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Yinka Akinlade Interview

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DON ALSUP: Welcome to ShelbyPODCAST. Our very special guest today is Yinka Akinlade. He is the Vicar for Anglican Church on the Peninsula in Lagos, Nigeria. Welcome to the show Yinka. For those who are not familiar with Nigeria, Please tell us a little bit about your country.

YINKA AKINLADE: Nigeria is a country in West Africa and it's an oil producing country where most of the resources of the nation come from. Nigeria is in the west central African region of Africa. It has a population of about 140 million people divided across three ethnic tribes: the Hausas, the Ibo, and the Yoruba. The climate is quite warm all year true, and it is a good place to live in.

ALSUP: Nigeria is quite a distance from the US. How did you end up hearing about Shelby Systems software?

AKINLADE: I had a mandate from my church to get a good software for church management. Searching through the Internet, being an IT person myself, I looked at several softwares. But one thing was lacking with most of the softwares I see: a good and robust database. So when I saw Shelby with its SQL database and all the features they had and a very comprehensive web site, I knew this was the system for us.

ALSUP: Tell us a little bit about your home church and what kind of issues you are dealing with there.

AKINLADE: Anglican Church on the Peninsula is a church that was started about four years ago. I was given a mandate by my bishop The Most Reverend Doctor Ephraim Adebola Ademowo to go over to one of the upcoming developing areas of Lagos which houses some of the medium to high income families in Lagos. To go and start an Anglican church to cater for their needs there. And since then we've grown gradually from initial nine people starting the church to about three hundred and fifty in membership as of this moment. And we continue to grow. Some of the issues facing us is that of a permanent place of worship, because we are using a rented facility at the moment. But we bought the land and we hope that next year, by the grace of God, we will start building in that place.

ALSUP: And how do you believe that Shelby is going to help you solve some of these problems?

AKINLADE: Shelby software obviously helps us to track membership/prospects, and we being a new church where we have to try to raise money to build a permanent place of worship need something to manage these funds. And Shelby has a very good funds management system there built in with its general ledger. And obviously it's a good thing for us because we can monitor all our donors, monitor how they are giving, also we are able to monitor how we are utilizing these funds. And since also we need to make regular returns, in terms of reports, to the headquarters. There are so many reports in Shelby, most of them very customizable to our own needs. It helps us to quickly churn out those reports and also to monitor trends of what is going on within the church.

ALSUP: When you get back to Lagos, what is the first thing that you are going to tell the people at your church about your trip to Shelby Systems?

AKINLADE: Well, definitely I'm going to tell them that it's been a great time with the family at Shelby. They are a very warm people, quite accommodating. And I've had a great time being trained by Mr. Charles Nestor. I look forward to coming over again sometime in the future.

ALSUP: Well, we hope you tell everyone in Nigeria about Shelby Systems. We hope things go well there. Thanks for joining us today Yinka. We hope you have a nice time here in Memphis. Is there anything else you would like to add before you go?

AKINLADE: I would like the Shelby family to be praying for our church back home in Lagos in Nigeria. We ask for God's favor and God's direction in all that we do. And God bless you. Thank you.