

Autobiography of Mwalimu Abasi Ayobami

“Minister, One who is Stern, I am Blessed with Joy from God”

Mwalimu Abasi Ayobami joined the Shrine of the Black Madonna on February 1990. When he came to visit the church, invited by his wife – Fundi Asha – little did he know that his life would be drastically changed. Mwalimu has acknowledged that his wife had to work a good while before he would accept the invitation to attend church. But once he set foot in the door, his life has been firmly planted in the mission of the Shrine of the Black Madonna. He is also the proud father of Rashad and his youngest son Omari, whom he lost in a fatal car accident. After Omari’s death, he has partnered with the AARP to offer free safe driving classes for teens and young adults, as a preventive measure to inform and save others from this very common tragedy. Even through grief, this brother is continuing to do God’s will.

His first experience with the Shrine was not in worship service, but at the Midnight Annual Festival of Lights, performed annually on Christmas Eve by our own Kuumba Ministry. Shortly after joining ,his great skill of fundraising was noticed and he was assigned as the Missionary Outreach Coordinator for the church in 1990. Missionary Outreach empowered our leadership and all members of the Shrine of the Black Madonna to raise the funds necessary to maintain our institutions.

Mw. Abasi was ordained as a Minister in 1992. Since then, he has readily accepted responsibility for any task that the church has bestowed upon him – always ensuring that he manages all his great deeds with care and concern for the life of our church and its members.

Mwalimu Abasi has not ceased in serving the church and the community. He is currently founder of the “Feed My Sheep” Ministry in 2008 that delivered 10,000 plus plates since its inception. This food is prepared lovingly in our Kuumba kitchen by our ministers and other members. The plates are delivered to our homeless brothers and sisters in the metro Atlanta area. He is active chair of our Economic Committee and our Beulah Land Farm Committee. Our farm is located in Calhoun Falls, SC. He has recently organized our church members to go to Beulahland and work on our farm projects.

What more can I say.....??????