

# THE AFRICAN MESSENGER

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Spread where confusion reigns  
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Goodwill to all mankind.  
(From Her African Hymnal)



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For Her Children, within and  
Without the Fold—and Who-  
soever Will, Everywhere!

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OUT OF AFRICA, CALLED OF GOD, LAURA ADORKOR, SAINTED  
MARTYR FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

**SHE — our**

**P A T R O N S A I N T**

Reverently Known as **MOTHER KOFFEY** of Blessed Memory

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March 8, 1928

Witnessed by Crowds  
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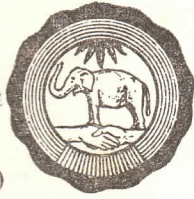
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## **SWIFT MESSENGER OF THE MOST HIGH GOD**

**"HE MAKETH HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE" (Heb. 1:7)**

**WHO IN LESS THAN 18 MONTHS IN THE DEEP SOUTH  
(June 1927 to March 8, 1928)**

Stirred up populations, rallied multitudes of Africa's children to her following in the cities and towns of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

**ASSASSINATED, BIBLE IN HAND, TEACHING ABOUT  
GOD AND AFRICA, MARCH 8, 1928**

So dearly Beloved By Her Children That

**SEVEN THOUSAND FOLLOWED FUNERAL PROCESSION**

(as reported in daily newspaper)

From Miami to city of West Palm Beach (66 Miles) where another Funeral Service was held. From there the Body was transported by Undertaker Coach accompanied by motorcade to the city of Jacksonville.

**PEOPLE MADE TO PAY FEE OF .25C TO VIEW BODY**

In Funeral Parlor, by organization committee then in charge of funeral arrangements.

**NEVERTHELESS**

**CROWDS CAUSED TRAFFIC JAM, VIEWING BODY!**

For several days Traffic Policeman was stationed at corner of Pearl and State Streets in Jacksonville.

**Daily Newspaper Further Reported:**

Over 10,000 **ATTENDED FINAL EXERCISES!** Held, Duval Cemetery, August 17, 1928.

**NUBIAN PRINCESS BURIED LIKE MUMMY IN MAUSOLEUM**

Draped in Silk Linen, Steel Casket, and Laid in Mausoleum especially built by her followers, for the purpose.

## **HER PUBLIC MINISTRY**

Like The Clarion Voice that She Was, She Came, Bible in Hand, Proclaiming Arise, shine for the light is come, the glory of the Lord is upon you! (Isaiah 60:1). Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people! I bring you a message of good news and glad tidings. As cold waters is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. (Prov. 25:25).

I am a representative from the Gold Coast (Now Ghana) of West Africa, seeking after the welfare of Africa's children everywhere. My God called me and sent me here to tell you what he would have you to do.

Your kings and leaders of Africa who are your blood brothers and sisters have also given me a message to ask you!

They say, you have been a long time away from home. Why have you not made preparations to come home? They say if you want to come, let us know, and if you don't want to come let us know.

They say, in the Gold Coast of West Africa there is a door (To All Africa) open to you and a hearty welcome waiting for you there.

MOTHER SAID: All I've asked my Old Man God is to take me in the presence of my children that they be WITNESSES that I went down for them.

Greater LOVE hath no man than this . . . . (St. John 15:13)



MOTHER SAID: Children, don't see me, SEE the Christ-Spirit that is working in and through me . . . . MOTHER SAID: If God leaves me, I AM NOTHING. He is only using me as an instrument. It is HE that is speaking through me to you.

MOTHER SAID: Children, Love one another, Clean up your lives (hearts). Stick together and help one another. MOTHER SAID: Negroes prepare to flee from the wrath to come. Create your own jobs. Learn to help yourselves. Build your own enterprises. Build industries and commerce with your Motherland Africa.

MOTHER SAID: Children, what you want, ask God for it. If ye PRAY AND DO RIGHT, God will bless your coming in and your going out. He will bless your pocketbook.

FOR THE COMPLETE STORY OF HER PUBLIC MINISTRY (Teachings and Prophecies) IN U. S. A. including her African Background WRITE TO THE ILE-IFE P. O. BOX 4115, Jacksonville 1, Florida.

## **THE STORY OF HER PUBLIC MINISTRY IN U.S.A.**

### **(A Synopsis)**

- HOW ... God Called her out of Africa. He wanted her to come to the United States and tell HIS PEOPLE what He would have them do. She said she traveled from place to place in Africa trying to keep from answering the CALL.
- HOW ... That ALL-SEEING EYE kept up with her and prevailed with her wherever she went. She said she was finally afflicted with a fearful sickness unto death three times until she said "Here Am I, Lord, Send Me."
- HOW ... Her Old Man God cleansed and Purged her for His Program. In the year of 1924 the Spirit of Her Old Man God led her to move from the city of Accra and cast her lot with an African Church in the town of Asofa, some ten miles from the city of Accra.
- HOW ... The Patriarch, fathers and members of the Church in Africa witnessed for themselves and wrote their testimony that she was now a CHANGED PERSONALITY—"a praying woman and a Messenger of God who caused tears to flow from every eye."
- HOW ... She met in councils with the Natural Rulers and leaders of her part of Africa concerning her God-ordained Mission to the United States of America—and how the Spirit of Her Old Man God revealed to them to give her Africa's Message to her children in America.
- THE MESSAGE WHICH SHE REPORTED IN ALL HER PUBLIC APPEARANCES. (See Page 2).
- HOW ... She reached the United States from Africa by way of Europe into Canada and across the border into the northern cities of the United States, Chicago, New York.
- HOW ... She visited and spoke in churches attracting large audiences who were impressed with her Message but she finally had to link up with the U. N. I. A. because she said the ministers refused to accept the Program Her Old Man God sent her to bring to her race of people in U. S. A.

HOW . . . In the year of 1926 the Spirit of Her Old Man led her to go South by way of New Orleans, through Louisiana, Mississippi and on to Alabama. Making one-night stops in different towns on her way she made her mark and left an indelible impression still remembered by remnants to this day.

HOW . . . In the city of Mobile in the State of Alabama she launched on her mission and in less than six months captured colored communities to her following and established branches in the cities of Mobile, Prichard, Whistler, Cedar Grove etc.

#### **AND IN ALABAMA THE STORY TELLS**

HOW . . . As if overnight the name "Mother Koffey" became a Household word, and of enemies who became jealous of her mass following and bitterly opposed to the Bible truths about God and Africa that she was teaching the people.

#### **It Tells**

HOW . . . Of plots and plans against her life that escorts had to be assigned for her safety by day and by night.

#### **HER PUBLIC MINISTRY IN ALABAMA SHERIFFS AND POLICE SQUADS ATTEND HER MEETING THE STORY THAT TELLS . . .**

Of sheriffs and police squads who were caused by Ministerial Alliance to attend what was then the biggest Negro mass meeting held in a popular ball park in Mobile. Crowds attended from neighboring cities and counties. This day she chose to speak from Isaiah 56:10-11. When she was through speaking, the authorities told the preachers to go and preach like that African Woman.

#### **FROM ALABAMA TO FLORIDA, JANUARY 1927 A. D.**

The story moves to Florida and tells of so many people enrolling their names under their Mother that two big branches of her following were established in the city of Jacksonville alone; and in less than six months she had rallied thousands to her following and established branches in the cities of South Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, West Palm Beach and Miami in the state of Florida. Other large numbers of people were banding themselves together awaiting her appearance in other cities including Folkston, Savannah and other points in the State of Georgia.

#### **MANY PREACHERS THREATEN TO EXPEL MEMBERS The Story Tells**

HOW . . . Many, among prominent ministers and leaders as in Alabama, became so jealous of her popularity with the people that they took to their pulpit to preach against that Lying Woman. It was a day when preachers wielded powerful influence over their congregations. Moreover they threatened to expel members who dared to attend that Faker's meetings. All the more, many of the people flocked to her meetings and joined under their Mother.

## Biggest Mass Meeting Held To Show Her Up Before People

Many of the people, some of whom were high officers and responsible members in their churches, demanded why they did not expose Mother in her own presence and in front of all the people instead of backbiting and slandering her behind her back.

So this meeting was arranged and turned out to be the biggest Mass Meeting of the times ever held in the Masonic Temple building in Jacksonville. The crowds overflowed into the streets and the building itself was so packed with people that officers from the fire department caused some of them to be moved out.

Her children further witness and testify that when their Mother was through speaking, she opened the meeting for a period of questioning. The leaders were all there, on the rostrum and throughout the building. They were all expected to take advantage of this period.

Silence fell upon the huge gathering. Not a soul moved to say a word. It is in this silence that a young preacher in the audience was heard to exclaim: "Aha! Aha!—there SHE is!—If you all don't condemn her now, you can't preach to me no more!" There was none among them, including theologians, business, civic and fraternal leaders, who said a word.

And in the hushed silence which seemed a long five minutes, the same young minister finally remarked in a loud voice for all to hear, and said: "Yes, Mother, they're in here! Not a dog will move his tongue now!"

After a pause, SHE then proceeded to invite those who had not yet joined under her to enroll their names with their Mother. Someone led in a congregational song and more people rushed to give their right hand to their Mother forming crowded lines in the three aisles of the auditorium and waiting their turn to have their names recorded at the secretary's table. The leaders were seen quietly filing out by the side door.

### The Story Goes On To Tell

HOW ... Preachers and leaders vowed, **THAT WOMAN MUST GO!**

HOW ... They connived to have her arrested in the dead of night on a Saturday night so she would be in jail on that Sunday.

HOW ... **She was stripped naked in jail** because her enemies said her Power did not come from God, but from the roots on her body. **NONE WAS FOUND ON HER.**

HOW ... The police officers in jail told her: "Princess, we did not put you in here. Your own people got you in here."

HOW ... Her Old Man God answered the prayers of her children and moved in the hearts of the authorities to release her that Sunday and bond to be put up that Monday. And what a Sunday it was in Jacksonville!

### It Tells

Of the day-long **COURT SESSION** held that week before the Justice of the Peace ... And the charges brought up against her. Leaders had raised money in their churches telling their congregations **THAT WOMAN** must be jailed or be deported back to whatever country she said she came from. The case was referred to **CRIMINAL COURT**. She was out on bonds.

### It Tells

OF ALL LIGHTS SHOT OUT IN THE HALL DURING A MEETING IN MIAMI, but she was not killed this time.

### It Tells

OF HER ARREST IN ST. PETERSBURG AND SOON RELEASED. HOW . . . Her children turned around and swore a warrant against the same man who had caused her arrest. As She was leaving Police Headquarters, this same man cried to her: "Mother, please save me!" She turned around and had this man freed, saying: "He's one of my sons, too." And Mother further said: "Some of my children good, some of my children bad, but your Mother loves everyone of you."

### It Tells

OF CRIMINAL COURT in Jacksonville, Florida discharging Mother on all counts, thus freed to carry on Her Mission, but enemies vowed: THAT WOMAN MUST GO!

### She Foretells Her Death

After this Criminal Court Sessions she was now making her final rounds visiting her branches and giving her final exhortation to her children.

### Why She Established A Church

MOTHER SAID: Children, I did not come here to establish no church, but the preachers fight your Mother, and refuse to accept the PROGRAM which God sent me to bring. So God showed your Mother to establish the Church and operate your Mother's Program through the Church.

MOTHER SAID: Children, your preachers take your Mother's words and mix em and mix ef to suit thense ves. MOTHER SAID: Your Mother style the right kind of preachers as the sun, moon and stars, and they must shine, shine, shine.

MOTHER SAID: Your Mother establish a Church upon a clean and solid foundation, a foundation which is without spot or wrinkle.

### It Tells

Of the OATH she had her children to take. In Mobile, on this occasion, they witnessed a brilliant light shining, for a swift moment, all over her face and above her head while taking the oath.

### THE LAST MILE FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI, FLA.

Not known to her children at the time, this was to be her last trip to Miami. Before leaving Jacksonville, she selected her escorts herself and pointedly left behind the one she knew would have led the others to physical violence in defending their Mother, the late Capt. Marie Lewis.

### THE STORY TELLS

Of the trip by automobile to her God ordained scaffold in Miami—and



how she foiled a plot to have her killed on the highway. She had asked her Old Man God to take her in the presence of her children that they be witnesses she went down for them.

It tells of her being in Closest Prayer in her room in Miami—Her Gethsemane—all that day of March 8. How she would come out only at intervals with tears streaming down her face, to greet her beloved children gathered in the front room and all over the yard, visiting their beloved Mother.

OF THE NIGHT OF THE ASSASSINATION—How she ordered the guard standing by the door near the rostrum, to be seated. It was not long afterward, while speaking from the Gospel of St. John 14, when a bullet unerringly aimed from a crack of the same door, broke the peaceful quiet, whizzing its deadly way to the rostrum and fatally pierced her in the head.

Of the crowds she attracted and who joined under her wherever she made her appearances, her children relate the following as among many similar occasions:

It was the Sunday afternoon when she spoke in the spacious auditorium of the Prince Hall Masons modern brick building on State Street occupying almost half of that city block between Broad and Clay Streets. Inside the building there were so many people that there was hardly moving room.

Even while she was speaking, the people outside were crowded on the sidewalks with cars parked on each sides of the street for three blocks long. Almost as many people were seen on rooftops of neighboring houses across the street, facing the auditorium on the second floor of the building where she was speaking. Extra police were assigned on duty, but this vast throng of people was so orderly that the officers were seen to cooperate rather than interfere with their movements.

#### AMONG HER PROPHECIES

IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY gave all kinds of publicity to any person who claimed he is from Africa and could entertain the audience with wild stories about Africa. Her children asked their mother about such people.

MOTHER SAID: Children, beware not everything out of Africa is African in Spirit.

IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY WERE SAYING: "Prosperity is here to stay and soon there will be a chicken in every pot in the land."

MOTHER SAID: My God showed me hard times are around the corner. Negroes you are going to lose your jobs and never get them back.

PROOF—This came to be known as "the depression."

MOTHER SAID: There will be signing up of papers to help your condition, but it will only be for a while.

MOTHER SAID: Then it come a day when it will be worse with you than in the day of Sodom and Gomorrah. You better tell God 'thank'ee for every drop of black blood in you.

IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY SAID: That woman lies, Negroes can't land and they are welcome nowhere in Africa except in Liberia.

ANSWER: In 1931, following her assassination in 1928, a group of her children made preparations and landed SIX of their number from Florida in Lagos, Nigeria, and were so welcome that they were registered as RETURNED AFRICANS in the government records of that great country. Who lied?

**IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY SAID:** Africa is owned and controlled by other people and the natives are too backward to do commercial business with Africa.

**ANSWER:** The same natives were already doing business with the countries and nations of Europe for years, selling their new materials to, and buying all kinds of manufactured goods from, the countries and nations of Europe.

**MOTHER SAID:** With God to help me, we bring a ship load of raw materials from Africa to the United States and we ship machinery and black man to Africa.

**TODAY HER PROPHECY FULFILLED—**Of fleets of merchant ships bringing Africa's products to the United States and returning with manufactured goods and passengers on board.—Manned by African officers and crew.

**PROOF?** See your newspapers, radio and Television as reported.

**IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY SAID:** That woman lies, Africa is too far away.

**MOTHER SAID:** Children, it's only a thread between you and Africa.

**PROOF?** Airplanes now making daily trips and some of them owned and controlled and operated by African people.

**IN MOTHER'S TIME THEY SAID:** It is unthinkable that natives of Africa can ever advance enough, in the foreseeable future, to govern themselves.

**MOTHER SAID:** My God showed me, if I give up my life in His Program, He will give me the desires of my heart and my desire is to see Africa redeemed and Africa's children free everywhere.

**PROOF?** Today the many and nearly all of the nations and countries of Africa have become **INDEPENDENT** and taking their rightful place in the council chambers of the nations of mankind. "Ethiopia (Bible name for Africa) Is stretching forth her hands unto God."

**IN MOTHER'S TIME** people were made to raise large sums of money to send some person who was made to look like a martyr offering himself to preach the Gospel to those heathen black brothers of ours.

**MOTHER SAID:** Children, don't send preachers to Africa who don't know nothing else to do but to preach—**SEND** God-fearing, dedicated men and women qualified in the professions and skilled in the trades.

**PROOF THAT MOTHER WAS RIGHT:** Today even Uncle Sam has become a witness of the great opportunities for really qualified people to go to Africa and how welcome they are who go there in the right spirit and attitude.

**MOTHER SAID:** Children, when any of you go to Africa, don't settle in the cities and towns that are already built, go in the interior among your people and build your own towns.

**PROOF THAT MOTHER WAS RIGHT:** Today, all over Africa, it is the amazing story of man-made harbors being built, waste lands being developed into modern towns and progress in all fields of modern advancement.

**MOTHER SAID:** Children, it come a time look like your Mother's Program is dead, but it will rise in a new place.

**MOTHER SAID:** Blood is going to run in the streets like water.

MOTHER SAID: Many will commit suicide and the rivers and creeks will not be able to hold many unable to stand the storms to come.

### AMONG TESTIMONIES

Oklahoma City, Okla.—“I was having such a hard time, it seemed like everything was working against me. I sure appreciate Mother’s Sacred Album and the Closest Prayer Treatments you sent me. I have also been very sick but much better.” (J. H. 1/3/6/40).

Port Arthur, Tex.—She wrote—“Your letter was a blessing to me and my home. I have a mighty bad habit of drinking hard and my husband also drinks very heavy, and when he does we just fight and quarrel. Will you please pray for me and my husband to get rid of these habits and live together like man and wife. In less than two weeks she was writing again to say:

“I received the Closet Prayer Treatment and I was indeed very proud to receive it, also Sacred Album indeed I have tried everything and have failed but since I received Mother Closet Prayer Treatment I certainly have seen a great change in my life. It seems to me that my husband has improved and I have been offered drinks and I certainly did turn them down.

I have seen the time when I would never turn down one drink. Thanks to God for your prayers and powerful help. I am one of you all and our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you all for your work.” (L. L. 2/3/26/40).

Palestine, Tex.—“Sometime ago I received a Message from you and put it off writing so long. But I must say that Message I received has kept me spell bound for over a year and I can’t help shedding tears every time I read over the pages of the death of our Sacred Mother. Princess Adorkor please enroll me as one of Mother’s Children.” (I. F. 1/7/9/41).

Savannah, Georgia—When I received your Message I knew it was the Lady I had seen in my dreams and visions.” (M. L. 1/9/5/42).

Tarpon Springs, Fla.—“I am truly glad I went to Jacksonville and got in our Sainted Mother’s Church because I have been strengthened very much. When I went to Jacksonville I was broke and confused over my affairs until I was full of Satan. I came back home with something more than money can buy and pray that I keep in the Spirit. I have been strengthened by your prayers and climbing up the King’s Highway. The other day I was talking to a neighbor about our Church and Founder and she said “I’d like to be in a church like that.” (R. H. 1/8/21/42).

Detroit, Mich.—She wrote—“Things are so dull with me. I don’t see my way and I don’t think I can keep my business. I have a lot of enemies without a cause. I HAVE CRIED AND WEPT AND PRAYED. Looking to hear from you.

In less than two weeks she later wrote: “I received Mother’s Closet Prayer Treatment and followed instructions. I find my business is picking up. I sleep better and feel better in every way. Please continue in prayers for me.” (L. D. 2/3/27/40).