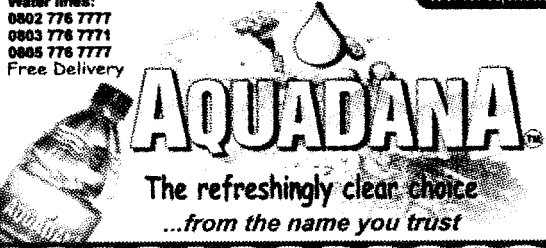


Water lines:
0802 776 7777
0803 776 7777
0805 776 7777
Free Delivery


www.aquadana.com



AQUADANA
The refreshingly clear choice
...from the name you trust

DANA

PHILIPS
Sense and simplicity



Philips DVP 3000k @ ₦9,900
Tel: 01-461 0027, 0805 PHILIPS

I flog my church members — *PASTOR*

By Emma Nnadozie & Sam Eyoboka

LAGOS—GENERAL Overseer of Christ Praying Assembly (CPA), Ajao Estate, Lagos, the Rev. Emeka Ezeugo King, who was arrested by the police for allegedly

setting six members of his church on fire, yesterday denied the allegations against him and attributed the incident to a faulty generating set in his house.

He also denied several other allegations against him but agreed that he flogged his

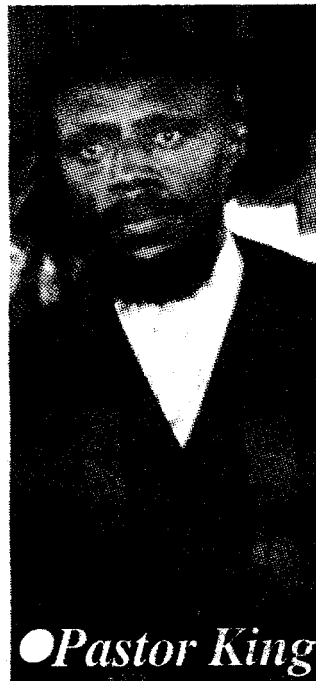
worshippers without restraints.

The pastor who addressed himself as His Holiness, Reverend (Dr.) Emeka Ezeugo King narrated the circumstances that led to the incident inside the cell of the State Criminal Investigations

Department (SCID), Panti, Lagos to *Vanguard* last night.

He said: "I was arrested by heavily armed policemen Sunday night who alleged that I poured fuel on some

Continues on Page 15



'I flog my church members'

Continues from Page 1

members of my church and set them ablaze. It was a very surprising thing to me and I was stunned when they came for me.


"In any case, why must I pour fuel on my worshippers? That day in question, 20 members of my church wedded and after that, I proceeded to my house. We were all feeling very happy. In my residence that evening, I heard shouts of Daddy. The screams came from one of my daughters (he calls female members of his church daughters) Kelechi. I was wearing shorts and I ran down from upstairs.

"I saw flame of fire on my daughter, Ann. When I came down, one man was helping to douse the fire on her while some other people were there. I helped in drawing her to the tap but the tap was not running. I was also praying while trying to save her. Fortunately, the fire went off.

"We then took her to the nearest hospital where she started receiving treatment.

Rev. King who also spoke on other allegations against him including flogging of members stated further: "I am a preacher. I know that the spirit of witchcraft is against the Almighty

God. If somebody is a liar, he is bewitching God. I don't condone lie. Dr. King does not condone sin. I flog a lot. I have canes. If husband and wife mess up by having misunderstanding, I have to settle them.

"But the person that is at fault, I must flog. If the person refuses to be flogged, I will send him out of the church." 

PFN disowns King

In an swift reaction to the report, the umbrella body of Pentecostalism in Nigeria, Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), yesterday disowned Emeka King, who's real name is Kingsley Chukwuemeka Ezeugo, saying the said General Overseer was not and could not be a clergyman let alone a member of the regulatory body. Speaking in a telephone interview Monday night, the PFN National Secretary-General, Bishop Joseph Ojo condemned the incident, describing it as most barbaric and the height of wickedness.

With palpable holy anger in his voice, the PFN scribe noted that it was wrong to describe the said church, which he said was a demonic enclave as a church.