

September 21, 2026

The Elders,

Dear elders of the Lord's church,

My wife and I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We continue to rejoice in the Lord for a life of hope, for the opportunity to belong to a group that has chosen to do that for which they were created, worship God. It is our earnest wish that "the Lord shall deliver us from every evil work, and will preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" II Tim 4:18.

I know that you have been waiting to hear from me, and rightly so. I have been waiting for a time to tell you that the building we bought has completely become ours. The papers had stayed long with the government until last week when they completed their documentation. So, now we have become the bonafide owners of the land. We were thinking of beginning work on fencing but another thought came to us, to first dig a water borehole that will supply us water for everything we will do. The driller they recommended to us was busy in another place. We beat the price and paid him to purchase materials as he demanded. He promised to begin work the following week. Unfortunately for him, they jammed rock where they were working, making it impossible to bring their rig and come to start our own. He called, apologized and pleaded to allow him to next week when hopefully they would have completed the other job. After they complete work on the borehole, we will put a dwarf fence and put in place the section of the building we will use for our activities. Having paid for the borehole, we have the equivalent of \$3,500 left. Of course we will do the overhead tank for storing of water. We will see how far we will go with the money left, targeting to begin worship there by the first Sunday of 2027. Pray for us.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Our Sunday services and midweek classes go as usual. Our small number notwithstanding, we have edifying moments and praise our Lord and Savior. Other congregations invite us for evangelisms, burials. Every month we go to a different congregation for house to house evangelism and open-air lecture.

The other matter that is taking my time is the problem of the young ministers. Last time in a meeting with the congregations where the brotherhood asked to know the cause of the insurgencies among the preachers, one of the young preachers causing the trouble moved that the preachers be allowed time to meet and come back to the brotherhood. That was agreed upon and a committee was set up. This was two years and three months ago. After the first meeting, the committee wrote a communiqué. Following the second meeting, the committee was supposed to convene a gathering of the churches and inform them of the result of our studies. Seeing that the studies did not favor them, they have been dragging their feet. I have reminded them over and over again but to no avail. We decided to convene the meeting. up to sixty members attended, not counting the preachers but they cleverly absented themselves. We updated those present, informing them of what transpired in our studies and their dishonesty in dishonoring even the communiqué they wrote. The brothers were happy and suggested that we call another meeting very soon, reaching the others that had no knowledge about this meeting. I, on my own, have written them a letter of goodwill and encouragement. We have very carefully and lovingly tried to bring them back, without exposing them and their doctrines before the brotherhood and nonmembers. Since they have resisted the efforts to restrain them, instead have grown wings, spreading and adding their falsehood, (they now dance in the worship) we have decided to launch attack, (Tackle them with determination) be in the offensive and keeping them in the defensive. We want to respond to the concerns of some members wanting to understand and non-members saying "this is not how we know Church of Christ, what is happening among you?" We will do so in love, not allowing the devil to beguile us for we are not ignorant of his devices. Pray for the church.

Your Co-worker in Christ

Jacob Achinefu

P.S.

Our preacher had a wound in his ankle, thought it minor but the leg began to swell with the wound gushing water. He has been treated with anti-tetanus and antibiotics drugs. We are noticing gradual relief but are still concerned about the swelling as we pray for quick healing.

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