From royalty to royalty:

The Bio & Story of Patrice Tsague

Transformation through God From the Inside Out
“But what things that were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ”  
Philipians 3:7

PATRICE TSAGUE

Patrice Tsague is the author of the Biblical Entrepreneurship Training course, a business discipleship training system for Christian business owners and individuals desiring to start and operate businesses based on biblical principles. He and his wife, Gina, founded Nehemiah Project International Ministries (NPIM) in 1999 as they sought to fulfill God’s call on their lives. Patrice is an ordained minister who serves as a business coach and trainer to a number of small and medium sized businesses and is a Trustee of the Timothy Plan.

How did a young man from Africa go from being a college dropout who disdained Christianity, to leading an international Christian organization based in the United States that helps build kingdom businesses around the world? How did he come to be at the forefront of supporting Christian family businesses through coaching?

Patrice was born in Douala, Cameroon into a royal, business and political family. His mother, the Honorable Mrs. Foning Tsobgny Francoise, is currently the mayor of Douala 5th, a businesswoman, a retired member of parliament, and she continues to serve as special advisor to the president of Cameroon, Paul Biya. She is the daughter of a third degree king; his Majesty Johnny Baleng I from the Bamileke tribe (a tribe gifted in business).

Patrice’s grandfather was the grandson of a first-degree king of the village of Bafou and was appointed king by his grandfather because of his skills in commerce, his accomplishments as a warrior and his personal charisma. King Johnny Baleng I built a kingdom that would later rival his grandfather’s in notoriety. He was an interpreter for the Germans and British, a trader, he owned thousands of acres of farmland, and even tried to negotiate the purchase of his own airplane. He had 80 wives and over 250 children.

His castle, the first multi-story building built in his city was constructed in the early 1900’s as a gift to him from the British. The original structure still stands today and is occupied by the current king and his family, his grandson and Patrice’s cousin, his Majesty Johnny Baleng III, the third king on the throne of Baleng.
Finding Salvation
Although Patrice grew up in affluence and royal nobility, he did not have a personal relationship with the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, until he came to the United States. Patrice was sent to the United States to live with his aunt and to receive an education so he could return home to work with his family.

In the early 1990’s while in America, his family faced a financial crisis during a period of political uprising.

The opposition party rallied the people to overthrow the government. His family’s assets were burned and vandalized due to their close support of the president. It was during this time that Patrice met the Lord and received his calling to use entrepreneurship as a tool to empower the body of Christ, and to seek and save the lost. Though Patrice’s family would rebuild and regain their notoriety, his life would never be the same.

After becoming burdened by their sense of calling, Patrice and his wife Gina, who is originally from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, founded Nehemiah Project International Ministries (NPIM) and authored the Biblical Entrepreneurship curriculum.

Death of her father
After the death of her father, Patrice’s mother relocated to the city of Douala as a guest of a local king, a friend of her father who helped her become established. Her desire was to be an entrepreneur and a politician. Full of ambition, she began her career in the Department of Tourism and later left to start her own business.

Over the years, she ran many businesses, which ranged from a cab company where she operated over 350 cabs, to construction, import and export, furniture manufacturing and many others. At one time she employed up to 1900 people. She founded the National Association of Cameroon Business Women, the Association of Central African Business Women and went on to become the first African woman to serve as president of the World Business Women Association for two consecutive terms.

As for her political career, she is a member of the governing board of her party, which is the current ruling party, a retired member of parliament, a special advisor to the president and she is mayor of Douala 5th, the largest city in Douala, Cameroon.
Changing Everything!

The ministry inspires, equips and supports thousands of individuals and families to integrate their faith in their business while building businesses that reflect their family values and leave a generational legacy.

However, accepting Christ meant that Patrice had to reject the traditions of his grandfather, be ridiculed by his family and denounce the worldliness and idolatry that is part of his family and heritage.

Like Moses, he chose to reject the comforts and pleasures of his heritage to embrace the sacrifices of walking with the people of God and serving King Jesus. He chose to reject his earthly royalty and to embrace his eternal royalty, counting that to have a far better reward.

Patrice and Gina together with their two beautiful girls, Gabrielle Emanuelle and Danielle Françoise Tsague reside in Portland, Oregon.

Today, Nehemiah Project International Ministries has programs for small to medium sized companies, youth and families. The curriculum has been translated into several languages including French, Spanish, Russian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, and Malagasy. The ministry provides programs through a network of partners in eight countries, nine cities throughout the United States, and has trained over seven thousand individuals to date, and trains over 1,000 students a year. Nehemiah Project International Ministries’ vision is to become the most widely distributed biblically based entrepreneurship course in the world with a long-term goal to train at least 10,000 people every year.