



NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dear beloved brethren,

It has been one of the worst rainy seasons ever. The worst part of this year rainy season is that it always come with thunder storm and lightening. Palm fruit trees had been destroyed by the thunder storm and lightening. The thatch/mud houses in the jungle had been destroyed by heavy down pour accompanied by strong wind. The jungle streets are flooded with standing waters. Canoes are needed to pass through these jungle streets. I hope and pray that this news letter finds all of you well and happy in the lord.

THREAT TO LIFE MESSAGE:

Despite the threat to life message sent to jungle missionary the Lord's work continues to grow in the jungle Villages of Etim Ekpo Local Government Area in Akwa Ibom State. I want to pause a little bit to thank all of you for your prayers during the period when the threats to life messages were sent to me. All of you that know me do realize how much I depend on the Prayers of the saints and more so my God has not disappointed me one day in my life. May honor and glory belong to Him in His Kingdom. When I look around the brotherhood, it appears there is nobody that faces daily persecution than I do. In 2009, brother Okon Mkpung, of Nigerian Christian Institute at Uyo, Dr. Witaker of Nigerian Christian hospital, Onicha Ngwa in Abia State, Chief Essien of Eka Afiong, Akwa Ibom State and the Jungle Missionary, Edu Okorie of Nigerian Christian Academy were kidnapped almost at the same time for ransom. Each and every one of us has his story of kidnapping ordeal to tell. It is Unfortunate to let you know that Chief Essien was seriously tortured by the kidnappers and was killed and his corpse could not be found up till today. On my own parts of the story, in addition to the torture, I was given poison to drink before I was thrown on the road leading to Aba in Abia State. I prayed and cried to God to neutralize the poison, and God did neutralize the poison. To God be the glory.

The experience I had in 2009 repeated itself, but this time I was given a threat to life text message which made me to run helter skelter to our state government to use the State Security Operators to make sure that the perpetrators are brought to book. One of the kidnappers was arrested and kept in the police detention for a week and few days. Right now he is in the State detention awaiting judgment in the court.

Note the threat to life messages were not sent to me only, the threat to life messages were sent to the Headmaster of Nto Unang Primary School and three other people. But they all ran away to the nearby towns for their lives. Once again thank you very much for your prayers and encouragement on the struggle to keep the jungle mission field.

LOCAL CHURCHES' NEWS:

1. **Uruk Ata Ikot Akpan Church of Christ;**

It appears that there is a strong correlation between the growth of church and persecution. There is a rapid growth in this local congregation than before. The attendance in the Sunday worship has increased. We have more visitors in the surrounding village that visits the church than ever. The young man who is preaching for the church is doing a fantastic job. The young man brother Udom who is preaching in the Church is one of the Students in our School of Preaching, in the premises of Nigeria Christian Academy. Note also that brother Udom was one of the Pioneer Students who graduated from Nigerian Christian Academy. Don't you see how your single support to Nigeria Christian Academy in 1999 helps in the growth of the Lord's Church in various capacities? To God be the glory.

Baptism: This is breaking news to the lovers of the truth. I'm pleased to inform you that His Royal Highness; Chief John Akpan Udo the village Head of Uruk Ata Ikot Akpan has accepted Christ and was baptized. In our Culture, a village head has lots of influence over his subjects in the village of his jurisdiction; we pray and hope that Chief John Akpan Udo would be a great addition to the growth of the Church at Uruk Ata Ikot Akpan. Efforts are being made to bring his family to the Church.

2. **Garage Church of Christ, Ibio Nnung Achat:** Despite the tribulation in the Church, the Church is doing very well in attendance and weekly collection.

GARAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST PROJECTS:

A. **Borehole Project:**

The Church has raised enough funds to dig borehole on the premises of the Church. This arrangement is a preparation towards having a baptistery in the premises of the Church.

B. **Fencing Project:**

The church has started to fence around the premises of garage Church of Christ. One third (1/3) of the Church premises have been fenced around, we hope to continue with the project in 2020, God's willing.

5:00 Am Prayer Meeting:

The 5:00am Morning Prayer meeting in the Church is seriously affected by early morning rain. But our Morning Prayer attendance is encouraging. Every effort is being made to revive evening worship on Sunday. This is to say that our evening worship attendant is not encouraging

Division In The Church:

The two young men who were trying to cause division in the Church have left the Church but their families still worship with us. Please pray for these backsliders.

Baptism:

Two Souls accepted Christ and were baptized at garage Church of Christ.

3. **Big Town Church Of Christ:**

The growth of this Church is very rapid. The Church continues to worship at temporary building we built at the land purchased by the Church. Plans are on the way for the Church to build a permanent Church building on the land purchased by the Church.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' NEWS:

1. *Vester & Charlene Waldron Christian School;*

Closure of Nursery & Primary School:

The commissioner, State Ministry of Education has closed some the nursery and primary Schools in the state due to lack of qualified teachers and basic facilities. Only twelve (12) Nursery and Primary Schools were given Permission to exist as schools. I'm glad to let you know that *Vester & Charlene Waldron Christian School* was among the twelve schools that were given Permission to exist as an institution of learning in Etim Ekpo Local Government Area. This was as a result of the visit by the State Ministry of Education. During the visit, the State Ministry of Education made some good remark on the quality of teachers & the high academic standard of the school. But advised us on areas we should improve upon. Such areas include;

- A. **THE PUPILS PLAY GROUND FACILITIES**
- B. **OUR LIBRARY**
- C. **TEACHING AIDS**

Population of Vester and Charlene Waldron Christian School for 2019/2020 School year:

I'm pleased to inform you that the population of the School has increased to Two Hundred (200) Pupils during School year. We are thankful to God for the slight increase.

2. NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (NCA) NEWS:

This is the beginning of 2019/2020 school session. There is also a slight increase in the population of the school. Two hundred and twenty (220) students enroll in Nigerian Christian Academy during the first quarter of this School session.

CAMPUS CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS:

Ofonime George Okorie Continue to serve as the Minister of the Nigerian Christian Academy Campus Church of Christ. Ofonime served as a campus Church of Christ Minister and a teacher in Nigerian Christian Academy in the past years. Ofonime got a better job in the public School two years ago but still maintain his job as a campus minister. We are thankful to God for his services to the Lord's Church and the School. The Campus Church of Christ continues to grow as the youths are giving opportunity to teach other youths about Christ and his church.

BASIC NEEDS FOR NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AND VESTER & CHARLENE WALDRON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- A. Scholarship for needy students;
As the school session begins, the number of needy students has increased. It costs only two Hundred dollars (\$200) a year to sponsor a student in Nigerian Christian Academy. It cost Nine Hundred dollars (\$900) a year to sponsor a student who lives in the campus of the school.
- B. Fund to fix windows in the chapel building;
- C. Fund is needed to ceil the chapel roof to prevent snakes and lizard from interrupting worship services;
- D. Books are needed in Nigerian Christian Academy Library (Linda Compton Library), Vester and Charlene Waldron Christian Library (Kate David Waldron Library) and School of Preaching library.
These books are needed to be sent through shipment. List of Items to be put in the container is attached here.

APPRECIATION! APPRECIATION!! APPRECIATION!!!

I'm pleased to thank the faithful private individuals and Churches that had already started to sponsor student to attend our Christian School. God will bless them abundantly.

Once again, thank you very much for your Prayers, love, consideration and cares for the growth of Church in the jungle, Remain blessed.

In Christian love,

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