

# Report from Nigeria

April 13, 2009

Dear brethren,

I am happy to give you the latest report. My family is faring well. My health suffered some set back last week of March. I was treated for bacterial infection and malaria. I feel some good relief now. I taught new converts class and gave the sermon Sunday morning yesterday. Attendance was 127, there are 5 visitors; contribution was N27,400.00 (about \$180.00). One young man was baptized.

At Challenge we concluded a one week lecture series March 8. The theme was: "Growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Altogether 25 subjects were taught, covering Scriptural Authority and How to Establish it; Organization of the Lord's Church; Institutionalism; The Social Gospel; The preacher, his qualification, work and support; Marriage and the Home as Designed by God; Discipline to keep the Lord's church pure; and more. Eighteen sound preachers, including me were used to handle the subjects. It was a time of great spiritual feasting. The church and all who attended were uplifted. We plan to publish all the lessons taught in a booklet for wider distribution.

Conclusion of a one year preacher training class.

We started with 13 men on April 1, 2008. One who misbehaved was disengaged about the third month. The program was rounded up with a three-week field evangelism. We ended successfully with 12 men on March 24, 2009. Eleven of the men were sponsored by local brethren, while one was sponsored by brother Joe Olson of Athens, Alabama. Brethren Dele Akinbowale, Ezekiel Ajayi, Nathaniel Abire, Gbenga Fabunmi, Kola Ajibola, S. Amu, Sunday Ayandare, Isaac Ogunmoroti who are all preachers in other congregations in the metropolis worked with me in the training of the men. Just like Paul and others labored together in the gospel (Acts 20: 1-5) without forming another organization, so we have labored together in the work. We hope to do more of this work as the Lord enables us and as you brethren continue to share with us. Nearly all the men are now working with different congregations of their own choice.

TV Preaching Program

Every Wednesday 9:30pm I preach on our local TV channel for 30 minutes. This has been generating a lot of heat. We have more questions, more visitors in our assemblies and more open doors to preach and teach. The church at Challenge has paid for 13 weeks that will soon end. Continuation of the program depends on the availability of funds.

A Consignment of Song Books and Bibles and teaching materials donated by brethren, with some personal effects have now arrived at the Lagos port, ready for clearing and transportation to Ibadan. Brother Elijah Ita, a clearing agent assigned to do the clearing insisted it will cost six hundred thousand naira (N600,000.00), about \$4200.00 for custom and clearing charges including transport to Ibadan.

We need some help from any willing and able brethren to get this money paid promptly, so we will not suffer demurrage penalty charges. Since the consignment is mainly free gifts, not for reselling it is expedient we distribute free. Therefore, if you can, please, help.

I appreciate your continued support and your prayers for us.

Yours Sincerely,  
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