



It is a blessing for us to share a little about our lives.

Events that played a part in our growth .

Anthony:

Things that helped shape me include:

My Parents:

I will always cherish my parents. My parents are both loyal , dedicated, honest, loving, trustworthy, committed , godly, disciplined , givers, helping at all opportunities, humble, content and I can go on..... We all inherited these traits from our parents and have stayed with us into adulthood. My mum died in 1982, it was a very challenging time for me because I never got the opportunity to see her again, after I came to college.

Margaret:

I grew up in a home with five other siblings. I have two older brothers, a sister right after me and two younger brothers. I have two older half sisters, but one is dead. I also have two-step sisters and one brother, all-younger than me.

My parents were very hard working and though things were tough in the early years, my father took care of the needs of the home. My mum was a homemaker but very creative with her hands. I inherited some of that from her. My Father was a building engineer and I remember him saying by age thirty, he would build his own house and he did.

He instilled self-confidence in me, he told me all the time know who you are. Both parents took good care of us, as well as the extended family.

They taught us to give to others in need.

High School Experience:

Anthony:

At age 12 I started high school at Loyola College, Ibadan in Nigeria (Africa). I chose to go to the boarding school and after the first night, I cried and wanted to go back home as a day student, coming to school from home daily. Being at the boarding school was a good experience, I learned discipline, respect and responsibility.

At high school, I was involved in many sporting activities, such as soccer, cricket, handball and field hockey that enabled me to learn about team concept.

Margaret:

I went to Maryland Comprehensive High School and St Gregory's College for my high school. I grew up Roman Catholic and went to all Catholic school in Nigeria.

I enjoyed elementary school because I always found favor with my teachers.

They took me around to get things done for the school because they felt, I could miss classes and still catch up because I did well in school. I had two major fights while in Elementary School.

I had always seen myself as a weakling, when it came to fighting, so I never did. These two times, though I was in the right and because I always had followers, they wanted to humiliate me before my friends. I decided to fight back or be beat; I surprised myself as well as shocked the people, the two times. I fought like Popeye's that had just eaten spinach. No one ever messed with me after that.

My trip to America:

Anthony:

At age 19, I traveled to the United States away from my family for the first time to study at the Southern University and Louisiana State University both in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. This time became the growing up time for me and after crying my eyes out the first few weeks I adjusted to all the changes, culture, weather, diet etc. Here I was toughened up to be able to take care of myself and to put all the training I had earlier at home, church and boarding school into practice. I was not yet a Christian but have had numerous encounters of salvation opportunities.

Margaret:

I got a diploma in Business Studies from the Business Education Council in England in 1981. I transferred to Southern University in Baton Rouge for a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and a Graduate degree in Mass Communications. My father visited me four times in a year while in England. I enjoyed those times and looked forward to them. My sister later joined me so it was not as lonely.

I partied a lot while in College, I had so many friends that just did things because I did them; I almost converted a friend of mine that was a Christian back to partying. I enjoyed jazz music. Some people in my college did not see how I could excel the way I lived, but they did not understand that I got what I needed to pass the exams, while the teacher taught us in class. I did not need to do much reading to do well in school. I just stayed focus while the teacher was teaching.

Anthony and I went to Apostolic School of Ministry here in Georgia, the founders have moved back to South Africa. I also took courses with the Institute of Faith Based Counselor in Texas and I am now a certified faith based counselor.

My fun as well as challenging thing right now is my writing school, I have one more year to go, I just enjoy writing and decided to do the school to enhance my skill.

Our Salvation Experience:

Anthony:

In 1988, I came back to the United States after being in Nigeria for five years. I stayed with a friend for a while. I was already married but I left Margaret and our daughter, Cecilia in Nigeria, with the intention of sending

for them after I settled. Things were hard but God was my source of hope. A friend invited me to his church during this low period in my life and on June 15, 1988, I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ at the Deeper Life Bible Church.

Margaret:

My first encounter with the Lord was when I was in elementary school. We went to watch the movie, The King of kings from school, the movie came alive for me because I cried through the movie, my friends made fun of me and I remember saying, “you do not understand, they crucified my Jesus” . I asked Him to forgive me for causing Him pain. I was a strong perceiver, growing up, I would tell my parents things that I felt was about to happen. My father one day said, “Why is it always use sensing that something is about to happen” My father said one day. I was about twelve when I told him that God sent me on an assignment and when I am finished, I will be going back home. People saw me as weird but then they want me to hang around them to sing and preach, I guess my tiny voice fascinated them. I did not get the nurturing I needed and just decided to have fun in college, partying was my fun.

In November of 1988, I re-dedicated my life to the Lord, and I have stayed focused ever since.

Our Love Journey:

Anthony:

I met Margaret while at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1982. There were some female College students from Nigeria attending the same university, who talked about her a lot. I actually thought she was a male because her African name could be for either sex. When I saw the person, it turned out to be a female. From the moment I met her, I liked her.

We started talking and I found out we came from the same hometown, in Nigeria. We started dating in 1982 while in college; she went back to Nigeria in 1983 after the completion of her Masters Degree, while I stayed behind to complete my Masters in 1984. We got married on January 26, 1985

Margaret:

When I first met Anthony I did not see him as the person I would love to marry, my friends knew he liked me but I said If he was the last person on earth, I would not marry him. I later found out he had been praying over my name. He invited me to his house, he had all kinds of dishes on the table just for me, I must say the meal was delicious; He packed everything for me to take with me. We started talking more and with time, I came to know him as a loving person, the rest is history, we are now married.

The first ten years was very challenging, but we made up our mind from the day we got saved, that divorce was not an option, we trusted God to bring our relationship to a place of wholeness, and He did. We look back sometimes and just give God the glory for what He did with our relationship. We have become so knitted that sometimes we do the same thing at the same time.

Our Family:

The Lord has blessed us with three children, Cecilia, born in 1985; she is now a senior at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. We have two other sons, Frederick, now 16, and Joshua is 11. They are all so different but strong willed in their personalities. They love God and one of the things that bless us the most is, if they need anything, they know that God is their source, they pray most of the time before coming to ask us. God has built their faith so much in this area because they have seen Him answer many of their requests.

We just love our children, Cecilia calls several times a day from college just to chat. They are doing well in school, very kind and considerate children. We have fun together and we laugh a lot and just do silly stuff sometimes.

Becoming Liberty Church's family:

We started at Liberty Church through the invitation of a friend in 2000. We knew from the day we came into the church that we would stay because we liked what we saw. We have been involved with many areas of ministry, such as prison ministry, evangelism team, bread ministry, nursery, children's church, the prophetic team. We became deacons, later elders and are now the copastors for the 8am and we love our Morning Glory Congregation. We enjoy the family atmosphere.

We are very passionate about seeing people find their place in the body and use their gift (s) to bless the body; we found that to be part of Liberty's passion, when we joined. We are passionate about intercession as well.

We have had the opportunity to grow in our area of giftings, we have been able to encourage people to grow and operate in their giftings as well. We love the fact that there are many nations and the relationships are REAL.