

'NIGERIA WILL BOUNCE BACK AS A GREAT NATION'

...Hon. Jeremiah Umaru

The young handsome and charismatic law maker representing Akwanga/Wanba/Nasarawa Eggon Federal Constituency of Nasarawa State, Hon. Jeremiah Umaru is a quintessential personality to behold. Even before he was elected to represent the good people of his constituency he had already started impacting and making life better for them through empowerment and providing welfare and soccour. He said that his motivation is to see young people been able to stand on their own to contribute to the development of their community.

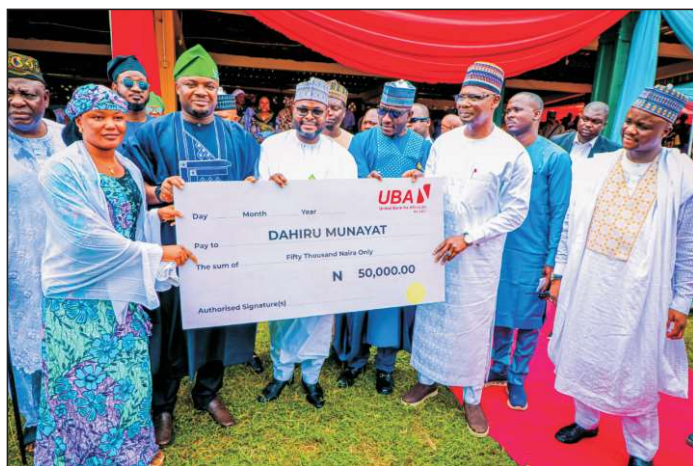


In his words,

'What motivates me is to see people doing their best to contribute to the development of their community. For instance, I was elected by my people to represent them in the House of Representatives because I was able to contribute my quota to the development of my community. I was not really a politician and I have never participated in any political process neither do I belong to any political party. But because deliberately I was involved in contributing my own quota to the development of my community, when the opportunity came it was not difficult for me to be elected. So that is what motivates and gives me joy, to see young people being independent and standing up to contribute to lifting others and the community'

Hon Jeremiah who is the Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on Public Accounts said that during his electioneering campaign he came up with a blueprint and agenda for his people which include quality representation, youths and women empowerment, Quality Education, Care for the aged and Elderly, Health Care, Agriculture and Social Cultural engagements and so on. *'As I speak to you, to the glory of God we are executing them very well. So far so good we have carried out a lot of empowerment and welfare programmes that has impacted on everyone across my constituency. We have also been able to pass bills in the House that will have direct impact on our people. Several motions have been acted upon. We have distributed various items to our people to help support them. In fact, we are really putting in our best.'*

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The amiable young lawmaker who is also the JAKADAN WAMBA said that the major challenge confronting his constituency is the absence of Federal presence which according to him has really affected the economic and social life of his people.

'If we have federal presence and institutions in my constituency a lot of our people especially the youths would be empowered and employed and the whole place will boom with a lot of economic activities. Though ours is an agrarian society because our people are predominantly farmers, but we are hardworking and industrious. We are very independent people and all we need is Federal Government presence to boost economic life and support for Agriculture so that the lives of our people will further improve.'

On Nigeria's democratic experience since 1999, Hon. Jeremiah said

'Nigeria's democratic experience has been progressive as a developing Nation especially when you look at where we are coming from as a people. We cannot deny that there are challenges, but I am confident that the present administration can surmount these challenges. Yes of course Nigerians are suffering because of the removal of the Fuel Subsidy, we all know that, but I am sure that on the long run the Nation will be better for it. I believe that the policies that the current administration is putting in place will help to ameliorate all these challenges and Nigeria will bounce back as a great nation. I believe that we are making progress.'

On his views on whether he believes the 10th Assembly will deliver the dividends of Democracy to Nigeria the humble and unassuming lawmaker said,

'you see we have a Speaker and leadership that is more concerned about the citizens of Nigeria. We also have young and vibrant lawmakers from different background, varied experiences from the different parts of the country who are passionate about delivering democratic dividends to their people. Therefore, if you listen to our debates and deliberation in this 10th Assembly they are purely based on merits and the needs of our people. We are not ruled by sentiments, we deal with issues that concern the good and benefits of our people. I assure you that with the crop and caliber of lawmakers in this 10th Assembly Nigerians will surely enjoy the dividends of democracy.'

On what he does at his leisure, the JAKADAN WAMBA said that he loves travelling a lot but not to foreign countries. Hear him

'the only place I enjoy life is in the village. I love to hang out among my people, relate and interact with them on different local and National issues. We move around together from one village to the other, play football, sit down together eat roasted yam and enjoy ourselves. I am a grassroot man and I love to be with my people if I am not politicking.'

According to him, I believe strongly in God and that is what keeps me going. Like I used to tell people when they challenge my constant visit to my village, I tell them I am not afraid of witches or wizards because I am a child of God. The young lawmaker whose favourite meal is Tuwo Chinkafa and Mia Toshi (groundnut soup) admonished his people to pray more for him so that God will help him to deliver democratic dividends and make life better for them. He encouraged them to live in peace and harmony with one another because according to him if you don't wish your brother well you cannot make progress in life. 'Let us all be our brother's keeper, love one another support and pray for our leaders because that is the only way we too will have the confidence and grace to attract good things to our constituencies'. The JAKADAN WAMBA promised to attract democratic dividends that will improve and impact the lives of his people.

