

Pentecostalism Post Corona Virus of 2019 a Forced Adopt and Adapt

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Abstract:- The eve of the Corona Virus of 2019 reflect a different panorama as the Pentecostal family has no option but to adopt and adapt things that seen worth to be rejected a day before yesterday. The news flash about the Corona Virus of 2019 made impose chilly sensational down the day to day administration of the church service. SWITCH OFF OR PUT YOUR PHONE ON SILENT! FACEBOOK IS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS. And many of this nature were sermon of the Corona Virus of 2019 eves. The next morning, no one is allowed to gather, total shutdown, observe social distance and don't shake hands frustrate the definition of brotherhood and love within church circles. Wash your hands regularly, musk faced and gloved hands became a new order of the day. This article is designed in a way that it will debate the forced MUST adopt and adapt principle by the Pentecostal church especially in Africa. The article is also going to demonstrate areas needed to be adjusted for the church to be relevant in here and now church, away from there and then church.

I. INTRODUCTION

The greatest challenge of the world of science and medical fraternity is a pandemic. (Wawan PurnamaEka Roer, 2020) observed that the world has experienced several epidemics posing serious threat to global public health, including the 2002 severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) epidemic that caused 800 deaths out of about 8 000 cases, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic with 18 500 deaths, the 2012 Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) epidemic that caused 800 deaths out of 2 500 cases, the 2014 Ebola outbreak with 28 616 cases and 11 310 deaths. The current coronavirus disease (COVID 19-19) pandemic with more than 35 000 deaths out of over 730 000 confirmed cases till now. Emerging infectious diseases continue to infect and reduce human populations. His assertion is that, the COVID 19-19 pandemic has spread to more than 114 countries before it was officially declared as a pandemic by the WHO on the 11th March 2020. The definition of Corona Virus of 2019 is still under constructions since investigation are underway. However, Wikipedia noted that, The COVID 19-

19 pandemic, also known as the **coronavirus pandemic**, is an ongoing global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19-19), caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). Empirical research records that the outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019.

What used to be profane, irreligious, irreverent, blasphemous and sacrilegious in the Pentecostals circles is now sacred, sacrosanct, consecrated and pious and now part of the church praxes. Everything is changed and the only way for the Pentecostals is to change the means and not to change the end. For it was a taboo for a cell phone to ring during any church proceedings, it was a distasteful for a church usher to find a believer on Facebook before during and just after the church service, it was regarded as proscribe to be on Whatsapp platform during sacrament time and it was inviolable to hold a phone during worship moment. Corona Virus of 2019 prescribed a bitter change that the next day those zealots', bigots and dogmatists of church doctrine become irrelevant and the traditional means was changed totally. The only available way is both to adopt and adapt the online services or e-Service' to gain relevance and the gospel to appeal to this generation. Online services are the only way to go. Will it last or it's temporal after the Corona Virus of 2019?

The way for the church is to adapt. To adapt means to modify, to alter, acclimatise, attune or to habituate some to suite a certain condition. Therefore in this context Corona Virus of 2019 the abrupt effects of the pandemic challenged the Pentecostals to force to adapt and modify the way they used to do Christian business. This is going to be discussed in details in this article. On the same note, Pentecostalism had to adopt some things which were not part of the church but because of the Corona Virus of 2019 there was no option left but to embrace, arrogate, approve and to espouse some of the things they regard as sacrilegious. One can suggest in view of what (Humes, et al., 1975), submitted that "mankind are so much the same, in all times and places, that history informs us of nothing new or strange in this particular. Its chief use is only to discover the constant and universal principles of human nature". His view and understanding to the period of enlightenment of 18th centuries is having some similarities to adapt and adopt situation that Pentecostalism is forced in to during the dawn of Corona Virus of 2019. It is within the heart of this article then to divulge the aspects that Pentecostalism is forced to adapt and adopt the use of eservices and following church activities are changed; offering, preaching, ministering, lying on of hand, praise and worship, prophecy, conferences and many more. The entire above mentioned can be seen as key areas affected by the pandemic and left the church with no option but to adjust and meet the demand lest it risk irrelevance, as emphasised by (Chideure, 2021)

> BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

This research work is designed in a way that it will confirm and measure the changes forced by the result or effect of the Corona Virus of 2019 pandemic in the Pentecostal family. It further asserts that the change was not

negotiated but force in communities which was resulted to the Pentecostal church to adapt and to adopt the change regardless of what they believed yesterday. The eve of the Corona Virus of 2019 forced the church to drift to the corners they regard as profane and not godly. The research also directed to draw a line which explain the difference of yesterday and the present church, with the changes screwed down to the ministers of the table who is the pastor and those work on the altars of God.

> STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The research assumes that there is a fracture created between generation before the eve of the Corona Virus of 2019 and the post- Covid 19 19 generation. In the same church building but divided by Corona Virus of 2019 worshiping the same God. It is a challenge for the pastor to cope up with the changes since he preached the massage condemning platforms like face book, WhatsApp and zoom (all social media) platforms in the church while after the Covid 1919 these platforms are now modems to preach the gospel for the effects of Covid 19 19. Another problem that cannot be taken for granted is the ways used by the church to gather finances but altogether banned and not accepted. How does the church going to finance itself during the Covid 19 period remain a born out of join.

> OBJECTIVEES

The purpose of this research paper is to help the church to adopt and adapt the system as it come for it will be managed as other situations like Ebola and viruses that come before. It also communicate to the pastorate in Pentecostal churches that there is no need to rush but to value the life of the congregants seriously. Educate and inform the church founders that they should have diversified ways of getting money not to rely on gosprenuership which demand people to gather against the WHO prescribed preventative measure against Covid 19. Also this research paper is fashioned to raise hope to the flock or Pentecostal family that it may take long but surely it shall come to pass like other problems of this nature. On the same note this research paper is going to suggests ways in which a Pentecostal minister and believer remain relevant in the absent of massive gathering but continue to be afloat

> RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- a. What are the area the church need to adapt and adopt which reflect the impact of Corona Virus of 2019
- b. How can the church adopt and adapt in a situation that contradict its dogmata and praxis
- c. What are the areas Pentecostalism should adapt and adopt during and after the Corona Virus of 2019 period?
- d. The role of a pastor in changing the community for the protection of the believer from Corona Virus of 2019.
- e. How can the church (Pentecostalism) still raise money without gathering people which can endanger them from the Corona Virus of 2019
- f. Is it possible for the church to maintain the same godliness on social platforms

> RESEARCH ASSUMPTION

This research assumes that there are some problems associated with the coming of Covid 1919 that caused many churches, Pentecostal churches, in particular, to be strained in their church operations. This include the use of social media on preaching which was a problem before the eve of the pandemic. It also assumes that there is a generational hiccup between the young generation and the old generation, as asserted by (Groskest, 2020), that generational differences is pilling pressure on researchers. For the old generation was always condemning the use of social media on the holy things of God but with the coming of Corona Virus of 2019 the young generation seems to be happy for they can use it as a point. It cannot be denied that money is always needed in the day today running of the church but this research assumes that there was a problem for gosprenuership since people are not gathering during the Corona Virus of 2019 period. Social distances, washing of hands putting on of musk and not shaking of hands as imposed on us have negative ramifications to Ubuntu and the community relations in general.

> DELIMITATION OF THE STUDY

This research is only limited to the Forward in Faith Gobabis church and other Pentecostal churches around for during the spike of the Corona Virus of 2019 the writer was staying in that above place. This explains the reason that the researcher's choice of using the participatory methodology

II. METHODOLOGY

Observation is one of the most important research methods in social sciences and at the same time one of the most diverse. (Benardicions, 1998), argued that the term includes several types, techniques, and approaches, which may be difficult to compare in terms of enactment and anticipated results; the choice must be adapted to the research problem and the scientific context. As a matter of fact, observation may be regarded as the basis of everyday social life for most people. In this context we are diligent observers of behaviors and of the material surroundings. We watch, evaluate, draw conclusions, and make comments on interactions and relations. (Whenhill, 2012), observed that, observation raised to the rank of a scientific method should be carried out systematically, purposefully, and on scientific grounds even if curiosity and fascination may still be its very important components. Therefore on this contextual, the researcher is part of the pastorate who participated in almost everything that took place. This include the adoption and the adaption of new way of doing church businesses. Since observation method is further classified under three main segments which include participant observation, nonparticipant observation and indirect observation (Chain, 2020), this article is going to use the participant observation methodology.

> DEFINATION OF TERMS.

 a. Corona Virus -Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID 19-19. COVID 19-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. COVID 19-19 is now a pandemic affecting many countries globally. The impact then affect African and Namibia but Pentecostal church was at a greater risk since they gather people in large number for their services that attract the researcher to look closely in these churches.

- Pentecostalism, (Solomon, 2021), understand the term, Pentecost, is a Greek word prominent in the Old Testament to mean Feast of Weeks. It was celebrated on the 50th day, seven weeks after the Passover Festival. In the New Testament, it has a new meaning. Pentecost was celebrated in the church as the day on which the Holy Spirit descended (Acts 2). Pentecostalism refers to the 'spirit type' churches, which emphasizes Acts 2, as the basis of their doctrine. Pentecostalism refers to the 'spirit type' churches, which emphasizes Acts 2, as the basis of their doctrine. Furthermore, these churches believe in the doctrine of speaking in other tongues(glossolalia) as was experienced after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and they regard it also as 'baptism in the Holy Spirit', hence it is an indispensable aspect of Pentecostalism (ibid). In addition, "Pentecostalism, like the other Born-again Christian movements, emphasizes the literal 'infallibility of the scripture' and it also stresses the centrality of conversion experience and the possessing of the gifts of the spirits: divine healing, exorcism, and prophecy" (Maxwell 2005: 5 Cf. as cited by (Solomon, 2021)
- c. GOSPRENEURSHIP (Rupapa, 2012) quoted, Jonathan Mbiriyamveka's article in *The Herald of 27 July 2013*, they noted that he introduced a profound term 'gosprenuership' in specific reference to the works of the emerging trend where New Pentecostal Churches are being perceived as lucrative financial ventures and the 'prophets' and their wives who are also turning out as 'prophetesses' are exhibiting opulence. Thus, from that article, 'gosprenuership' can be taken to mean the setting of the gospel; mission as a platform for profiteering as in a business venture that is as a 'latter day, money-spinning family enterprise' ((Marongwe and Maposa)., 2015:)This is characterised by the prophet become richer and richer while the flock or the congregants become poor and poorer.

> OFFERING

Pentecostalism is characterised with a lot of offering in the form of liquid cash in the church. For this reason across the globe man of the clothes are classified as one of the richest people in the world. (Rupapa, 2014), according to the Zimbabwean Newspaper enlist the most riches people (pastors) in the world and the pastor like Prophet TB Joshua, Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo, Bishop David Oyedoye, Uebert Angel, Enoch Adeboye, Emmanuel Makandiwa,

Bishop TD Jakes and many more. His observation concludes that offering with their names like free will offering, love offering, seed offering, tithes offering and the booking to see the man of God face to face is a way for them to get liquid cash from the followers. The coming of Corona Virus of 2019 challenged the whole body of Pentecostalism make the church to pay through the money transfer. Though some pastors and prophets are coy to give their followers their account it emerged that people are paying to the church. The point is CORONA VIRUS OF 2019 made the Pentecostal churches to adapt and adopt the modern technology as far as offerings and all money transaction is involved. However systems were challenged to extend that the majority of Pentecostalism are taking time to adopt and adapt to the e-transfer of money. One can note that it could be the reason that people are used to pay the services when they work face to face with the preaching of the gospel. Because of this people could come with money on alter and give money in front of the preacher in appreciation of the word of God received. Some could sign checks, booking one on one to see the prophet and also move from city to city with a large number of people in stadiums and open spaces, the idea is to make sure the gospel is communicated to the fullest and they don't mussel the mouth of a threshing cow.

However the coming of CORONA VIRUS OF 2019 changed everything. Firstly people are no longer coming to church as per the recommendations of the World Health Organisation (WHO). This already changes the scope of giving because all administrative work should be proceed without any interruption. Therefore church members of a particular Pentecostal denomination would ask the congregation to e-wallet, blue wallet eco cash or bank transfer which was a rare phenomenon days before the eve of the Corona Virus of 2019. (Ramatswana, 2019), lamented that are prophets praying for or are preying on people's faith. He noted that the so called the resurgence of the faith of people is actually preying on people's faith. A fair minded person can actually deduce that the way Pentecostal churches are structured would have a time of giving, and someone could just do to motivate others to give, but Corona Virus of 2019 drastically obliterated everything and people just give, which reduced the amount of money used to be given. This automatically affects the amount given and the givers. Under this circumstance these two options are inevitably take course either to adapt or adopt or both.

➤ VIRTUAL SERVICES OR\AND E-SERVICE

Pentecostal churches are pigeonholed with noisy musical instruments, which saturate the vicinity, feisty, enthusiastic, and passionate dances, well decorated halls, posh cars driven to the arena with the guest speaker lead by the nifty suited group of men. Corona Virus of 2019 pandemic heartlessly demolish every efforts and people are now using the online services facilities. Weather one like it or not majority of preachers resort to social media, regardless of one's feeling towards it. To understand the depth of the matter there is a letter written by Chaplin (Robert, 2020)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We find ourselves in uncharted waters as we, alongside our political leaders, seek to respond to the realities of life caused by the coronavirus. As such, we and the Council feel it wise, right and loving to cancel our meeting together until we have clearance to do so. Please be assured that the Church is still active – just differently.

I remain active as Chaplain and am always available for prayer or pastoral conversation — whether by WhatsApp, Zoom, Skype or phone. I will be praying for all of us in these days. I would like to encourage the setting up of WhatsApp groups for mutual prayer and spiritual encouragement; do put my and Deborah's name on your list so that we can pray with you.

So what are we doing practically?

The entire content of the service will be sent by email each week. Please get in touch if you would like your email address to be added to our distribution list (we require your express consent to do this).

We will also make the service available via the church website each week. Please bookmark this webpage and share it with others as we continue to post the latest information and services here.

➤ Latest Service

6th Sunday of Easter, 17th May

It is clear then from the communique that it was unprecedented, and the church was caught unaware, but the option was to adopt and to adapt the Virtual services. Commenting on the statement made by the World Council Of Churches, on the 2019 NaVEL CORONAVIRUS or COVID 1919, scholars could tell that church leaders and the Pentecostal administrations was stretched beyond their reach the only way is to yield and save lives of people. It was an unmentionable for one to be seen on Facebook liking one of the Nigerian preacher or, an American Charismatic preacher. Church elders could find a way to rebuke such culprits, especially the emerging generation they seemed consequences of being a Facebook follower condemning it as demonic and devilish. Opening a WhatsApp chart during service was actually an indication of disrespect either to the preacher or to the house of God at large, Corona Virus of 2019 now made the whole church glue on a WhatsApp message for the word of admonishment, and devotional. For a WhatsApp call can accommodate more than four people which can make a service another upcoming Pentecostal church. One can then argued that the church refused WhatsApp in to their services and now the church has to get in to WhatsApp to conduct a meaningful service. Corona Virus of 2019 changes things and change the sequences of things and order of the day. When it comes to Facebook, it was extremely unthinkable to be found on Facebook in any church hall. Doing that was risking being libelled rebel, for it was associated with pornography, nakedness or nude pictures which absolutely proscribed to the church ethos and again it was demonised. Corona Virus of 2019 state of emergence pushed the Pentecostalism on a corner where they should be preach on Facebook and more advantages

was on Facebook than other social media platforms like the zoom cloud, Skype and WhatsApp platforms for it have long term memory to keep the information, WhatsApp platform have also a problem that they have primary memory and also is temporary as compared to Facebook. However the fact that Facebook has the secondary memory preachers had to resort to it for their services. This move is an adoption if not an adaptation for survival.

This shows that Pentecostalism's hope was to adopt and adapt the social media platforms and revisit their standard of measure on the sacrosanctity of a media means to the end. (Guti, 2020), The Arch Bishop for Zimbabwe Assemblies of God Africa Forward in Faith Ministries international (ZAOGAFIFIM), responding to the social media related question emphasised that "...we can change the means but not the message". Which means preaching on social media is just but a means but the end must remain intact throughout. In one of his massages during the similar conference 1n 2019 he noted that there are three things that should not change, sin, Devil and God. In a way God is not changed by Facebook or zoom but he remains God. Sin also cannot be changed by anything it remains sin. In addition to that the 21st century scholars agreed that religion and theology should be progressive and not be left in the debris of history but is present and continuous tense and that make it relevance to here and now people not only to there and then generations.

> PRAISE AND WORSHIP

In Pentecostal spheres, praise and worship is actually the time the whole church do the same thing together. Remember one is preaching is only the pastor do the talk and everyone sited listening, but when the time of praise and worship comes, everyone participate. Very loud music, dancing, and parti-coloured types of activity is displayed during this time. This only is done when people are in one place and in unity. Imagine a news flash running under the theme 'churches to be closed with immediate effect'. This sends a sense of disgruntlement, murmurings and disbelief amongst the disciples of all Pentecostal family. This is one of the most critical parts of the Post Corona Virus of 2019 period and it frustrates a number of stakeholders which include the music industry. To them church services was taken as a promising ground for their future music customer and supporter. So the news from the WHO was received with mixed feelings especially with the musician. This was described by one of the Zimbabwean State News Paper as the moment of shift as he was reacting to the arrest of Fantan and Levels for organising a gig which drew a large score of people in Harare.

Another group that was affected was the musical instrumentalists, those who play musical instrument like the guitarists, keyboardists' pianists and drum players. People were feeding their children, send them to school in actual fact that's where their bread was buttered and for all of suddenly to here that no more. Time for praise and worship was affected in the Pentecostal circles and it was a cry all over. The big elephant in the room to these musical family is does adopt and adapt principle work to them as it worked to

all other church members? Surely this is the death of the industry. Nevertheless, people are recording their music, singing and send them via YouTube, Facebook and telegram and Instagram and religious scholars observed a tremendous impact than ever because when they used to sing for less than three hundred people in a small building but now they do it to thousands of people on Facebook which need more diligent, excellency adeptness and proficiencies. In a way it is clear that Pentecostalism should have forced adopt or adapt to the tunes of the Corona Virus of 2019 measures.

> THE MASSEGE AND THE MASSENGER.

The interface between the messenger and the message are two important elephants Pentecostalism respect in their daily meeting. However the coming of Corona Virus of 2019 religious and theological analyst observed a drastic change. (Marion, 2020), highlighted that the sermon is not the only part of a religious service which conveys a message but the messenger's skills in packaging the massage help weather the massage will be accepted or rejected. This happened during the announcement that the churches are part of the community activity that should be stop. Majority of preachers started preaching about Corona Virus of 2019 when there had no knowledge of it. For that reason inaccurate information was paddled on the pulpit. It was very unfortunate that majority of the Pentecostal preacher was not informed about the pandemic. No one could say a word, some start to formulate unfounded stories, that could not be verified, here comes the issue of vaccines which was another headache.

Many people come to church because of how the messenger transmits the God given Message, and also some people move out of the church just because of the aptitudeness of the messenger displayed in delivering the message. In this context then, Corona Virus of 2019 was either affecting the message and the messenger. Before opened with a scripture, hermeneutical scholars were taught that they should read the scripture and systematically do the exegesis before apply it to the people. However Corona Virus of 2019 become the message and Pentecostal believers are eager to hear the word of God then the preacher had to talk about the Corona Virus of 2019 first and preacher device a way to connect the Corona Virus of 2019 to the contemporary message. Which they were not good at; as a result there was a lot of scriptural manipulation and scriptural assassination, just for the messenger to be relevant. During this period post Corona Virus of 2019, many preachers lost relevance and then found wanting to their flock. Everyone needed answers for the Corona Virus of 2019 but answers are not found on the pulpit but research was the way to go that is vaccination. Part of the questions include if God is really a loving God why Corona Virus of 2019 which harvest people mercilessly and ruthlessly. Some could challenge the authenticity of prophets that if they are man and women of God they were supposed to foretell about this pandemic and we could have been made some measures. Some could rewind the prophets pastors and preachers' massages when the claim to heal every sickness and during the time of Covid 19 no one opened the mouth to test his faith on Corona. (Madenvika, 2020), challenged so

called prophets in the Pentecostal sphere that their testing time is now and there was need for them to explain why they choose to be silent or why their God chose to let the whole world morn for this pandemic in a world full of prophets. Which is a good citizenry concern but the answer to this question is like looking for an elephant in your brother's pocket.

Furthermore the preachers before preaches about Jesus was first advice the church members to stay at home, wash hands frequently, don't shake hands unnecessarily, no unnecessary movements, have a mouth cover, and observe social distances. In a way the texture of every preacher was modified and panel -bitted to suit the prevailing situation. This is the need for adaptation and adoption done with the preachers and pastors. Regardless of the function, could be funeral, wedding or birthday parties there was Corona Virus of 2019 Message in preaches' preaching.

> PROPHECY

The wave of Pentecostalism is characterised by a mighty wave of prophecies that left other churches nearly empty and agitating for next move. However the coming of Corona Virus of 2019 is not a challenge to just a small denomination somewhere, but all churches that do prophecy big or small. (Rupapa, 2014), write a story in the Zimbabwean Newspaper entitled thousand queued for prophecy and anointed oil in Chitungiza at Makandiwa's church. Many people agreed that prophecy need one on one, and so forth hence the prescriptions against Corona Virus of 2019 by WHO does not support that setup at all. As a result, prophets are adjusting on using the online prophecies which was not common during the eve of Corona Virus of 2019.

Some prophets resort to one on one without publication and services. Prophets in Pentecostal churches are facing challenges for no one was braced up for the pandemic. This left the church divided, for those who go to church for prophecy are no longer visiting the prophets instead they are now going for native n'angas and prophets are now adopt the use of online prophecy. Virtual services of which not everyone has the required device like smart phones that compact the system. One newspaper commenting Prophet Tapiwa Freddy prophesying on Facebook and his statements were full of ' I am sorry its online if it was direct' comments on the comment section show that it was a way of adopting and adapting to the prophecy online which is an upcoming phenomenal. This shows that prophecy is one of the church activity which also need to be adopted or and adapted.

➤ 'GOSPRENEURSHIP'

Principles govern proceedings in each Pentecostal church differs from church to church but the commonest of all is the time of offering, seeding and tithes. This term will be used to describe monetary activities in the church. Not justifying and condemning means against the end. The point is Corona Virus of 2019 made all church administrations stuck and heavy upon the workers. It is very hard to preach giving from the flock during the time of Corona Virus of 2019 for the systems are challenged, actually it's the flock

that need the church to feed them for the jobs they used to go is shutdown, no one is allowed to loiter around without a justifiable cause. This situation affect the believers and they left with no option but to obey but still the church must also look for its sheep. (Grayer, 1994), described the relationship between the church and the Pastor as the relationship of a sheep and a Shepard. This means when the Shepard was enjoying the fat and the wool from the sheep there should be a time when the sheep should enjoy the services of the Shepard. Critics of the gosprenuership argued that the time of Corona Virus of 2019 is the time where the Shepard should gather the sheep and demonstrate the love they preached, the God they preached.

Furthermore, the challenge is the adoption and the adaption of the sheep to continue providing the wool and the fat to the shepherd and the shepherd___30 provide the guides. Pentecostalism as a family is supposed to adopt the use of wallet, Eco cash, money transfers blue money an many internet payment so as to keep on the church business continue as usual with all church bills like water, electricity and rentals being paid. In a way the gospel of money due to Corona Virus of 2019 has changed and there is need for adopt and adapt

III. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Corona Virus of 2019 forced the whole Pentecostalism to change the way they used to conduct their service. Especially on the area of preaching, virtual services are in place, giving is no long in the church as traditionally used, prophets and prophecies are now shifting to the way they used to do and adopt and adapt the method that does not conflict with the measure put in place by the WHO. That even affect the massage and the messenger for there were caught unaware hence the there was a need for them to educate the preachers and the prophets at least basics on how to handle such cases.

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