

This is a copy of the last report I sent through someone returning to the U.S. She told me she lost her bag at the airport. So I am not sure you ever received it

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## **Brothers and Sisters,**

Greetings in Jesus Name

We have gradually come into the Ember months, meaning that before we know it we would be entering into a new year. We thank God for all he has done and is doing for us.

Our last report carried us into May. On June 1 we had our bible study and on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> we came together for fasting and praying. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Agbama; we began another series on family. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we had our bible class. On the 12<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Agbama; the discussion on family continues. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had our bible study. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we worshipped with the new church at Isiala Oboro, after worship we went out for house to house preaching. They have graded the road and is not as bad as before but may not last through the raining season. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had our bible study. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> I preached at a burial in Avodima Ipupe. There were a good number of people present who heard the message of salvation. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we went back to the new congregation. As I told you before, the resident preacher and two to three members from the University church are there every Sunday.

On July 1 NIATS Stakeholders went to see the villagers that donated the school land as an effort towards the resolution of the differences. They insist that we renew the agreement which is not due for renewal, while we tell them to wait until the due date. The reason for asking for the untimely renewal is because they want added benefits. On 2<sup>nd</sup> we had prayer and fasting in then church. This happens monthly. On 3<sup>rd</sup> we worshipped at Umuogo. This is a congregation that invited us some months ago to help settle a dispute among them; we went to see how they were doing and were glad to observe that peace has taken place. On 6<sup>th</sup> we had our midweek bible class.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Agbama. 13<sup>th</sup> was our bible class. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Isiala Oboro. In the evening we did open air. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Aro-Ngwa, one of the congregations we started in the sixties. they are doing weli relatively but have no elders, one problem of many congregations. 27<sup>th</sup> was our midweek bible class. On the 31<sup>st</sup> I spoke at Ohanze Isiahia. The same day the congregation sent off their preacher. This also is one of our oldest congregations without elders.

On August 6, we had a lectureship at Ohafia which was aimed at alerting the congregations there not to give in to false doctrine. On the 7 we went back to

Isiala Oboro. On the 10<sup>th</sup> we had our midweek bible class. On the 12<sup>th</sup> we attended the burial of a brother, Okebugwu. His home church is one of the oldest in his area, about 20 miles from our bible school and 50 miles from where we live (Umuahia). A brother, who studied at ACU under a scholarship program which I asked for, came home and returned to the U.S with hope of building a WBS head office; he did quite understand how WBS works. When that did not work for him, he got in touch with the non-Sunday School group who offered to support him to preach that in Nigeria. He was from the same congregation with late Okebugwu. The late brother was one of those that resisted his efforts to change that congregation. The burial was well attended and provided opportunity for many to hear the gospel. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we visited Isiala Oboro (the new church).

On the 17<sup>th</sup> we had our bible class. On the 20<sup>th</sup> I traveled to Port-Harcourt, the place I told you would take one hour to travel but took 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> – 3hours due to bad road, I travelled on Saturday to avoid lateness since I was to teach the combined class. That day the congregation was sending out their preacher after 24 years of service among them. People said many good things about him. This is a University Campus Church, some outgone students were there to honour him. He was one time my student at the Bible College, later proceeded to U.S for further education and became an associate professor in the University. He is 78 years and is returning to his home. One other thing added to my happiness. A younger preacher confessed that he became a preacher because of me. He said, "you may not know that I decided to become to a preacher after listening to you and I said I want to speak like him". Though tired from that trip, the next day I travelled another 50 miles to attend NIATS Stakeholders meeting to continue talks with the landlords. On 24<sup>th</sup> we had our midweek Bible study. On the 26<sup>th</sup> was the burial of one of our old preachers, Josiah Nwamuo; he was one year ahead of me at the Bible school. His in-law works in the government house and so many big politicians were in attendance. I was happy for the opportunity of sharing the gospel message with them. At last, I distributed my book "in search of the truth, my journey" On the 28<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Agbama and on the 31<sup>st</sup> we had our midweek study.

On Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> we worshipped at Agbama, in the evening we went to see a sick brother. On 7<sup>th</sup> we had our Bible class. On 7<sup>th</sup> we attended the burial of my cousin. She was sick with ulcer which refused to heal, when at last the wound had almost completely healed and she was looking forward to attending worship service and ~~he~~ with friends, she died. The more pathetic thing for the family is that she died two days before the burial of her junior sister, who had died during child-birth. On 10<sup>th</sup> there was another lecture at Udi Street, Umuahia where we again tried to inform the brotherhood about the new Pentecostal movement. Later at night I received a call from one of our

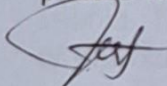
preachers informing me that his wife was seriously sick. Early Sunday morning my wife and I rushed to see her and found her very sick. The husband had no money to send her to the hospital. Thanks to God that we had a little money with us with which we took her to a hospital. After that we went to worship, but were late. The next day the hospital referred her to a bigger and better equipped hospital where we are. They made their bill and once again there was no money to pay the bill without which they would not be allowed to leave the hospital. Knowing how sick she was, we didn't want further delays, so we sent money for them to settle the bill and rush her to the hospital. While getting close they called me and I met them at the emergency department. There arose another problem; they had no bed. They advised us to take her to a nearby hospital for resuscitation and bring her back in the morning when hopefully bed would be available. We followed their advice and she was admitted there. I left them there for the night. In the morning I rushed back to see them and to ask for discharge so we can go back to the other hospital. They prepared their bill and we paid it. Reaching the hospital there still was no bed and there were other cases waiting for attention but with much pressure they sat her on a chair and began to take vital signs till a bed became available. They ordered different tests including CT scan. I had to pay for the tests and was with them in the hospital till 4:30pm without a meal. Later my wife brought them food. We went home. They called early to tell us of some prescribed drugs which were out of stock in the hospital. I went back to help in procuring the drugs. We don't know how much the bill would be. Please I need about \$300. I am asking only because I don't know what else to do and please pray for her.

In addition, I do a lot of phone counseling, Bible discussions and answering of questions and requests of different kinds. For example, last week a brother I have known for over 20 years called me by 3:30am to inform me of some family problems and asked me to be praying for them. I spend time reading and writing teaching materials.

I continue to thank you for your encouragement in the work of Christ. May the Lord continue to bless you.

P.S

I saw someone travelling to the U.S. and prepared this in a hurry. I will enclose picture next time.



**Jacob**