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Dear Brethren,

I am thrilled and delighted to write you today. The months of January, February and March were very exciting months of the year. The growth of most recent churches we established few years ago were amazing. In addition to the growth of the churches, the jungle missionary has started to cut down all the bushes around the school campus ready for planting. This season, the major crops we plant are vitamin A cassava, corn, melon, Okra, yam, palm trees, plantain, and coconut. Vitamin A cassava and yam occupy the larger part of the farm land because these are the major food we feed our students with. Once again thank you very much for supporting my jungle mission field over the past decades. Be sure I love you and do appreciate everything you have done to keep this mission field on course.

LOCAL CHURCHES NEWS:

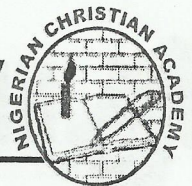
- Ikot Ekperikep Churches of Christ:** This rural congregation has had a lot of difficult time to exist due to the bad rural streets that lead to the church building. Throughout the last raining season the rural streets were flooded with water thus making the streets very difficult to drive through. One good thing about this jungle folks is that they love God. Allen Vick (Elder) of steward creek Church of Christ visited the church few years back.

BAPTISM: Two (2) souls accepted Christ in this rural Church of Christ and were Baptist in Jan. 2018.
- Church of Christ Uruk Ata Ikot Akpan:** This is the rural church that used to meet in one of the classrooms of Nigerian Christian Academy. The church is meeting at their small church building in the village now. The church is growing steadily.

BAPTISM: Three (3) souls accepted Christ in February 2018 and were baptized. Please pray for these precious souls.
- Garage Church of Christ:** It appears that 2018 is going to be a great year for Garage Church of Christ. The growth of Garage Church of Christ is encouraging. Sixty Six percent of the members are youths and children, while men and women are made up of Thirty Four percent.



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WOMEN GOSPEL MEETING:

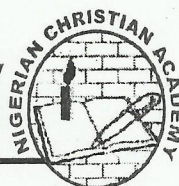
In the women Gospel Meeting, the women lead in every activity of the meeting. This is a very good program for the Christian women. The Garage Church of Christ building including the balcony was full packed with Christian women. We ran out of seats. We had to borrow plastic seats from the public. Nine hundred ladies attended the meeting. Women Gospel meeting rotates from one local congregation to another. This time it was Garage Church of Christ opportunity to host the women Gospel Meeting.

Baptism: Two (2) souls accepted Christ and were baptized at Garage Church of Christ in March 2018. Your prayers are needed for these precious souls.

4. **Big Town Church of Christ News:** This is one of the local churches I established few years ago. This church is located close to an ocean that separates Nigeria and Cameroon Republic. Majority of the people that live in this community are fishermen. Ibeno village, where the church is located is approximately Eighty miles from where I live. I do not visit this church as often as I visit others local churches. Over the years the church has been meeting in the house of one of our brethren, Samuel Ubeng. Brother Samuel Ubeng was the major person that assisted me in the church during my absent. To my greatest surprise, Brother Samuel Ubeng has problem with his family and the church disfellowshipped him. This week the church has moved from Brother Samuel Ubeng house to a new location to continue the work of the Lord. At the new location, we use four strong wooden pillars to hold the roof of the temporary worship Hall. The land where the temporary structure of the church is located is rented to the church by the owner of the land. It is a very difficult time for church. The situation in the church needs my frequent visit to the church than before. Your prayer is needed for the church and Samuel Ubeng family.



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CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS NEWS:

A. **Nigerian Christian Academy News:** The students of Nigerian Christian Academy are taking their final 12th grades examination. The final examination is organized by West African Examination Council. Those who are successful in the examination would be qualified to be admitted into any University in Nigeria and other overseas universities. The 12th grades students will also take National certificate examination. Both examinations must be taken by the 12th grades students before they are considered as High school graduates. Please pray for these students. My son, Efep is taking these examinations too.

B. **School of Preaching:** One student has enrolled in the school of preaching this school session. This new student brings the total number of students in the school of preaching to three (3). The new student, Udom graduated from Nigerian Christian Academy few years ago. School of preaching is meeting at Sarah Compton chapel in J. R. Compton Administrative Building. The school of preaching students assist in teaching and preaching in some of the newly established local churches every Sunday. The visiting of the local churches by the school of preaching students serves as field work for them.

C. **Basic Needs for Nigerian Christian Academy and Vester and Charlene Waldron Christian School**

I mentioned these basic needs in my news letter of December 2017.

The basic needs include:

1. Fund to replace and repair the old roof of science Hill Church of Christ building.
2. Scholarship for needy students: It costs only Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) a year to sponsor a student at Nigerian Christian Academy. It costs Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) a year to sponsor a student two lives in the campus of the school.
3. Fund to fix the floor, doors and windows in the chapel building
4. Fund to ceil the chapel roof to prevent snakes and lizards from interrupting worship services.

May God continue to bless you and protect you as you labour in His Field.

In Christian Love

Edu Okorie