

OBONG NEWSLETTER

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AN URGENT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CHURCH PLANTING IN NIGERIA

I am writing to thank all of you for the immense support you have been giving to our work in Nigeria. Soul winning is a major issue in the ministry of Jesus Christ. In Africa, church planting has been ignored by many because of the responsibilities that go with it. In the denominations, the converts are taxed in one way or the other to give funds for purchase of land, construction of a worship place and payment of the preacher. We do not do that in the Lord's church. Giving generally is done as one prospers. It is the individual that decides voluntarily. The people are taught to know that God loves a cheerful giver.

The problem we have especially in the rural areas where we operate is that there is mass poverty. God equally loves them. They also need to know that Christ died for them.

We have two new congregations that we have planted recently. One is in Ekpenyong Attai in Essien Udim County. The other one is in Obot Akara County. The one at Ekpenyong Attai has land and a worship hall is under construction. Here we need help to continue with the building.

The other one at Obot Akara has no land and is meeting in a rented building. Land costs \$1,000. To finish the building at Ekpenyong Attai, we will need \$7,000. There are some preachers who need \$100 per month as support to carry on with the work. Whatever you can do in the effort to help us continue with the spread of the Gospel in our land, please may the Lord lead you to do it.

Your fellow servant,

Moses Akpanudo

2023 ALL NIGERIA YOUTH FORUM



2023 All Nigeria Youth Forum

The annual assembly of **Nigerian Christian Youths for Bible studies (the Forum)** for 2023, started on Wednesday December 27 - Saturday the 30th. This was the 36th assembly. It is “All Nigeria” because young people from every corner of Nigeria are usually present. There are local youth forums organized by local churches of Christ but this one which is hosted by the Campus Church of Obong Christian High School, Obong Ntak draws young Christians from many States of Nigeria. This year’s theme was “It is time”.

The assembly lasts four days. There are always morning prayers and evenings are devoted to singing, Bible talks, and many related activities. During worship sessions, the invitation is always extended. **This year, a total of 11 souls submitted their lives to Christ in water baptism.** Approximately 1,357 participants were housed in the school dormitories and classrooms prepared for the occasion. They were fed twice daily. This year, hosting the youths, the financial provision was provided by a few local churches and some committed brethren since outside support which we usually have was not there. There are also times marked out for community evangelism. Since the forum first started, many young Christians have been trained to witness for Christ boldly. The future for the Church of Christ is very bright. Many young people have chosen their life partners from the people they met at the forum. It also provides an avenue for young people from different parts of the country to learn more about the church in other communities.



NEW CHURCH PREACHERS AT YOUTH FORUM

Apart from the Youth Forum project, Obong Christian High School Campus Church is responsible for the planting of 51 congregations of the Lord's church in Nigeria. **Last December we had invitations to plant three congregations in Obot Akara Local Government Areas (County). Our lean resources allowed us to plant only one.** We need your encouragement to take the message of the living God to this community. We need your prayers too for our mission efforts.

Moses Akpanudo

OCTOBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023 OBONG CHURCH/SCHOOL ACCOUNT

OCTOBER 2023

Nigerian missionary	\$500.00
Medical Director	\$1,300.00
Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
Preachers	\$3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE OCTOBER 2023	\$6,500.00
TOTAL INCOME OCTOBER 2023	\$5,103.83
BORROWED FUNDS TO MEET MONTH'S OBLIGATIONS	\$1,396.17

NOVEMBER 2023

Nigerian missionary	\$400.00
Medical Director	\$1,300.00
Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
Preachers	\$3,500.00
Other Items	
Mojima Etokudo's Borehole (Funds Provided by Mt. Morris Church of Christ)	\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOVEMBER 2023	\$7,900.00
TOTAL INCOME NOVEMBER 2023	\$7,428.83
BORROWED FUNDS TO MEET MONTH'S OBLIGATIONS	\$471.17

DECEMBER 2023

Nigerian missionary	\$400.00
Medical Director	\$1,300.00
Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
Preachers	\$3,500.00
Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
Other Items	
Jerry Stephen's scholarship donation for Obong University	\$200.00
ANONYMOUS DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP PRIMARY - HIGH SCHOOL	\$3,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER 2023	\$10,200.00
TOTAL INCOME DECEMBER 2023	\$9,853.83
BORROWED FUNDS TO MEET MONTH'S OBLIGATIONS	\$346.17

BECAUSE OF UNDERFUNDING FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER , NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023, THERE IS A DEBT OF \$2,213.51 TO BE CARRIED OVER TO 2024.

If you would like to support the work that is being carried out at **OBONG CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS & ESTABLISHMENT OF CHURCHES** — there are many areas in which monetary help is needed and appreciated. You can be the one that makes a difference in these children's lives and the establishment of new churches and support for existing churches.

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| _____ Preacher Support for New Church | \$100 per month |
| _____ Purchase of a motorcycle for a preacher + insurance | \$1,200 |
| _____ Cost of purchase of church land | \$1,000 |
| _____ Cost of construction of a worship hall for a new church | \$15,000 |
| _____ Food for Body & Soul Program (to purchase food and Bibles) | |

Tuition Scholarships

- _____ (a) Gene & Sue Lamb Nursery Primary School: \$200 per year for 6 years
- _____ (b) Obong Christian High School: \$400 per year for 6 years
- _____ (c) Obong University: \$1,200 per year for 4 years

Educating a student is raising a student in Christian education so they can win many souls for Christ.

I would like to contribute _____ I would like the donation to be used for a specific interest _____ or simply check your interest in the list above.

Name _____

Address _____

Please make your check to: **Alvaton Church of Christ** and mail to: **Alvaton Church of Christ, PO Box 50329, Bowling Green, KY 42102**

Thank you for your support and prayers!