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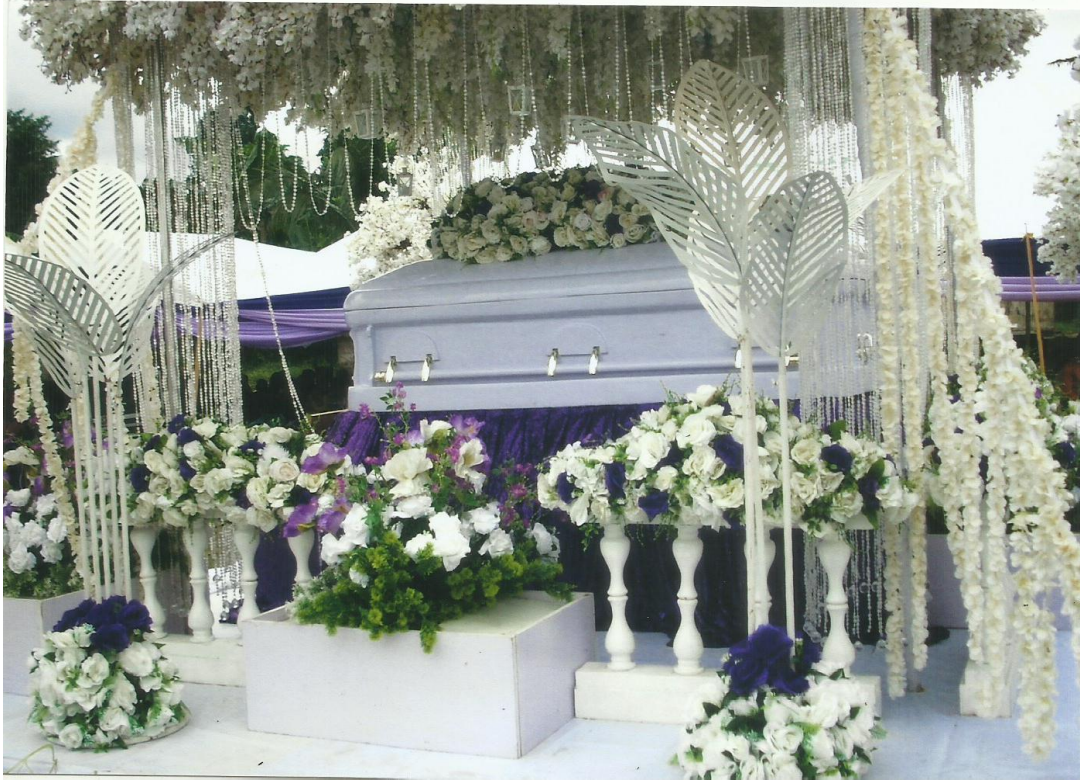
Brothers and Sisters,

The last letter took for-ever to reach you, I hope the story will be different this time. How is everyone? I know we are in the world where we can't have it our way all the time. We can rest in promises like this, Samuel told the Israelites "And turn you not aside: for then should you go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you his people.

One of our preachers died at the age of 79. He was a strong worker in God's vineyard though he had poor sight later in his life. His children chose to give him "a befitting burial". I am ashamed of what my people go through during the burial of their loved ones. Sometimes they won't take good care of people but when they die they go into building house and doing other things to exhibit affluence. They do posters, print expensive burial program and elaborate decorations. Some hire people who are trained to lift the caskets in a stylish way. This was one of such burials and it attracted a large audience. The family invited me to address the audience and once again it provided an opportunity to preach Christ and His Church. That was on September the 11th. Some photographs are included.







All this time I have been holding meetings with some preachers and congregations concerning some uprisings in the church. On September 18, we repeated the meeting of August 7. We are making progress in our study and so have agreed to continue as each is encouraged to study open mindedly to be able to make meaningful contributions.

Our midweek activities go on. We do open air every month. The resident preacher and I speak on different subjects. We distribute tracks and give opportunity for questions, though people show nonchalant attitudes. The question in people's minds is "Am I a worshiper? As long as one is a worshipper, that is all that matters and how he worships is irrelevant. We visit the new congregation every other week, but the preacher we left there is with them every week. Like I told you before, we are waiting for the dry season to do intensive preaching there – house to house and open-air. People will be coming from different places; the road is terribly bad, some photographs are included that will give you an idea of the deplorable condition. Many vehicles break down in those bad spots, some tumble and others sink and are pulled out by tow vans.





On September 25, congregations in Etit-Ngwa met at a place called Umuagu, to listen to speakers on the subjects of miracle and prayer. One will wonder why these subjects have become issues among churches have existed for thirty to fifty years. This is because, as I explained to you before, the new-Pentecostals assume miraculous powers and invite the public for special prayers with promises of "miracles, healings, breakthrough, deliverance". This has fascinated some of our young preachers to the point of saying that one of these Pentecostal preachers is their mentor. The young preachers were invited to disclose their position, they chose one to represent them after which one from the opposite belief will respond. Due to government exercise that day, the meeting started late and there wasn't enough time to listen to the both speakers. Consequently, another date was taken, October 30.

1st Half of October was used mostly for reading and preparation of lessons. On the 15th, we attended the sendoff and 20th anniversary of one of our brothers' school. It is a private Christian school that has done well in the lives of young people. On the 19th we met again for our study and discussions. On the 20th my wife and I travelled to Port Harcourt where I had been invited to speak in a lectureship. This was another rough trip/ it is a journey of forty miles that usually took no more than one hour. The main road having dilapidated you now take a longer route which is just the better of two evils, and takes about three hours. This is a congregation that some of us labored hard to build up. I have not visited them for a long time. Reaching there I saw a big storey building and a larger membership and I praised God. The theme of the lectureship was the Church Yesterday, Today and in the Future. I spoke on the church in the future. I used the opportunity to highlight some current issues in the church, biblical predictions, encouraged us to faithfulness and, gave the assurance that no matter what the enemy does and will do, the church will last forever. The loser is the one who allows himself to be deceived and

the predictions of falling away fulfill on him. Many came from other congregations. There are about thirty congregations there to the glory of God. We used this time to visit brother and sister Jarel; they live in the same city.

On the 30th, we went back to Umuagu to continue the exercise of the 25th of September. This day the young preachers and their admirers, mostly also the youth, presented themselves as juvenile delinquents. They came to make noise, cause confusion, abuse the missionaries and the senior preachers that according to them failed to teach the church the truth. They insisted that miracles, signs and wonders are for every believer and those who don't perform fail because they cannot access the supernatural power because of lack of faith and immoral life. They were so proud and arrogant, vowing not to recant. They said unimaginable things. When challenged to heal the sick and perform miracles, they said that there are diversities of gifts, but they did not know that before inviting people for healings, miracles etc. When told that Jesus and the Apostles never failed anytime but healed all the sick that were brought to them, they say that Jesus did not do many miracles in his home town due to lack of faith and did not heal the lame man that Peter and John later healed.

When told that miracles happen instantaneously, they tell you that the fig tree did not wither immediately (but Mathew 21:19 said it did) that the births of Isaac and Jesus were not immediate (forgetting that pregnancy and delivery do not happen the same time) and many other ridiculous things they say. Now that we know them and what they are into, our duty is to alert the churches and enlighten them. One of them calls himself a pastor. We need your prayers. As I said earlier, the church of the Lord will last forever. Those who fall, will fall but the church will stay. I will be busy writing and distributing materials for encouragement. I will need one time gift of \$1,000 for this effect. Many preachers and

congregations look to me for such materials now as a matter of urgency. So, greater percent of this and next month will be spent in reading and writing. When the materials are ready, I will be visiting different areas and meet with the preachers and the congregations. I am able to do the things I do and plan to do because of your support. Once again I need your prayers for health, strength and wisdom.

I remember that you once told me that you will support me for as long as I am able to serve. I rest on this promise and on the strength which God supplies. I began with a promise of God, I will also end with another promise of God. For God is not unrighteous to forget our work and labour of love which you have showed towards his name in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister (Heb. 6:10).

With grateful heart I remain your brother in Christ.

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