

NOVEMBER 2008 REPORT

November 30, 2008

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

May the peace and the blessings of the Almighty be your portion in Jesus' precious name. We thank God for His love and mercies in seeing us through yet another hectic month. But through your prayers and financial assistance, we have made it through, especially with my sister's successful fibroid operation.

Below is a brief and tabulated report for the month of September, 2008

Date: October 31, 2008

Appointment: Trip to Uyo, Akwa Ibom State

Date: November 1, 2008

Appointment: Attended a funeral at Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State

Venue: At her residence at Ikot Ekpene

Date: November 1, 2008

Appointment: Visited with the preacher of Uyo Town congregation at his home at Uyo

Topic/Remark: Condolence visit over the death of his brother

Venue: At his residence

Date: November 2, 2008

Appointment: Worship with the Uyo Town congregation

Topic/Remark: Given the chance to officiate at the Lord's Table

Venue: # 20 Paul Bassey Street, Uyo- Akwa Ibom State

Date: November 2, 2008

Appointment: Made a quick dash to the University of Uyo new campus to meet with the displaced students.

Topic/Remark: Handed over the contribution from the brethren at Victoria Street. They need a vehicle to convey students to the new site.

Venue: The new church worship hall at Nsukara, Uyo

Date: November 2, 2008

Appointment: Meeting with the preacher of the University Campus congregation

Venue: Preacher's residence

Date: November 5, 2008

Appointment: Trip back to Lagos

Date: November 6, 2008

Appointment: Preachers' meeting at Orodu, Ajegunle

Topic/Remark: Issue of "autonomy" of the church by Dr Udofia came up. Even the "institutional" brethren denied him

Venue: Church of Christ-Orodu, Ajegunle

Date: November 9, 2008

Appointment: "Let's Go Fishing" series was suspended to hear from the brethren from the US.

Topic/Remark: Bro. Leureuna Gilbert & Bro. Dewayne Winrow. The initial lesson on Ephesians was introduced but no mention of supporting institutions until in lar presentations

Venue: Victoria Street Congregation

Date: November 10 - 24, 2008

Appointment: Elsie, my sister taken to the hospital against Monday's fibroid operation schedule.

Topic/Remark: Elsie is recuperating very well, but we will still appreciate your prayers. Very busy trying to cover bases in preparation for, during and after Elsie's operation. May God bless every one who contributed toward this operation. The fibroid mass weighed 6.2 kg (13.64 pounds).

Venue: DOREN SPECIALIST HOSPITAL

Date: November 15, 2008

Appointment: Bro Ufot Jacob Akpan of Sunset Road Church of Christ, New Jersey; Leureuna Gilbert of Arlington Road Church of Christ; & Dr Dewayne Winrow of Reseda Blvd Church of Christ arranged a class.

Topic/Remark: Not much opportunity given for questions & and not all questions asked were entertained. Funny. The teachings raised a lot of questions on "autonomy." Query on the understanding & ability of the teachers on "autonomy." Many preachers protested the teaching.

Venue: The National Stadium.

OBSERVATION: "Dr" brethren who taught on "autonomy" in October & November both defined autonomy to mean the right to self rule & independence but went further to explain it to mean "disunity." This is inconsistent & incoherent.

Date: November 13, 2008

Appointment: The Ladies' Bible Class

Topic/Remark: "The wise woman & her husband"

Venue: Victoria Street congregation

Date: November 16, 2008

Appointment: Preaching

Topic/Remark: "Be Strong & Be Of Good Courage"

Venue: Victoria Street congregation

Date: November 26, 2008

Appointment: Arrived late for Wednesday Bible Studies

Topic/Remark: Experienced a terrible traffic. Need to relocate nearer to the worship hall.

Venue: Victoria Street congregation

Date: November 27, 2008

Appointment: Ladies Bible Class

Topic/Remark: "The wise lady and communication at home."

Venue: Victoria Street congregation

Date: November 29, 2008

Appointment: Preachers' & Leaders' Meeting at Ado, Ajah

Topic/Remark: Too far outside of Lagos. Few preachers attended.
Venue: Ado congregation, Ajah – Lagos State.

BAPTISM: May God be thanked for the seven souls we had in baptism during the month of November, 2008.

OUR CHALLENGE: One of our greatest challenges for now is the issue of accommodation. Considering the stress factor of driving in a heavy traffic known here as “GO SLOW” (which could stress for hours), and the risk involved (like when my entire family and I ran into some armed robbery attack on October 1, 2008) , I am once again asking the brethren to please help me out to secure an accommodation. Meanwhile, this present abode will expire this December ending. I do not think it will be wise for us to pay for the same place and go through the same problem for another year. I appreciate what the brethren here are trying to do in securing us an apartment in the new church property. But, this arrangement is being stalled due to the administrative bottle neck in getting the papers to commence the renovation of the property. Nevertheless, the lawyer is still working on it. Our budget for the accommodation is about #700,000.00 (\$5932.20) for the two year rent. This does not include the agency fee as well as the Legal/agreement fee. I really need your assistance to relocate in order to be more effective. Please help me out.

OUR APPLICATION: Our thanks and appreciation goes to everyone of you who has taken the interest and the delight in supporting us in the Lord’s work here. May your effort never be in vain in Jesus’ dear name.

Yours In Him,
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