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**SET 715 @ 50:
CELEBRATING LEGACY & LEADERSHIP**

- Professor Femi Babatunde

50 years ago, we stood as eager how deeply the corridors of young students very ambitious African Church Grammar and with wide-eyed as our School, Abeokuta would shape parents have thought us how to our futures.

shine our eyes but unaware of Today, as we mark this

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INSIGHT FROM CHIEF EDITOR'S DESK

Celebrating the Golden Legacy of Afrograms 715

The recently held **Afrograms 715 Golden Jubilee** ceremony stands as a powerful testament to the enduring bonds of friendship, shared memories, and purposeful alumni engagement. As former students of African Church Grammar School, Abeokuta, the 715 Set has not only marked 50 years since departing the school gates, but also demonstrated that time strengthens rather than weakens the ties of brotherhood.

What began as a humble gathering of classmates has evolved into a beacon of legacy and leadership. From the stirring tributes to departed members, to the proud unveiling of *The Landmark Project* — 158m road development symbolic of collective impact — the Golden Jubilee was more than a reunion; it was a reaffirmation of values rooted in faith, community, and service.

The electrification of the road project, with the profound message that "**light is God**," goes beyond physical infrastructure. It reflects the Set's intention to illuminate paths for future generations of students and local communities — a gesture that echoes their motto of **building a legacy**.

In an era where many alumni associations exist only in name, Club 715 remains a vibrant, organized, and active body. Through its ongoing projects, mentorship initiatives, and social responsibility undertakings, it has shown how enduring friendships can fuel long-term development.

To all members of Afrograms 715 Set, I say thank you for showing us that the past is not just to be remembered, but built upon because through your stories, we see that time does not erase, it refines.

say it once again that Thank you because we have noticed that the footprints behind us are not endings, but guiding lines toward what we can still become. You have taught us that memory is not nostalgia alone, but a blueprint for legacy And that to honour the past is to carry it forward —

You have also taught us that true legacy lies not in titles or trophies, but in impact.

As you look to the future, may your golden journey continue to inspire light and leadership across generations.

Mr. Oluwaseun Adigun

Principal Editor

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Golden Jubilee, we gather not just to celebrate the passage of time, but to honor the legacy we have built and the leadership we have sustained.

Legacy is not merely what is remembered—it is what endures.

From our earliest reunions to our community interventions, from uplifting fellow members to investing in our alma mater, Set 715 has stood as a model of what unity, vision, and consistency can achieve. Our lives have taken different paths, but our hearts have remained connected by a shared history, a common upbringing, and a lifelong commitment to excellence.

Leadership, for us, has not been about titles—but about impact.

This Jubilee holds special significance as it marked not only the celebration, but the commissioning of an 158-meter road project—the first of its kind by any alumni group in our school's history. This initiative is more than an act of infrastructure; it is an emblem of inspiration. It speaks of a generation that dared to transform memory into movement, and reunion into responsibility. A generation that chose not only to gather, but to give back—leaving behind not just footprints, but a legacy paved in purpose." As we celebrate, I salute every member of Set 715—those present and those watching from eternity—for their role in shaping this enduring story. We celebrate not just who we were, but who we've become: mentors, pioneers, community builders, and men of influence.

This 50th anniversary reminds us that our strength lies not only in our shared past, but in our united future. And as we look ahead, we reaffirm our pledge—to continue building, giving, and leading with grace.



FLASH OF THE PAST

Anecdotes and short memories from 1975 school days

- Compiled by Bola Badmus & Demola Adesoga

We were not merely boys and girls during our school days; we were young, vibrant, and dynamic individuals. Whilst the boys can be described as bold, energetic, and full of restless curiosity, the girls, on the other hand, in their capabilities displayed quiet strength, grace, and a remarkable sense of purpose and together we embodied the spirit of a generation ready to conquer the world.

Statistically, we were averagely 18 years old in 1975 when we left the shore of our dear school—standing at the threshold of adulthood,



shaped by shared dreams, discipline, and determination. While at school, we were usually clothed in white shirts, and gown with cleaned laced canvas.

The yellow cap and belt for the female gender are not optional accessories but an integral part of the official uniform and must be worn accordingly. Similarly, male students are required to wear either long trousers or properly tailored short knickers, accompanied by a belt, as a mandatory part of their uniform. Uniform compliance reflects discipline, unity, and pride in our shared identity. At Afrograms, uniform compliance is a mark of discipline and unity.

JOKES AND LAUGHTER: *Caricatures of our Times*



– A Throwback to Classroom Comedy and Teenage Mischief–

In our lively classrooms between 1972/ 1975 chalk squeaking on blackboards, bell-bottoms swaying under desks, and wooden desks filled with scribbles, we carried with us not just notebooks and pens, but also a pocket full of jokes, wit, and wonder.

These jokes and laughter were more than mere mischief—they were caricatures of our times, capturing a generation's voice, attitude, and resistance in the face of rigid systems and stern teachers.

Teacher Caricatures: Masters of Mannerisms

- The no-nonsense discipline master who didn't need to speak. His cane did the talking.
- The French teacher who spoke so fast, students swore he was speaking in tongues.
- The teacher who could never remember our names and pointed randomly while saying, "You, this boy is back!"
- Our Dear darling Principal

'Thunder & Lightning'" – Announced morning assembly with a booming voice that could rattle windows.

On our part, Phrases That Filled the Air include:

- You think that you are wise ? Wait let Monsieur t catch you.
- Students mimicking teacher's catchphrases after class: "As I was saying... as I was saying..." Bring your Head"
- This French self! Is it compulsory?
- "My pen does not get ink, and my brain no get fuel."
- "I just have to crammed this formula!"
- "Who will borrow me his brain for tomorrow's test?"
- "I did not read, but I dream that I pass – that's faith!"

In the French Class Jungle...

- "Qu'est-ce que c'est?"
- What do you say? Merci Beaucoup
- Je suis fatigue ----- Comment t'appelles-tu?.
- Fermez la bouche!"

While at school, we maintained neatness, modesty, and full adherence to the uniform standards that reflect the Afrograms tradition of excellence and pride.

As path of the discipline, we never cross the lawn, we were made to walk the dusty **paths of African Church Grammar School lawn and respect the ONE minute silent bell. When it rings with hope in our eyes and sometimes with mischief in our pockets. Those were the days of chalkboards, school bells, morning assemblies, and friendships forged in sweat, laughter, and shared meals.** Many a time, we gathered under this mahogany tree in front of the them classes 3A to 3C debated

fiercely in classrooms, marched proudly during inter-house sports, and filled the morning assemblies with youthful voices. Every corridor of that school still echoes with their stories—of class prefects and french teachers and sport masters. The stolen but tapping biros. What of the missing class Teachers lesson notebook ? and midnight study sessions?and the memories lingered on



THE MAHOGANY TREE
(NOW OVER 70 YEARS)

AFRICAN
CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA.

CLASS ADMISSION CARD 473

The bearer whose particulars appear below has completed payment of fees in respect of the ... Term 19 ...

PLEASE ALLOW HIM/HER IN CLASS

Student's Name *Monsurat Akinyode*

Class *1VA*

Student's Signature *[Signature]*

[Signature]
PRINCIPAL

Date *27/4/76*

INSTRUCTION: Please carry this with you always as a check could be made any time.

OUR YOUTHFUL DEFIANCE AND RESTLESS SPIRIT

- Writing and drawing of teachers name and subject taught on the board before the Teacher's arrival.
- Assigning every teacher a silent nickname and giggling when they unknowingly said it themselves.
- Mimicking their walk during prep time.
- Faking stomach aches to dodge French class.
- Passing love notes folded like paper planes; and drawing caricatures of them on chalkboards before morning assembly — these were part of the innocent sins we committed, not out of malice, but as rites of passage in our youthful rebellion

These laughter cleverly carved exaggerations — they weren't just jokes. They were the soundtrack of adolescence, the coded resistance to authority, and the shared language of young dreamers with chalk-stained fingers and imaginations running wild.

Because in those classrooms of 1971 to 1975 each fitted with ceiling fans, with widely opened windows, laughter wasn't just a distraction — it was a culture.

Fast forward fifty years, and those same boys have become Grandfathers, Fathers mentors, leaders, and pacesetters—still bonded, still grateful, still grounded in the values that began under the yellow roofs of ACGS.

Set 715 is proof that time may age the body, but it never dulls the spirit.

The laughter still rings loud during reunions. Nicknames haven't changed. The banter remains sharp. The brotherhood, even stronger.

This Golden Jubilee is not just a return—it's a reminder. That greatness has humble beginnings. That friendships built on shared dreams can outlast generations. And that legacy is built not only on what was achieved, but also on what was remembered, and treasured.

Indeed, this is a flash of the past—rekindled, revered, and reignited for the future.

Quotes

from the French Teacher.

(In a meeting of the set attended in Abeokuta 1992)

“Set 715 had something special—discipline, humility, and a strong brotherhood. I always knew they would go far.” - Monsieur Ogunwemimo

“They were not just students; they were dreamers with purpose. I'm not surprised they are still making impact today.”

- **Mrs. Oluyemi** English Language Teacher during the 40years Anniversary

“Even back then, they were builders. It's heartwarming to see them now constructing roads not just in concrete, but in legacy.”-Bayo Ogundimu

“Their unity was unmatched. I remember how they showed up for each other, even in old students school activities “ - Mr Wale Olutayo

Quotes from Classmates (personal and nostalgic)

“It feels like yesterday we were boys in khaki shorts chasing dreams. Now we're building legacies.” I have no other association than this club 715

- **Abayomi Sunmola Set 715 Member**

“Our paths diverged, but our hearts never left those red sands. African Church Grammar School made us brothers for life.”

- **Akindele Hammed Member of the Club**

“We didn't know we were making memories—we were just living. But today, those memories have become the foundation of something bigger.”

- **Bose Ogundiran Mrs Set 715 Club Secretary**

“From the class room to school field . From the Laboratories where we were molded room and now to boardrooms across the globe, we stayed connected. That's the true victory.” - Bola Badmus Set 715

“Those chapel mornings, inter-house sports, and daily morning assemblies shaped our lives far more than we knew.” - Gboyega Sodipo Gen Sec set 715

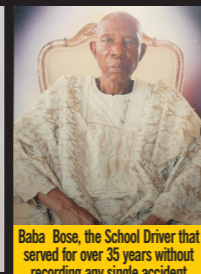
OUR TEACHERS — GUARDIANS OF KNOWLEDGE, PILLARS OF SACRIFICE



Our Late Principal
Chief Thomas Durowoju Oluyemi



Prince Akinade Gbogboade
Our Vice Principal



Baba Bose, the School Driver that
served for over 35 years without
recording any single accident

1. MR OGUNWEMIMO - our French teacher The Gentleman of Language and Poise.

To many, French was a foreign tongue; to Monsieur Ogunwemimo, it was a bridge to global understanding. He brought a rare charm and seriousness to the classroom. He did not just teach

us French—he invited us into a world of culture, rhythm, and nuance. We still remember the stern but graceful correction of “Je suis” instead of “J'ai”,

2. Chief Duro Thomas Oluyemi The Principal .The Torchbearer of Order and Vision

To be a principal in our time was not an easy task. We were not just students—we were energy incarnate. Yet Principal Oluyemi ever firm and unfaltering, stood like a fortress between chaos and structure. His very presence inspired silence and respect. He didn't need to raise his voice often; his reputation did it for him.

3. Mr. Odedina (Emagbadun) The Biology and Garden master

Our beloved Biology and Garden teacher, fondly nicknamed Emagbadun, was more than a master of his subjects—he was a master of presence. With his commanding voice, energetic teaching style, and a no-nonsense attitude laced with humour, he made the

world of crops, cells, and ecosystems unforgettable. Whether in the classroom or on the school farm, Mr. Odedina turned every lesson into an experience.

4 . Mr .Gbogboade Vice principal

The quiet Vice Principal and English teacher whose calm authority left a lasting impression. Mr. Gbogboade taught us not just grammar and literature, but the strength found in restraint and dignity. Always soft-spoken and even-tempered, he carried the weight of discipline with grace, and his gentle demeanor made him one of the most respected figures while at school.

5. Mrs . Oluyemi -English Teacher

A graceful yet firm presence in the English Mrs . Oluyemi brought clarity, elegance, and depth to every lesson. Her passion for language and literature inspired many, and her nurturing spirit made her both a teacher and a mentor. She was a steady influence—teaching us not just how to write, but how to express ourselves with confidence.

6. Mr. Fatomilola - Bible Knowledge teacher

He guided us not only through scripture but through life—firm, faithful, and deeply rooted in discipline and devotion. His teachings still echo in our conscience. While coming to the class and with Bible in hand and truth on his tongue, he walked the corridors like a prophet unsung.

7. Baba Bose

Not a teacher by title, but a guardian of our spirits. Baba Bose, the school driver, was the man behind the wheel on those cherished Sunday trips to church. With his wide smile, timely presence, and fatherly care, he gave us a sense of safety and routine. His faithful service reminded us that even outside the classroom, there were those committed to our well-being.

Mr. Ayangbami, Major, Ogunbowale S.O.T., Olaosebikan, Miss Oduaya, Mr. Akomolede, Argarawal, Akinwale, Miss Olusanya, Mrs. Babarinde and many others.



A Toilet at the Senior School built by Club 715



Members of Club 715 well represented at the just concluded 2025 NEC Retreat held at Ilaji, Ibadan, Oyo State.



Picture from Gala Night



Members of Club 715 at Prof. Olufemi Babatunde's Inaugural Lecture at the TASUED, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.



Some distinguished Members of Club 715 during the 70th Anniversary & the Mission to rebuild tour



The Admin Block at the Junior School, built by Club 715



The Generator bought and mounted by Club 715 at the Senior School



Sen. Ibikunle Amosun Hall built by a member of Club 715, Engr. Mutiu Adebawale, Pioneer Gbadegesin of Egbaland



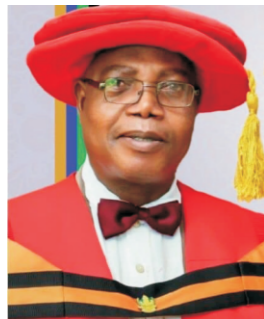
The Borehole project in front of Boy's Hostel by Club 715



A Member of USA Branch of Afrograms Old Students in an interview Section with members of Aironews during the Presentation of Musical Instrument to the School.



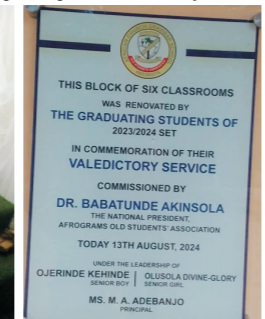
The presidential Staff Room at the Senior School renovated by Club 715



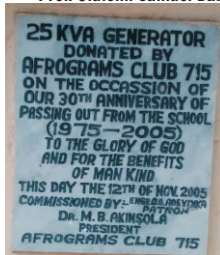
The President of Club 715 Prof. Olufemi Samuel Babatunde



Engr. Mutiu Adebawale



Members of Club 715



Present of French Books and Journals to Junior & Senior Schools by the President Club 715, Prof. Olufemi Babatunde



Junior School and Senior School Football Team



The Chairman of AfroCOOP, Sir Bola Badmus decorating the former national president, Alh. Gbolahan Adeniyi during the COOP 2003 AGM



Late Princess Khadijat Adebisi Edionseri (Cash Madam)



Set of Musical Instruments donated by members of 715, USA Branch



10 years' Master Plan initiated and designed by Sir Bola Badmus, Member of Club 715

Set 715 Club Profile: Still Waxing Strong

Founded on shared values, sustained by loyalty, and driven by purpose,

Set 715 of African Church Grammar School, Abeokuta, stands today as a shining symbol of what true brotherhood looks like over time.

From a group of boys who left secondary school in 1975, the club has evolved into a tight-knit community of accomplished professionals, devoted family men, and respected leaders in Nigeria and across the globe. What binds them is not just memory, but commitment—to each other, to their Alma mater, and to the world around them.

Over the decades, **Club 715 has remained active**, holding regular reunions, supporting members in times of need, mentoring younger generations, and giving back meaningfully to society. With every project and every gathering, they renew a bond that has proven stronger than distance, time, and circumstance.

The 50th anniversary is not just a celebration of age; it is a celebration of relevance. **The landmark 158m road constructed and donated to the school community** marks a new chapter in their legacy—a bold statement that Set 715 is not just looking back; it is still blazing trails.

Set 715 in Numbers



Item	Details
Total Members	99 Active Members Left the school in June 1975
Countries Represented	now scattered across Nigeria, UK, USA, Canada,
? Members Remembered	12 Late Members Honored & Remembered
? Legacy Projects	158m Road Construction (2025)
▣ School Support Initiatives	5 Educational & Infrastructure Projects
Reunions Held	286 Major Reunions Since 1987
▣ Professions Represented	Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Clergy, Public Servants
Awardees @ the 40 years	11 Members Honored for Service & Legacy
? Years of Brotherhood	50 Years of Unbroken Unity
Participation at NEC	THE SET has produced 2 Presidents at NEC The set has produced a Vice -Principal of Junior School

Through decades of growth, laughter, tears, and triumphs, the Set has:

- Supported educational initiatives within the school
- Stood by one another during life's most trying moment
- Celebrated achievements and milestones collectively

- Demonstrated what lasting unity truly means.

As we mark this Golden Jubilee, Set 715 remains **resilient, progressive, and visionary**—proving that even 50 years on, the fire still burns, the purpose still calls, and the bond still holds.

50TH ANNIVERSARY: CLUB SET 715 DONATES 158MTRS ROAD, FIVE GIANT SOLAR LIGHTS.

In its usual practice and as a means of recording another landmark achievement geared towards commemorating its 50 years of graduation from Afrograms, members of club 715 donated 158 meter road and five giant solar lights to it's alma mater, African Church Grammar School Abeokuta.

Speaking to Afronews about the installation of solar light and construction of 158 meters road, the acting principal, Mrs Famoroti commended the kind gesture and sacrificial giving back to school gestures of club 715. Mrs Famoroti added that the construction of roads in the school will add beauty to the school and make vehicular flow and pedestrian movement easier

within the school. "Everyone that has been coming to the school has been praising the brain behind the construction. It has really improve the beauty of the school. I want to thank club 715 for this commendable insight and move to make the teaching and learning environment conducive" Mrs Ajayi, a senior teacher at the Language Department said that the gesture will boost the morale and pride of every student of the school, adding that "In fact it is thrilling. Immediately I saw that road, I said to myself that the age-long mud road that we have been walking on has been interlocked" A senior school student of African Church Grammar School Abeokuta and Vice president of the school press club,

Ogunlana Racheal feels elated about the newly interlocked roads the old students "This is great! I am happy because it enhance unhindered entry and exist" In one on one chat with Afronews, the Gbadegesin of Egbaland, High Chief Mutiu Adebowale appealed to the school authorities, teachers and other road users to stop parking on the interlocked roads as it is going to deface and damaged the interlock in no time as the oil from the engine drops. "Please help us inform the road user to park their vehicles under the tree in the school and not to park on the interlock"

GIVE BACK TO SCHOOL: CLUB 715 STILL SETTING THE PACE

It has become an undisputable fact that the roles of old students in promoting qualitative education and serene environment for learning and teaching, cannot be downplayed in modern day education. It is on this premise that the old students of the prestigious citadel of learning, African Church Grammar School Abeokuta have taken the art of giving back to their alma mater as a sacred duty. This is coupled with the fact that they competitively striving to bequeath a durable and enviable famous for high standard legacy to the young ones behind for a better society.

Just as in a contest, only one contestant will emerge winner at a time, in African Church Grammar School Abeokuta, there are over seventy club sets and among these club sets records and findings have it that one of these club sets has been spotted to have contributed more in terms of participation or commitment to the activities of old students association and infrastructural transformation in the school.

Club 715 set. Members of club 715 set were admitted into African Church Grammar School Abeokuta in 1971 and graduated in 1975, 50 years ago.

Having seen the commitment and the sacrificial services of great heroes like late Sunjor Sam Osodiye, Alh. G. A. Adeniyi, Engr. O. O. Adeyinka, Mr Clement Olubodun Oke (JP) and other distinguished icons in the Afrograms Old Students world, some members came together in 1988 to create club 715 with Mr Hammed Akindele as the chairman and Chief Olukunle Oluwasanmi acted as the general secretary.

Since its establishment 1988, members have been tremendously active in the activities of preserving and promoting the famous for high standard legacy and project.



Within the space of 50 years, members of the club set have collectively and individually built and donated more than 10 colossal projects to their alma mater. Among these projects and achievements are; The renovation and donation of a modern staff room at senior school in 1993, donation a brand new 25kva generating set in 2005, built and furnished the junior school administrative block in 1995 which is still standing till today, the ultra modern administrative block of ten rooms was built and furnished with full air conditional by His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun, FCA, CON, a member of the club set, His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun facilitated the construction a standard astro turf for the promotion of sport in the school and Ogun State, Senator Ibikunle Amosun's Hall was built and furnished by a member of club set 715, Engr. Mutiu Owolabi Adebawale, the Pioneer Gbadegeshin of Egbaland, club 715 renovation of the presidential staff room at the senior school, a toilet was built by the club set at the senior school, Club set 715 dug a borehole beside the boys' hostel to stem the tide of scarcity of water in the school, It is also on record that the club set renovation the boys' hostel at the senior school, the club set during the tenure of Mr Olubodunde Oke as the nation president, donation massively to the construction of the mega classroom at the junior school, It was during the reign of a member of the club set, Dr. Babatunde Akinsola that the AFRONEWS idea came to fruition and established in 2023 as a news medium and financed to officially report the activities of the school. Dr

Babatunde Akinsola donated a brand new laptop to AFRONEWS while the NEC donated a new printer. Sir Bola Badmus, former president of club 715 financed and developed a website for AFRONEWS and he is still financing the maintenance of the site.

Engr. Mutiu Adebawale Road, was financed and constructed by Engr. Mutiu Adebawale aka 'MT', and the most recent among others is the construction Club 715 Road that extend from the main gate down to the junior school assembly.

The active and sacrificial roles played by members of the club set at both state and national levels has resulted into the election and emergence of some members of the club set national presidents.

Engr. Mutiu owolabi Adebawale creditably served as two term national president also Dr. Babatunde Akinsola served judiciously. Based on the commitment and contributions to members of this club, a member, in person of the former governor of Ogun State, His Excellency Sen. Ibikunle Amosun' was identified and honoured as the most distinguished alumnus of the school by the entire old students, home and abroad.

The gentle giant light in complexion media and financial expert of international repute, Sir Bola Badmus was appointed the chairman of infrastructural regulation committee by the national executive council of Afrograms old students association during regime of Dr. Babatunde Akinsola and the committee initiated the ten years master plan that has triggered series of infrastructural upsurge in the school and remodeling of the school

gate.

Members of club 715, Dr. Babatunde Akinsola and Sir Bola Badmus have been championing the course of the school having a standardized news medium, Afronews.

It was a Member of Club 715, Mr Bola Badmus that initiated the idea of the old students' cooperative and chaired it during the tenure of a member Dr. Babatunde Akinsola as the notional president.

Club 715 is also the first set to draft a construction that guides

its operation.

Record has it that it was during the time of Dr Babatunde Akinsola, a member of 715, as the national president that a set of students in 2024 renovated a block of six classroom formerly known as the white house as they past out.

The bond that holds members firmly to one another is genuine love, sincerity, truthfulness and forbearance. The basis has been that the challenge or success of one is for all. They are ever in touch with one another. I know

of the three excellent friends from the center of excellence.

It is noteworthy to say that the initiated ten years master plan submitted by a member of the club 715, Mr Bola Badmus during the time of Dr Babatunde Akinsola as the national president has been instrumental to the construction of the three roads and the redesigning of the entrance gate.

AN ODE TO CLUB 715 AFRICAN CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL BY OYINLOLA ABIDOYE

Fifty years ago, destiny gathered young minds under the roof of learning, In classrooms echoing with dreams, laughter, and the footfalls of purpose. They came—fresh-faced, curious, bold— Unaware that time was scripting a legacy far greater than they could imagine. When they parted ways, it was with joy in their hearts and questions in their eyes. Where would life lead? What stories would they write? But like seeds scattered by the wind, they took root in different soils— And oh, how they blossomed. Who could have known that within this sacred fold Were future senators, professors, teachers, doctors—

Men and women who would rise to the call of greatness? What began as friendship matured into nation-shaping influence.

Club 715 is not merely a gathering.

It is a testament.

A testimony of grit and grace. Of minds refined and hearts aligned.

Of men and women who understood that "a river that forgets its source soon runs dry."

So they returned—not empty-handed—but bearing fruits of honor.

They became builders, not just of structures but of systems.

Restorers of forgotten values. They breathed life into the spirit of sports,

Restoring the football field—not just to standard, but to pride.

They stirred progress by initiating the road network, Clearing paths for generations to come.

Because they know: when elders plant trees, the young

find shade.

Look around—this is not just a reunion.

This is the sound of legacy in motion.

This is the echo of a dream fulfilled.

This is proof that what God begins in unity, time cannot erase.

Club 715, you are a light set upon a hill.

You are the living proverb that says, "When the drumbeat changes, the dancer must adjust his steps"—

Yet you have never missed a beat.

So today, we rise to honor you.

Not just for where you started, but for how far you've come.

Not just for who you are, but for what you have become.

Long live Club 715.

Long live the legacy of African Church Grammar School.

And long live the fire that time could not quench.

In the heart of Abeokuta, something extraordinary has taken root—not just in the soil, but in the story of a brotherhood that has stood the test of time. As part of its **Golden Jubilee celebration, Set 715 of African Church Grammar School** has put in place the first ever inter block road, constructed and delivered to standard—a feat that goes far beyond cement and tar-named -ROAD 715

This is **not just a road—it is a legacy.** It is a statement. A bold declaration that 50 years after leaving school, Set 715 is still building, still contributing, and still setting the pace for what alumni associations can do when purpose meets unity.

What began as a simple idea—to give back meaningfully—grew into a landmark project that now connects lives, opens access, and elevates a community. The road has brought light to neighborhoods, enabled safer and smoother movement, and restored pride to residents who now see the result of responsible alumni action.

From Concept to Concrete:

- The project was conceived during a strategic planning session in 202
 - Funding came entirely from voluntary contributions by Set 715 members globally
 - Executed professionally and completed within record time
 - Commissioned in June 2025 as the flagship project of the Golden Jubilee
- The 158m road stretch has become a

A ROAD TO REMEMBER: 158M OF LEGACY



symbol of legacy in motion, showing what is possible when old classmates remain connected—not only by memories but by mission. This is believed to be the **first of its kind** by any alumni set from the school—and perhaps one of the few in the state.

As Teachers, leaders, students, and residents walk the road today, they walk on more than gravel. They walk on **history. Hope. And heritage.**

For Set 715, this road is not an ending—it is the beginning of a new era of purposeful impact. One that says:

"We were here. We cared. And we chose to build."

This road is more than a path—it is proof that brotherhood, when guided by purpose, can build what governments sometimes forget.

- Set 715 Leadership, 2025

In a move that underscores their spiritual and humanitarian outlook, Set 715 didn't just build a road—they lit it as stretch of electricity poles lines the road in orderly succession, each one standing tall and steadfast. The deeply rooted galvanized poles, distinguished by its strength and resilience and at the top of each pole each, a solar-powered light glows with quiet brilliance—an emblem of progress, sustainability, and enduring hope, casting light into the darkness and affirming that where there is light, there is life.

Streetlights now line the entire 878m of the road, offering not just visibility, but **security, dignity, and hope** to the school community.

The road's electrification is rooted in a powerful belief held by the club members that:

Light is a symbol of God's presence and Where there is light, there is direction, there is safety, and there is life.



THE HORIZON AHEAD: A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND LEGACY CONTINUATION

As we mark this golden milestone—50 years since we walked out of the gates of African Church Grammar School—our hearts brim with gratitude, reflection, and renewed purpose. This jubilee is more than a celebration of time passed; it is a testament to bonds preserved, values

upheld, and a legacy deliberately built.

From spirited boys in uniform to leaders in diverse walks of life, our journey has been one of growth, resilience, and impact. The 2.3km road we gift to Abeokuta is not just concrete and asphalt—it is a symbolic pathway that connects our past sacrifices to future possibilities. It tells a story that **Set 715** was here, and that we chose to give back with vision, not just sentiment.

But beyond the project, our greatest legacy remains in our unity. In the face of time and distance, we have stayed true to one another and to the principles instilled in us within

those red walls. As we look to the future, let this milestone not be a resting place but a launching pad—for more impact, deeper relationships, and greater service.

To the younger generations, may our footsteps become a guide. Let our example spark something bold in your hearts: that legacy is not left behind; it is actively built with each selfless act.

We move forward together—not just as a Set, but as a symbol of what's possible when memory, meaning, and mission align.

The horizon is still calling—and we will keep answering.



SEN. IBIKUNLE AMOSUN AND HIS PHILOSOPHICAL APHORISM

- OLUWASEUN ADIGUN

Everyone has an accustomed convention, maxim, lifestyle, principle, philosophy, mannerism, ideology that guides his or her conduct and becomes an operating manual through which he positively or negatively influences his immediate environment, hence, an identity.

Before Sen. Ibikunle Amosun, FCA CON assumed office as the executive governor of Ogun State, there were noise and rumor everywhere, within and outside Ogun State on the demolition plan and mission to rebuild the state. As Sen. Ibikunle Amosun officially took over the mantle of the executive governor of Ogun State on May 29, 2011, he immediately swung into his rebuilding mission which resulted into demolition of many illegally erected structures. This move was characterized with commendations and condemnations as some praised him to have taken such a bold step geared towards implementing the long over-due original master plan of the state and position it right for socio-economic prosperity and some disparaged him for not focusing on food security.

The tension and dread over whose house or structure is next on the list for demolition were so intense to an extent that anywhere the former governor officially toured, residents were always of the opinion that there must be demolition as far as the governor points to the building. This notion was always on the mind of every citizen in the state about the personality of His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun FCA CON. The former governor expended almost his four years in office as the executive governor of the gateway state carrying out the demolishing and rebuilding agenda which till today has become an indelible, iconic and praiseworthy achievement in the history of the

state as citizens and residents are now enjoying the mission to rebuild agenda of Sen. Ibikunle Amosun.

In the like manner, during his recent visit to his Alma mater with members of the National Executive Council of African Church Grammar School Old Students Association, this trait still surfaced as he was pointing to ill-erected, old and dilapidated structures within the school, with the intention to pull -down and rebuild those structures to meet up with the modern standard. He reminded the Old Boys and Girls of the school that some of the structures have been on before he was admitted into the school, hence the need to pull them down and erect new modern ones "So we will demolish it and rebuild it. These are the ways by which we can encourage our people..." The former governor said

In the course of taking a critical look at this habitual gesture of a distinguished erudite chattered accountant and one time senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun FCA CON, who has suddenly become an 'Engineer', an author, Oluwaseun Adigun, in his book "Anatomy Of Literature-In-English" while x-raying a term "Neologism", whose meaning is the creation of new word to establish an idea, coined a word from the former governor's name, 'AMOSUNLISATION' to explain the term 'neologism' better. The meaning of the word, 'Amosunlization' according to Oluwaseun Adigun, is deduced to mean an art of demolition to rebuild, which is in line with the actions of His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun.

To further authenticate this philosophy, at the entrance of his Ibara residence, in Abeokuta, Ogun State, there is an inscription of an aphorism " Tun Ra E bi Omo Oye" Meaning that a child need to contentiously go for a rebirth, having been given birth to by his or her parents. "So we will demolish it and rebuild it..." " Tun ra e bi..." " and the idea inherent in the coinage "AMOSUNLISATION" are synonymous. The socio-cultural and moral delinquency among contemporary youth calls for urgent check, dismantling and rebuilding for a better society because for there to be societal transformation, there must be attitudinal reformation, redesigning and beautification.

Like Sen. Ibikunle Amosun who was always going round the state with his legions of professional engineers whenever the need to AMOSUNLISATION aries, parents, government and teachers

should launch out an advocacy against the dearth or dilapidation of good character, desirable conduct and enviable socio-cultural in the society.

This saying by his excellency is a statement could be connected to the prevalent down-turn of socio- cultural heritages, good behavior and conduct in the society, especially the behavior and attitudes of some of our present-day youths. The characters and attitudes of some of our youth or young ones call for 'Amosunlization' that is the need to look inward, have a deep thoughts and take a bold step to turn a new leaf. So many of our young ones today lack the socio-cultural tenets and principles of decent character and some of our elders do not see anything bad about it than to go along with such ill-cultured attitudes of some of these youths.

This is why the society is what it is today, some of our youth do not respect elders any longer, they wear their clothes upside-down, zagging has become an acceptable norm, even in school, some of our male students don't use belt, they wear their clothes inside out "Aso odi"

There is the need for socio-cultural demolition and rebuilding of characters in our society for peaceful co-existence, to greet Prostrating and kneeling to show respect for elders has become an abhorrent in our society. Many of our teenagers in schools are now accustomed to saying good morning to elders or teachers in the afternoon and good afternoon in the morning. In classroom, whenever they want to respond to or ask question, students now raise left hands. These and many more call for character demolition and the need for concerted effort to rebuild.

Many misconceptualized the inscription at the entrance of Sen. Ibikunle's residence as meaning the need to amass wealth and build colossal edifice. What it actually means is that need for character remolding and transformation which is hard to get in our society today. The drought of good character in our society has become thunderbolt and an explosive waiting for the time to explode. It is true, many of our youths and teenagers are brilliant and intelligent but these traits without good character may not take them far to the top of the ladder of success. Good character leads to constructive pride. So, I join His Excellency, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun, FCA and other millions of people, who believe in good character to say "TUN RAE BI..."