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**July 2011 Report**

Below is a brief for the month of July 2011.

During the month of July, 2011, there was the need to encourage our youths to be more committed and dedicated to the Lord. The response so far has been very encouraging. There is an increase in attendance and the need for men's training class. Meanwhile, the Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night classes are okay with good attendances. The ladies' classes last holds every second and last Thursdays every month. We also have a Development Class for the youths of the congregation every last Saturday of the month. So far this class has been very interesting. We have covered various areas and issues on Public Presentations/ Speaking. The attendance has increased and more have indicated interest.

For the Sisters (Ladies') Class, we have drawn up an itinerary of teaching as follows for the rest of the year and a part of early next year:

Theme: The ideal Christian family. The topics include:

1. The Christian family & forgiveness, i.e. intra & inter family forgiveness.
2. Upbringing: understanding/identifying different temperament/ talents.
3. Christian women & their obligation to teach.
4. How to overcome temptation.
5. What is your worth (value) .
6. The life of a Christian woman (at home & outside, in speech and dressing)
7. The Christian woman and family devotion
8. The Christian woman and the life of pretence (hypocrisy)
9. Learning from the women of the Scriptures ( The good, the bad & the ugly)
10. The Christian women & how to handle criticism (Negative, positive, constructive, destructive, reaction in overcoming criticism, advantages of criticism etc )

The average Sunday morning attendance has been about 195.

We are studying the Book of Hebrews on Sunday nights. May the good Lord continue to bless you all in His Vineyard in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Ours In Him,

Emmanuel (Manny) Ebong

**August 2011 Report**

Below is a brief report for the month of August, 2011:

**On Evangelism:** The church is making a very good effort to reach the lost around her environs here at Ojota . But, we are faced with the fact that Ojota is a Moslem dominated area.

**On Eldership:** In an attempt to put things in order in the house of God at Ojota, our studies on eldership has yielded much interest. I taught on the qualifications of deacon in August

**On Marriage Counseling Class:** The topic for our Marriage Counseling Class for August 2011 was "Causes of failure in marriage." This was quite an interesting class where lots of questions were asked and both men and women saw where they took each other for granted and promised to improve in their relationship and commitment to one another as God instructs.

**On Church Building:** By the grace of God, we have been able to deck the first floor of our worship hall. The new worship hall is situated about three streets away from our present worship hall. We just have to get out of the present place since the

accommodation is not able to take care of our present population. The hall gets too warm during the dry season and renders everyone very uncomfortable. I also believe that this has affected our attendance negatively

**Outside Appointments:** I have been invited by the Ikeja church of Christ to speak on the third Sunday of September, 2011. The topic is "Giving as God wants.

By the grace of God, I was able to attend the debate between Bro. Orji, & Bro. Uluocha against Bro. Asaolu and Bro. Jobalo on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2011. I have been canvassing for brethren and would encourage our brethren to take advantage of such opportunities in the future.

**Green Card Issue:** May I use this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed towards the filing of our Green Card which was done and confirmed early last month. The total amount of \$2100.00 was paid in full.

May God in His infinite mercy continue to bless us as we serve Him in Jesus' name. Amen.

Yours In Him,

Emmanuel (Manny) Ebong