

The elders

Northwest church of Christ

San Antonio, Texas

Brothers in Christ,

My wife and I greet you in the name of Christ. We remember and pray for you always. As we know you do pray for us. How is everyone? We trust that the sick are recovering and everyone is happy serving the Lord.

This is another December, the last month of the year. The Lord has watched us over twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, four weeks a month and twelve months a year. We don't take it for granted going to bed at night and waking up in the morning and going about our normal duties. Oh! We thank God for every breath we breathe and we say happy new year in advance.

This year has been full of activities, especially November and December as always- evangelism, lectureship, wedding and burials. Two weeks ago we invited few members from different congregations to assist us in house to house evangelism in Isiala Oboro (the new/small congregation).

The Gospel is being preached in many parts of the world by its not producing much fruits because many do not want to listen consciously and reason. Those that care to listen end up saying " we hear the same thing in our churches, we read same bible, we are one, the important thing is for us to do the will of God", without first finding what is the will of God. Whatever their responses are, we will continue to preach the gospel of Christ. My big concern is that we the members of the Church are becoming very worldly and are trying to compromise in doctrine and lifestyle. So, as we try to convert others, may the Lord help the saved to remain saved.

The devil is waging strong battle over the Church through the families that make up the Church. It is a misnomer calling some homes, marriage. Lessons are being taught and sermons are being preached but they hit the rock as some husbands and children refuse to obey their parents resulting to many congratulations staying without elders. Here in Nigeria,, the situation does not so much lead to divorce but leads to fighting, quarrelling and making each other unhappy. Rather than sitting together to talk over the problems they become apathetic believing there can be good Churches without good home. Two weeks ago I spoke in a lectureship on christian home. Questions abound but what they do with the answers is yet to be determined.

In my last letter, I made a request concerning our small congregation- setting up our own building. We earnestly plead that it will be included in your 2026 budget. While we will be

praying for God to increase your income. We just want to small congregation to stand to the Gods Glory and the joy of us all.

You have meant so much to us. Since no one has come up with a better language we continue to say thank you! The last time we spoke with our daughter, Bonnie, she told us of how much y'all all talk and pray for us. May our God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit keep our faith strong in Him to reach eternity where we join other God children in praising him for every and ever in Jesus name- Amen. Happy new year in Advance.

Your brother and coworker

Jacob Achinefu.