

IZIK 5'S BIOGRAPHY

IZIK 5 is a music group of five siblings called Terngu, Terseer "Mas.T", Sarah, Naomi and Terkuma "Daddy J" Ornguze . Growing up in a home full of music, they were influenced by their parents Isaac and Eunice who were singers and still sing till today. Carrying the message of ONE FAMILY, the members of this Contemporary Christian Music Group started their music careers as singers and instrumentalist in their father's church located in a small city called Gboko in the Middle Belt of Nigeria. The group has been singing together for the past fifteen years and have been invited to perform to people of different backgrounds and at various venue's from small events like weddings, Parties, launchings, dinners to large outdoor meetings and even for very important people of the society like Governors and Royal leaders. In 2003, the group was privileged to sing before 60,000 people in four nights and in 2008, they also sang before 15,000people in 5nights in some large outdoor events. Two members of the group Terngu and Sarah where also privileged to travel to two countries in Asia namely Singapore and Malaysia and performed at many events over there.

Their debut album was released on the 19th of December 2009 in their home country of Nigeria and it was a success. The group even received a personal letter from the former American Ambassador to Nigeria Robin Renee Sanders congratulating them on the release of their debut album. And she (The American Ambassador) was also awarded the Honorary Grand Patron of the IZIK 5 music group an award she accepted with great gratitude.

They were also the only music Group from Africa selected to attend the Gospel Music Association's official music training and talent hunt competition which came up in Nashville , Tennessee, USA from the 28th -31 July 2010. Two of their songs "I CAN SEE CLEARLY " and "TIDY UP" were selected and included on a compilation Cd with other top American artist by a record company in America and were given as gifts to over 500 Hollywood Movie Producers, Actors and VIP's at the just concluded Nashville Film Festival in the U.S state of Tennessee . The Recording Academy of America recently included their songs in the Grammy Award listening service.

Review

Their music was recently reviewed by a radio firm in California, and this is what they said about IZIK 5's music

"Hands raised like you just don't care", a typical party-hyping mechanism in Hip-Hop except that for this particular group, the supposed subtext invariably is hands raised but in praise to God. Izik 5 is a gospel group from Nigeria that uses contemporary beat styles from Hip-Hop and R&B. However, whereas Hip-Hop beats are usually associated with less than salubrious topics, this group keeps it clean with spiritual, positive and upbeat messages with the occasional interjection of socially and politically conscious commentary. With professional sounding production values, silky smooth vocals, and hard-hitting beats, it's hard to believe that this isn't a stateside product.

Song 4: "Kiss of Heaven" – The haunting vocals, layered sound, harmonizing, and mixing illustrates this group's R&B skills. Each member of the group demonstrates an excellent vocal range that isn't overshadowed by the very understated background beat and vocals.

Song 6: "One Family" – This is the most politically conscious song on the album, which talks about the genocide in Africa. It's moody and ominous feel, as well as a sparse and introspective beat mixed with excellent instrumental solos give the song further impact.

Song 10: "Time" – An exceptional piano-led intro along with backing vocals provide a suitably dramatic intro to an extremely extensive and intense flow that is the centerpiece of this song. The vocalists in the chorus also exercise their excellent range, which blends perfectly into the overall framework of the song.