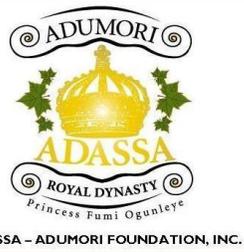




His Royal Majesty is visiting Tennessee....See <http://www.adassafoundation.org> for details.



# His Royal Majesty's Profile

## King Emmanuel Adebayo, fcia Emure Kingdom, Ekiti, Nigeria, Africa.

# His Royal Majesty's Journey to the Throne

**King Emmanuel Adebowale Adebayo** was born to the family of Late Prince Ezekiel Kehinde Adebayo, a direct descendant of Oba Simeon Aminmin II, who reigned in Emure Ekiti from 1953-1963, as the 8th Elemure of Emure Ekiti.

## **EDUCATION:**

He attended St Paul's School from 1955-1960, Ise Emure Grammar School, 1963-1967 and Ijebu Ode, 1968-1970. Kabiyesi (i.e. King) is a self trained and self made achiever who maintains his lifestyle through a continuous learning process in the belief that when one stops learning, one automatically stops growing intellectually, as education is a life-long affair.

## **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

The King enlisted in the Nigeria Police Force as a Cadet sub-inspector. The young officer rose through the Ranks and earned promotions along the line to the Rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, Commissioner of Police and finally the Chief of Police, Nigeria.

## **AD-HOC ASSIGNMENTS:**

Chairman- Kwara State Environmental Sanitation Task Force; Chairman Task Force on Illegal sales of Petroleum Products, Lagos; Chairman Security Sub-Committee, in Ghana/ Nigeria; 2000 African Cup Nations Football Competition, and member Millennium Group on Environment; Lagos, Member of International Association of Chiefs of Police; Joint Border Patrol Crime Control Technical Committee 2002; Member-Youth for Character International Age of Character Club; University of Science and Philosophy Swannanoa, Waynesboro, Virginia

## **AWARDS:**

American Worldwide Chaplaincy Association USA Commission  
Gold Award of Excellence-University of Ado-Ekiti-Faculty of Law: Nigeria  
Dignity of Resourcefulness Award-Inst. of Corporate Administration  
Human Rights Award--Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria

## **Award of Excellence:**

Egbe Omo Emure Ekiti Award of honor in recognition of contribution to the Growth and Development of Emure Ekiti Community.  
Skye Bank Excellence Award in recognition of contribution to Education in Lagos State.  
Opulent Leadership Academy Opulent Gold Award in recognition of immeasurable contribution to Socio-Economic Development of Nigeria.  
National Youth Leadership Award.

## **Family Life:**

The King is married with children to Olori (i.e. Queen) - Mary Iyabo Adebayo, a woman of substance and great virtue. The King's home is built on solid Christian Foundation and principles.

## **Sports Activities:**

King Emmanuel Adebayo loves games and occasionally plays table tennis, lawn tennis, badminton and snooker when time permits. he is a very strong support of sporting activities.

## **Pathway to the Throne:**

HRM explained that he never saw it coming that he would ascend the throne of his fore-fathers so early as it has turned out. Normally, anyone born in the lineage of a ruling house may or may not dream or have it in mind that one day, it would be his turn to become the King. He however believes that God, who is the King of kings, is the author of appointment of kings--whoever God says will be king, will be king.

## **Motto:**

The King affirmed that his motto is simply Peace, Unity, and Progress. He has asked for God's grace and continued favor and the love and support of the people both at home and in the Diaspora so that Emure Ekiti can progress, develop and move forward in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility.

## **NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!**

The Royal Family Visits Tennessee to join Princess Fumi Ogunleye Hancock, Founder of the Adassa Adumori Foundation, Inc. a US 501(c)3 Organization in raising awareness to the humanitarian projects being implemented in Emure Kingdom for the Kingdom's children.

### **His Mission:**

- \*To help bridge the gap between the US and Africa.
- \*To discuss possibilities of joint ventures (benefiting both parties) between the US and Emure Kingdom
- \*Reaching out for assistance with empowering the Kingdom's most vulnerable population: the children.**

### **The King's Vision for Emure Kingdom: (Announced during his coronation: Feb 2008)**

"My vision for Emure-Ekiti is for a rapid transformation of the town to a buoyant, lively and highly productive socio-economic community.

Farming is the mainstay of the people and, an enabling environment will be created for high productivity.

A liaison and welfare office for youth development and counseling will be established within the palace office complex.

Further, regular meetings and interactions will be held at the palace to guide and enlighten the people as life without direction will lead no one anywhere.

Emure Associations and well wishers all over the world are encouraged to participate in as many as possible for the development of our community. - King Emmanuel Adebayo, Emure Kingdom

The King has also called for assistance in the area of education. While the community can boast of 29 primary schools and 8 secondary schools, the poor state of the schools need to be addressed. The King is seeking assistance, by repairing/rebuilding and equipping these schools for our children who desperately want to learn but do not have a conducive environment to work with.

In addition, the king will like to see the agricultural infrastructure within the community revitalized as farming is the main source of income in the area. He invites organizations as well as well wishers with new technology to help move this Kingdom to the 21st Century."

*In February 2008, I had the opportunity to go back to my community in Nigeria, after 23 years of absence. It was very exciting to be a part of the coronation ceremony for King Emmanuel Adebayo. I was equally very anxious as I walked down the streets to places I had not seen since I was young.*

*During my visit, the King discussed his vision for this wonderful community and his hope that family and friends from within and outside of the community will join him in making Emure Kingdom a healthy place for our children and their families.*

*We at Adassa Adumori Foundation heard the mandate and we moved into action—  
**Princess Fumi Ogunleye Hancock***



## About Emure Kingdom

Emure domain is situated in the South Eastern part of Ekiti State (Nigeria) with a number of farm settlements and villages. The Kingdom is blessed with good physical features on a fairly leveled ground that is well drained.

The streams Ose, Oyimo, Obeji and Eporo rivers pass through the extensive land area of about 93 square miles. The land is well wooded and fertile. Any agricultural investment will yield good results.

Emure people are great farmers hence, agriculture is the main source of their livelihood in the production of Cocoa, Yams, Cocoyam, Rice, Beans, Corn, Cassava, Plantain, Banana, Pineapple, Oranges and Palm products. An investment in small scale manufacturing and wood processing will boost the state's economic status. As development and civilization grow, other diverse economic opportunities will spring up.

The ancestors of today's Emure Kingdom can be traced to Ile-Ife, the cradle of the Yoruba's. Oral history has it that the present day Emure-Ekiti once had a homestead in a place called Ilare, in Ile-Ife around 1290AD and were there for well over two centuries. The first of the rulers to reign over the people at Ilare was known by name Obele. Obele was believed to be the direct son of Oranmiyan who himself was the last son of Okanbi, the only son of Oduduwa.

Between 1290 and 1291 AD, one of the sons of Obele by name Fagbamila Oduduwa decided to relocate from Ilare to another place and before leaving, he demanded for his rights of honor as a Prince to serve as the insignia of the Royal Family to enable him rule over the people in the new domain he would found for himself. As a sign of the acceptance of his move, the entire Oduduwa family blessed him.

In addition to the royal blessing, Prince Fagbamila was presented with a number of parting gifts which represented the paraphernalia of the Royal family till today.

The gifts included a Beaded Crown, a Sword of victory, Fern leaves, Akoko leaves, Atorin (Cane) and a giant leather fan made of Tiger skin. With these, Prince Fagbamila set forth on his journey with his people, after consulting the Ifa Oracle. The Ifa Oracle directed them to a place called Ilamoye, meaning "a place where the sun arises". Prince Fagbamila then took the title "Emure" to reflect the Fern leaves presented to him by the Royal family at Ilare. The Fern plant in Yoruba land means "IMU". The name "Emure" was said to have originated from what he was told when the Fern leaves were handed over to him. "Imu re re O" (These are your Fern leaves). When abbreviated, it becomes Imure which was later modernized to "Emure" the present name of the kingdom. Emure kingdom is governed under a code referred to as the Native Law and Customs and it is a well structured administration in place that emphasizes division of power.

At the head of the administration in the kingdom is the King who was regarded as the lord of the community. The chiefs make up the judiciary council, headed by the King. The administrative headquarters of these group of communities (over 98 villages and settlements) are the Palace of the King which is located centrally. (See [www.adassafoundation.org](http://www.adassafoundation.org) for a copy of the Royal Family Tree)

## Quick Facts about Nigeria



- Capital: Abuja
- Population: 138.3 million
- Area: 923,768 sq km
- Major Languages: English, Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa, Fulani
- Major Religions: Muslim (50%), Christian (40%), Indigenous (10%)
- GDP per Capita: \$917 (2006)
- Life Expectancy: 47.8 years
- Literacy Rate: 68%
- Population below poverty line: 70% (2007)
- HIV/AIDS Infection: 2.6 million (2007)

Source: <http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org/>

## EMURE TRADITIONS, CULTURE AND FESTIVALS

Emure kingdom takes after Yoruba traditions, culture and festivals as can be witnessed in the race. There are particular times of the year when certain festivals and traditional practices are observed; few amongst these traditions include:

- ILUYONWA:** His Royal Majesty's Yam festival making the beginning of our calendar year celebrated in September.
- AIREGBE:** Maiden group dance marking the glorious transformation to puberty stage.
- ILEODUN:** Annual festival for only male indigenous adults to observe.
- ERO:** Festival celebrated to mark graduation from (Gbamo) age group to adulthood.
- OPA-OGURU:** An exercise to correct misconduct in the society.
- IPON:** Used to detect mysteries.
- ETINTIN:** Females' celebration with white clothes carrying small native pots of water from Aro brook holding peeled whips.
- OGUN:** Festival celebrated in honor of ogun, the god of iron.
- EGUNGUN:** Festival celebrated in the month of April every year to honor the king by all the quarters