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Brothers In Christ

Paul wrote to the Christians at Ephesus, "Blessed are the Poor and father of our lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. " Eph. 1:3. Our brother John wrote "Behold now are we the sons of God..... we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is 1 JN 3:2 Passages like these cause us to rejoice in the Lord; I rejoice as i write this and am confident that you will receive it rejoicing in the Lord.

My wife and I greet you with hope that things go well in the congregation.

We have continued to do the same things - come together on Sunday for worship, come together on Wednesday for bible study, do our door to door evangelism (have been to three congregations for door to door evangelism, at their invitation) attended up to ten burials in different congregations, attended congregational lectureships, attended matriculation and convocation programs in two schools of preaching.

The older preachers are working to undermine the moves of the younger ones to sow seeds of falsehood in the church. The congregations are being taught to be committed to sound doctrine - the bible is a perfect will of God to man, there are no christians today given the power of prophesy, speaking in tongues, performing miracles like the apostles, prayer differs from miracle. God's answer to prayer may be "you will get it now or it will be later or No, while miracle happens instantly. We cannot be parading ourselves as prayer warriors, inviting the public with posters, handbills, radio announcements for miraculous prayers. They have been challenged over and over again to heal one blind, deaf and dumb, lame, insane or any other and they have not been able. There was a case of a sister that had swollen leg with sores; they prayed for her three (3) months, guaranteeing healing but at last she died. When asked why they were not able to heal her one of them said "anyone who thinks that God did not answer our prayer doesn't know what he is saying, God heard our prayer until man's hand came into it". He said this publicly during the burial of the sister. Thus, he is presenting the God he worships

as a God who bows to man's power. Man successfully resists God's power and stops him from doing what he wants to do.

Thank you for the \$100 in my support and for the N5,000 towards the purchase of the church land. The church very happily received the information and asked me to express your joy and gratitude to you. After receiving the money we began in earnest to look for a property. We saw several places that were not in good sites, at last they took us an uncompleted building with a large room spacious enough to sit one hundred people conveniently, three bedrooms that can become the preachers quarters. The original owner was building it for business and residence but for whatever reason he relocated to another township. We invited an architect who happens to be a brother in Christ to appraise the house. He said the only reason we would have for not buying it is money. The present owner is asking for twenty million naira, the equivalent of \$15,000. The land agents will be paid, the surveyor, the lawyer for writing the agreement, and the government for registration. Others are coming for the property, but the owner sent a message to us yesterday wanting to know whether or not we are still interested, we asked her to give us two weeks. If we secure this property it would save us some headache - looking for builders, buying materials, and transportation, buying water, etcetera. All of us see it as God's answer to our prayer. I have not mentioned that it has the foundation of a storey building and it has been decked. Now our concern will be to put the ground floor in order for our activities and preacher's residence. If you send us \$15,000 now it would pay for the house and beat the owners deadline. With the first \$5,000 we will take care of the other needs and as I pledged before you will know how every dollar was spent.

Your brother

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