subsequent employment as a Research Assistant in the Nigeria Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Yaba, Lagos. Dr. Olukoya travelled to the United Kingdom under the Commonwealth scholarship to the University of Reading, where he obtained Ph.D in Molecular Genetics. It is worth pointing out that Dr. Olukoya finished his Ph.D degree in record time, in spite of the difficulty of the thesis and was the first Nigerian to obtain a Ph.D in the subject area.

Dr. Olukoya is the first scientist to established an indigenous laboratory of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology in Nigeria and the first to clone genes. He has also supervised over 30 Ph.D students, most of whom are presently doing well in their chosen fields.

One important contribution to Biotechnology and Health delivery made by Dr. Olukoya was the invention of a new type of ogi (pap) named DOGIK, a weaning food that can control diarrhea and also contains improved nutritional qualities. As a researcher, he has over 80 scientific publications to his credit.

On return to Nigeria after the completion of his Ph.D programme, Dr. Olukoya continued to worship the Almighty God and was engaged in the delivering of seminars, preaching, singing among others, until God gave him the blue print and vision of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries, which took off with 24 people in his sitting room in Yaba, Lagos in October 1989. Since the establishment of this church by God through Dr. D.K. Olukoya, MFM has experienced significant demographic spread. The Church has thousands of branches spread across Africa, Asia, Europe, a huge percentage are also located in the United States, the United Kingdom and Ireland. In its two decades of existence, MFM, which is noted for its unique and powerful prayer style, has enveloped the nation like a colossus and the church's headquarters in the largest single congregation in Africa with attendance of over 120,000 in single meetings.

The MFM is a Ministry devoted to the revival of apostolic signs, Holy Ghost-Fire-works, miracles and the unprecedented demonstration of the Power of God to deliver to the uttermost. Absolute holiness within and without, as a spiritual insecticide and prerequisite for heaven is taught openly.

Anointed by God, Dr. Olukoya is a prophet, evangelist, teacher and preacher of the Word of God. Apart from the scientific publications to his credit, Dr. Olukoya has written over 250 spiritual books, most of which are best sellers. The outstanding being the PRAYER RAIN, a prayer manual which is being used by the Christian world, irrespective of the denomination they belong. This book has sold in millions of copies. Besides this, Dr. Olukoya has to his credit over 70 Christian songs he composed.

Dr. Olukoya has received many awards such as; Special awards for excellence in Research and Administration (SAFERA 2012), a Fellow of the Institute of Administrators and Researchers of Nigeria. The Most Prominent General Overseer of the year 2013 award worldwide, The Best Administrative General Overseer Award Washington DC 2013, Top Great Africa Achievers leaders legacy awards South Africa 2013, Outstanding Christian leaders awards, Quintessence African leader of integrity merit award 2014, The best General Overseer award Dubai 2014, Africa's most active General Overseer of the year Ghana 2014, Humanitarian personality of the year, the most inspiring pastor of the year 2013 award, Merit award at the 6th Herbert Macaulay Memorial Lecture, Fellow of the Institute of Information Management, United Nations Humanitarian International Award, Zik legacy prize for true leadership national award, the distinguish African Icon Gold award 2015 to mention a few.

His life and that of his wife, Pastor Shade and their sons Elijah and Toluwani are living proofs that all power belongs to God.

