

## Grace & Light - What we do



My name is Tassie Ghata, I am the co-ordinator of Grace and Light International. I have 7 years experience of working with HIV/AIDS. I am happy to introduce Grace and Light to you. I am so excited to be involved in this movement so that together, we can stem the increasing spread of HIV.

Grace and Light International is a non-governmental Christian organisation with its HQ in Jos, Nigeria. The movement started in 2003 with the passion of moving faster than AIDS! Many people have been trying hard to stem the tide of HIV in Africa and yet the epidemic continues to develop almost everywhere.

I feel this movement is the way forward. Grace and Light brings permanent integration of HIV/AIDS ministry in the life of churches of any denomination in a new way, in that we are able to give prevention through education, voluntary counselling and testing. We are also involved in care for the infected and uninfected through weekly meetings of our members in small groups which provide accountability and give mutual support.

Such integration is possible because all our members have been tested for HIV and because those who are infected all live with it openly. In that way, we and the whole community can show love to people living with HIV and AIDS and defeat the culture of stigmatisation and discrimination which has helped drive the epidemic forward.



Talking informally with people at a church



Checking the list of people who have volunteered for a blood test



Conducting a blood test

We are completely dependent on donations in carrying out our activities. We are very appreciative of the regular and special support we get from AMEN people.

In conclusion, I want to say we are happy to be partnered in any way. We need prayer as well as resources. Without your support we will be unable to continue the Lord's work.

*Tassie*