

were advise to be ready to own the handbook. The Schedule for the next term would be made known soon.

(i) International Deaconesses' Fellowship:

The Fellowship's Week would start from 21st to 27th May, 1990. Activities would include visits, exhibition of arts and crafts, football match between London and Nigerian deaconesses, etc. They undertook ministry work to Yenogoa and Obudu. All members and brothers in particular, were invited to back them up.

(j) International Choristers' Fellowship:

Its members had pilgrimage to Biakpan. 8 State choirs participated in the singing competitions. They had Cross River State and Akwa Ibom State Choristers Associations, and choristers' handbook to be launched. They had planned to go to Sokoto in July. A Ministry work overseas with one or two choirs to exhibit their talents in the outside world was being planned.

(k) New World Missionary Fellowship:

The Holy Father has increased the power in its administration. Arrangement was at hand to get everybody to help spread the gospel to the whole world. 28th May to June 3rd would be the Fellowship's Week, while Saturday, 2nd June would be used for launching of evangelical funds. All were invited.

(l) True Witness Fellowship:

The Fellowship appealed to former members of worldly societies to send their names to the Secretary through the Leader's Office and thereby they would be told of meetings' days.

Chairman's Reply:

In reply, the chairman, Pastor M. E. Etop urged the different fellowships to move out on ministry works. They should get their money, go out and not wait for anybody to finance their tours. He thanked the Father for all the reports.

8. FATHER'S ADVICE:

At 2.30 a.m. when the Father physically appeared He urged all those sleeping to wake up, sing and dance because the Father has overcome for us all. He ordered that we should dance in whatever style we liked to show our joy and to glorify God. He informed us that the Easter Pentecostal started with the Spirited Children's Meeting and was concluding with the Spiritual Council of Churches' Meeting.

The Father then presented His envelope embodying spiritual gifts and virtues. The Mother's envelope for mundane things was also presented and raised by the children of God.

So you see just as the heart pants for living water so does your soul longs for

**The Lesson is from
2nd Peter 3 (9)**

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

This is a dish prepared by the Father. You have been told to “teach, to exalt and to administer to all, to continue to learn until I come.” Do not regard God’s long suffering as punishment. At all times it is well to preach that the end of time will come, that the end of the world is at hand. But you complain you are tired of this statement. Do not be tired or weary of that statement but accept 2nd Peter 3 (9) as the truth. Some persons will tell you that the Bible has said blasphemous people will emerge when the world will come to an end. They will tell you “pour me some wine to drink and be merry.” But what says righteousness? It enjoined “do not ask someone to ascend to heaven to bring our Lord Jesus Christ or to descend to the depths to bring Him. It is said the word of God is nearer to us, it is in our mouth and heart, the word which we preach. All the signs spoken in time past have manifested themselves, and nothing is left unfulfilled.

The word of God has been read to you but you do not seem to understand. You want to occupy your time in playing politics, in trading and in amassing wealth. You present a lot of excuses and pray that evil things should go far away from you. Should evil go to India or Russia or where? Are the children of God, the creatures of God not occupying these places? From this moment, let these words penetrate into you. Know very well that God is not slack concerning His promise. Daily you are told to refrain from vices and yet because of what you will eat, drink and wear you continue to disregard God. Our Lord has said that the belly was made for food and the food was made for the belly but God shall destroy both. Let us seek for spiritual things because of the prophecy that nobody knows the day, hour, year, month; in fact no angel or the Son of God knows the time of the end. It is only known to the Father. The end can come any time. Noah preached for 120 years and none hearkened to him. But when God’s time came He did His will. So let us put in all we have to serve God. Make hay while the sun shines. It is not problematic to practise the word of God. Loving one another does not debar you from doing whatever you like, like singing and dancing. Do not deceive yourselves that what you have been told will not come to pass. God is not slack concerning His promise but He is long-suffering. Recall how in 1974 the Holy Father displayed His judgement garment. The Father can do what He likes but if we walk in love, that is being in spirit, nothing can take us by surprise. We will be prepared for any eventuality. A stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. Those who whose ears should hear the word of God. May God bless His Holy Words in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — Amen.

9. FINANCE: