

# OBONG NEWSLETTER

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MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR WORK

I am writing to express my appreciation for all those who have supported our preachers over the years. Without your efforts and the blessings of the Chief Shepherd, we would not have been able to establish 51 congregations. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts.

I am making a passionate appeal to those who can take on a little more responsibility to consider the following situations:

- ♦ 35 preachers who receive allowances of \$100 monthly are finding it difficult to feed their families with the rate of inflation in Nigeria. A 50 kg bag of rice costs \$100 or a little more depending on the location.
- ♦ 10 church locations have no preachers at this time. We have to arrange for volunteers to help out in those congregations.

It will be appreciated if something can be done to keep the work going and the workers enabled to continue.

I also want to thank the North Canton Church of Christ in Ohio and the Otisville Church of Christ in Michigan for their monthly support for church buildings. Many of the new congregations have started to construct their worship halls with the funds. Older ones have completed their places of worship and are meeting there now. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the WORD from Heaven will continue. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Moses



On Sunday February 13th, the three Ministerial Assistants working with Dr. Moses: Mojima Etokudo, Editi Obot and Atauyo Abraham with their family members worshipped at the new church at Ekpenyon Attai. We also carried with us some Bibles, food items and funds given by Dr. Moses to enable them to continue with the molding of blocks for the construction of their assembly hall.

The congregation is the youngest and is growing steadily. It is located in an area where there are no churches of Christ close by. Information was sent out previously about this special Sunday so many people attended. We had to hire some canopies and chairs to augment their meeting space. **During the invitation, four souls were won for Christ in water baptism.**





## Food for Body and Soul



The February Food for Body and Soul included distribution of food items mostly rice and Bibles to widows and orphans. We had enough bags to pre-bag the share for individuals. As usual, nonmembers of the church from various villages around benefited. We are told that the news has travelled far and wide in the area and this has drawn more people to attend our Bible class sessions and Sunday worship.

We thank all those who have supported the Food for Body & Soul Program for years. We thank the Tusculum Church of Christ for their earlier support for this program. We also appreciate Jim & Kathy Derickson and the Holly Hills Church of Christ in Florida for their continued support of the Food for Body & Soul Program. The North Canton Church of Christ in Ohio and the Otisville Church of Christ in Michigan have been great supporters of funds to help construct new church buildings. More new congregations of the Lord's people will continue to spring up as we have continued support for the mission efforts.



**James 1:27** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

### OCTOBER 2021 TO DECEMBER 2021 OBONG CHURCH/SCHOOL ACCOUNT

10/15/2021	Moses	\$250.00
	Dr. Emem	\$700.00
	Esang	\$750.00
	Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
	3 Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
	Mt. Morris Fund for Mojima to construct baptistry	\$1,048.00
10/18/2021	Payment of scholarship fund at Obong University for Rome Church sponsored student	\$200.00
	Jerry Stephens scholarship at Obong University	\$200.00
	<b>October 2021 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,098.00</b>
	<b>Note: Total donation for the month could not meet our expenses especially to pay our 35 preachers. We had to borrow some funds (\$1,380) to cover costs.</b>	
11/15/2021	Moses	\$500.00
	Dr. Emem	\$700.00
	Esang	\$750.00
	Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
	3 Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
11/16/2021	Payment of scholarship fund at Obong University for Rome Church sponsored student	\$200.00
	Payment of scholarship fund for student of Jerry Stephens at Obong University	\$200.00
11/18/2021	Fund from Steve & Kathy Johnson for empowerment of 3 youths	\$750.00
	Advance payment for purchase of band instruments	\$1,000.00
	Purchase of large bags of rice, beans and budget for Youth Forum	\$2,250.00
11/20/2021	Purchase items for Youth Forum	\$530.00
11/25/2021	Withdrawal from Annuity Fund for Moses	\$6,000.00
	<b>November 2021 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,830.00</b>
12/15/2021	Moses	\$750.00
	Dr. Emem	\$700.00
	Esang	\$750.00
	Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
	3 Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
12/16/2022	Service to generators, change of bulbs on High School campus, provision of funds to store diesel and petroleum for Youth Forum	\$720.00
12/24/2021	John & Paula Miller fund for purchase of medicine at Obong University Medical Center	\$2,000.00
12/26/2021	Purchase of trumpets from funds from Jim and Tanya Watson and Brent Alan Wright	\$1,500.00
12/27/2021	Fort Hill Church of Christ support for church building for purchase of church land and palm trees on property at Okoyo - 2 new churches	\$3,000.00
12/29/2021	Food For Body & Soul at Ekpenyong Attai	\$1,200.00
	Payment for deficit of October account	\$1,380.00
	Support Fund for food, transport etc. for the Youth Forum 2021	\$800.00
	<b>December 2021 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,750.00</b>



## JANUARY 2022 TO MARCH 2022 OBONG CHURCH/SCHOOL ACCOUNT

1/18/2022 Fund for Nigerian Missionary	\$600.00
Obong University Medical Center Director	\$700.00
Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
1/20/2022 Jerry Stephens scholarship at Obong University	\$200.00
1/21/2022 Austin Church Fund to Mentor Troubled Youths	\$2,000.00
1/22/2022 Campaign Support fund for preachers at Ikot Anta Enang Obom	\$230.00
Scholarship fund at Gene & Sue Lamb School and Obong Christian High School for student for 12 years of education from Ted and Tammy Rogers	\$3,600.00
<b>January 2022 Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,580.00</b>
2/15/2022 Fund for Nigerian Missionary	\$500.00
Obong University Medical Center Director	\$700.00
Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
3 Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
Food For Body & Soul Program at Akpanyong Attai with Holly Springs	
2/20/2022 Church of Christ and James Derickson fund support	\$1,900.00
2/21/2022 Phyllis July scholarship for Miss Idio at Obong Christian High School	\$600.00
Usenime Akpanudo fund for Obong Christian High School for General Support Service	\$100.00
<b>Venita Woods Memorial fund from Jim &amp; Tanya Watson</b>	
(a) Mojima Etokudo	\$50.00
(b) Obong Christian High School repair needs	\$50.00
Venita Woods Memorial fund from Kendle Yates for foundation stone work	
2/28/2022 at City Campus at Uyo	\$1,000.00
Laying Foundation Stone at City Campus, Uyo with funds from Theta Church of Christ	\$3,500.00
Molding of blocks and fixing metal gate for City Campus at Uyo with funds from Rome Church of Christ and Michael & Kelli Williams	\$7,500.00
Foundation work at City Campus work continued with funds from Echo Meadows Church and Northeast Church of Christ	\$2,700.00
Additional block work at City Campus at Uyo	\$1,000.00
<b>February 2022 Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,300.00</b>

## MARCH 2022 CHURCH/SCHOOL ACCOUNT CONTINUED

3/14/2022	Obong University Medical Center Director	\$700.00
	Sierra Leone missionary	\$750.00
	Allowance for 35 Preachers	\$3,500.00
	3 Ministerial Assistants	\$450.00
	Moses	\$600.00
3/17/2022	<b>Boston Church of Christ fund to:</b>	
	(a) rehabilitate 2 abused and misled youths	\$500.00
	(b) Support church building project at Ata Essien Obiokpa	\$500.00
3/18/2022	Payment of scholarship fund at Obong University for Rome Church sponsored student	\$400.00
	Jerry Stephens scholarship at Obong University	\$400.00
3/21/2022	Pleasant Knoll Church of Christ fund to assist in Foundation work at City Campus at Uyo	\$1,000.00
3/24/2022	William & Molly Cox payment of scholarship fund for student at Gene & Sue Lamb Nursery/Primary School	\$400.00
	Randy & Sarah Keister scholarship fund payment at Gene & Sue Lamb Nursery/Primary School	\$200.00
	Usenime Akpanudo fund for Obong Christian High School for General Support Service	\$100.00
3/25/2022	Tusculum Church of Christ Library books fund for Obong University	\$1,000.00
3/30/2022	<b>Alvaton Church of Christ fund spent on auditorium construction work</b>	
	(a) Ata Essooem Obiokpa	\$700.00
	(b) Ikot Enang	\$600.00
	(c) Ekpenyong Atta	\$500.00
	<b>March 2022 Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,300.00</b>

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.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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!