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Elders Handover Boom Prizes

PRIZES to be won by winners of the current Herald Boom sponsored by the Elders International Fellowship have been handed over by the fellowship to Herald Press Limited.

Presenting the prizes on January 2, 1988 during the December Pentecostal Elders Fellowship meeting with the Holy Father, the Chairman of the fellowship, Elder J. E. Etim said the fellowship decided to sponsor the programme to arouse the interest of the populace to buy and read the Herald of the New Kingdom newspaper which means reading the Father's gospels.

He said that it is not true that the Herald Boom is a deceptive antic to sell the newspaper, "rather it is a reality as I had an opportunity to personally witness the making, the drawing and the distribution of prizes

to winners during the past booms."

He thanked the Holy

Williams who stood in for the managing Director

Bishop

happy to receive the wonderful prizes to enable Herald fulfill



Elder J. E. Etim on behalf of the Elders International Fellowship hands over the Herald Boom Prizes to the Editor of Herald of the New Kingdom Brother Etop Williams.

father for giving the management of Herald Press the wisdom to introduce the innovation as it has given impetus to the sale of the newspaper hoping that with the attractive prizes, many more people will enter the game.

Receiving the gift, the Editor of the newspaper, Brother Etop

Roland Obu who was unavoidably absent, thanked the Holy spirit for the generous spirit He has endowed in the Elders executive in particular and the fellowship in general, to present the unique gifts to boost the morale of Herald's reading public.

He said he was

its sworn obligation to its readers, "moreso when the prizes are given in the open hall for all eyes to see because we are unwittingly, being accused of not fulfilling our promises which is completely false."

Brother Williams said he is sure that like all Brotherhood affair,

MISCHIEF MAKERS

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or the Cross and Star in recent times is alarming "and in order not to mistake the long patience, mercy and loving kindness of God as weakness, these tough measures are very necessary" quoting 2 Peter 3:8-9 to back His contention.

He said that the era of "As The Father Likes It" had come and gone, informing adherents that anybody defrocked for his very grave misdemeanour will be barred from entering 34 Ambo Street HQ. of this organisation, 26 Mbukpa Street Bethel and the holy city of Biakpan and his photograph and

name distributed to all BCS Bethels for information and action, even though mischief makers shall not be asked not to be Brotherhood "for all created things are members of the Brotherhood."

He assured that circulars to expatiate and explain the new instructions will soon be sent out stressing that nobody is exempted from the above instruction for "since God is no respecter of persons, whatever affects the poor and the lowly, is also applicable to the rich and the highly placed people?"

Herald Boom will in future be able to give away much more enticing prizes "because normally we start from nothing to reach the highest goal."

He therefore urge other public spirited individuals and fellowships to copy the historic and remarkable example created by the Elders fellowship and sponsor the programme for "it is not only by erecting houses or donating fat sums of money in the hall that God's work is seen to be done, but the highest work is spreading the gospel of the Holy Spirit to the utmost corner of the world which Herald is

doing presently." "In essence, this singular act by the Elders Fellowship will enable the Herald to create more awareness in the minds of the reading public as well as foster the dissemination of the Father's gospel and recondite wisdom in the entire world," the Editor concluded.

Items presented include a beautiful wall clock, which will go to the first prize winner; a Giant Thermos Flask for the second prize winner; a set of high class drinking glasses for the third prize winner and 10 plastic buckets for the fourth consolation winners.

New Chairman

spread to the entire world in this age.

In another development, Deaconess E. O. Mkpnam has been appointed by the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu as the Deputy Treasurer in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. She will be assisting Apostle E. K. Ukpai who is the substantive Treasurer.

Giving reasons for her appointment, the Leader said that it is often sad to find that people at times find it very difficult to withdraw money from

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the BCS treasury because the Treasurer has either gone on ministry work or is indisposed.

Secondly, the Holy Father intimated that He wants to show doubting Thomases that God cannot forget those who work conscientiously for Him.

He said the late Pastor O. Mkpnam, the deputy Treasurer's father, was a truthful and conscientious worker and therefore his descendants are now to reap the fruits of that labour.



Leader O. O. Obu

Council of Churches and he/she refuses to respond, should count himself/herself out of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for "I will personally take my turban and soutine from them and ask them to go and enjoy their lawless freedom in the world."

He however warned that, "without any pre-

judice to the very plural nature of the new dispensation, malicious or frivolous reports should not be entertained by the BCS Peace Committee, the Education, Labour and Welfare Board or the Spiritual Council of Churches."

He therefore urge these 'appropriate' committees or bodies to investigate any matter brought before them properly, divorcing themselves of tribal, oppressive or nepotistic tendencies, before sending their findings and decisions to the appropriate authority for final decision and necessary action.

"Justice, fairplay and equity must not only be done, but must be seen to be done no matter whose ox is gored. The question of sacred cow or preferential treatment shall not be allowed as decisions taken might be far reaching ones," the Leader concluded.

3 days stay in Guest Houses

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ding, such a case should be reported to the BCS Peace Committee where competent and seasoned elderly brethren with proven honesty and objectivity shall investigate and settle the matter amicably" quoting 1 Cor. 6:1-4.

He explained that it is shameful to notice

that small matters that could be settled among brethren are sent to the police or law courts contrary to the injunction of God as contained in the Holy writ.

He said anybody invited by the Peace Committee; Education, Labour and Welfare Board or the Spiritual

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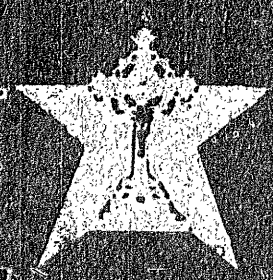
THE Sole Spiritual Mother of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Holy Mother Elizabeth Obu, will on Saturday, 5th March 1988 begin a 2-day visit to Port Harcourt.

A major highlight of the visit will be the official opening and dedication of Presidential Bethel, G.R.A. Port Harcourt, built by Prophet (Chief) Melford Okilo.

Also, there will be drama, recitations and sing song night etc. on Saturday night and thanksgiving service on Sunday 6th March.

The Holy Mother, who had in the previous years paid similar visits to Enugu, Lagos, Kano, Benin and Aba is expected back in Calabar on Sunday after the thanksgiving service.

THANK YOU FATHER



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JUST A MOMENT

HERALD 4TH ANNIVERSARY

HERALD, the official organ of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star will be four years old on the Newsstand come April 2nd, this year.

Toward this, the Holy Father has directed that the anniversary should be celebrated on that day at 34 Ambo Street, Pentecostal Hall.

Don't be left out.

MANAGEMENT

THE NEW DECREE Mischiefs Makers to be Defrocked in BCS

ALL MISCHIEF makers caught fornicating, stealing, swindling, fighting, killing, quarrelling, struggling to pray, preach, interpret or struggling for feast in 34 Ambo Street headquarters in particular, and any BCS Bethel generally, will be summarily defrocked, one's position, material wealth, education and other social standings in life notwithstanding.

This was decreed by the Sole Spiritual Head Leader O. O. Obu as part of His farewell message to close the December 1987 Pentecostal meeting on January 9th, 1988 in Calabar.

He said He is issuing this decree so as to give relief, a sense of belonging and commitment to the elected children of God "who for too long had been suffering in silence, untold hardship and atrocities committed by these satanic agents in our midst".

He intimated that the time is now ripe for workers of iniquities who have come to take solace in the midst of God's children to be defrocked and separated from the sheep of the most High "so that one soiled finger might not contaminate others."

He decreed that all investigated and known cases of embezzlement, theft, swindling etc. should be reported with names, addresses and photographs of the defaulters to enable the enforcement machineries of this new dispensation to swing into action.

The Holy Father said that the rate crime is committed by so-called members of Brotherhood

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Stay in the BCS Guest Houses for 3 days

NO VISITING brethren shall be allowed to stay in the BCS Guest Houses for more than three days (72 hours)

and any visiting brethren who flout this order shall be black-listed and will not ever be given accommoda-

tion again in the guest house.

This was part of instructions given by the Holy Father to

bring the 1987 December Pentecostal meeting to a close recently in Calabar, adding that this is to give room to more visitors who troop in daily to the headquarters to enjoy the Guest House amenities, thereby having a sense of belonging.

He also said that all those who engage in conversation and unnecessary movement in the headquarters Pentecostal Hall while the divine gospel of the Father is going on, should stop these acts forthwith or they will be barred from entering 34 Ambo Street HQ, 26 Mbukpa Street Bethel, or visiting the holy city of Biakpan for the rest of their lives.

He warned that order,

discipline and obedience is the first law of God and nobody can bring confusion to disturb the smooth work of God now going on for "nobody was ever called because of righteousness or good works, but by grace," hence, all must be prepared to obey simple instructions and maintain discipline for the orderly and smooth running of the new dispensation.

The Leader ordered that all those with questionable and impeachable characters should not interpret or perform in 34 Ambo Street or anyway else "as they often do so with ulterior motives of advertising themselves".

He ordered that photographs of such criminally minded persons must be displayed throughout the Brotherhood world for easy identification.

He revealed that 1988 is the year that "new wine must be put in new wine skins" and all irregularities and incompatibles must be rectified and all things streamlined.

He said anybody who tampers or uses BCS properties without the express permission of an accredited authority is guilty and must be treated as a thief and swindler.

He however said that nobody is allowed to beat, tie or detain anybody warning the Christ's Students whom He accused of having perfected these acts, to stop it forthwith but "all cases of misbehaviour and unbecoming attitude must be well investigated and culprits found to be culpable, banned from entering 34 Ambo Street Headquarter, 26 Mbukpa Road Bethel or visit Biakpan on the platform of Brotherhood, eternally."

The Sole Spiritual Head again emphasised that an ideal Brotherhood member should never take another to court or report same to the public, rather "if there is any misunderstanding

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The Holy Father blessing His adherents to mark the end of 1987 December Pentecostal Assembly.

New Chairman for Spiritual Council of Churches

The Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O. O. Obu, has appointed Pastor Merrica E. Etop as the new Chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches. He takes over from Pastor V. A. Essah who has served as its Chairman for three years (1984-1987).

The Leader announced the changes during the December Pentecostal Spiritual Council of Churches meeting with the Father held in 34 Ambo Street headquarters on January 8, 1988.

The Spiritual Council of Churches is the highest administrative body in the fold, and it is like the Council of Jerusalem set up during Jesus the Christ's era which He constituted before He departed the earth plane and used as a forum to advise His disciples (Acts 1:3-4).

The membership of the Council is made up of Chairmen, Chairpersons, Presidents and Secretaries of all the fellowships and board in the fold.

The Council came into manifestation around 1980 under the Chairmanship of Apos-

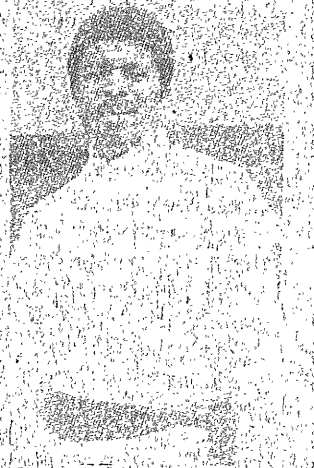
tle E. U. Ekanem who held the post for one year (December 1980-December 1981). It was during his era that the New Jerusalem Cathedral Complex project started.

In January 1982 Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk was appointed to hold the post as the second overall chairman while Apostle E. U. Ekanem became the Co-Chairman. It was during the tenure of Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk that the Christ's Universal Spiritual Hospital at Utu Ikot Ekpenyong in Ikot Ekpen local government area of Akwa Ibom State was built to shelter

patients who previously suffered under the hot sun or cold rain.

Senior Pastor Etuk's tenure lasted for one year terminating in December 1983, when Pastor Victor A. Essah as the third Chairman started in January 1984, while Senior Pastor S.I.U. Etuk also was automatically appointed the Co-Chairman.

Pastor Essah having held the post for about three years handed over the baton to Pastor M. E. Etop as the fourth Chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches while he automatically becomes the Co-chairman.



Pastor V. A. Essah the outgoing



Pastor M. E. Etop the incoming

The Spiritual Council of Churches supervises other fellowships, associations, Boards and Committees in Brotherhood. It is their duty to erect and supervise spiritual hospitals, Bethels, schools, banks, farm settlements, industries, all kinds of companies and businesses, feed the hungry by creating employment for the unemployed, make peace where there is mis-understanding among brethren and see to the general orderliness and maintenance of fittings and fixtures at the organisation's headquarters.

Speaking to our reporter after his appointment, Pastor M. E. Etop assured that he has mapped out strategies to ensure the general developments and completion of projects within and outside 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

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REACTION

Let them not spoil it for us please!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I believe the just rowdy report by newspaper corporations all over the country is surfeit to expose the notorious behaviours which, our preachers have been using to soil the long standing good name of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, as laid and directed (always) by the Holy Father in His day and night preachings. What I am saying is that it is not too late for our administrative representative to stamp out this notorious beha-

viour from our organisation.

This behavioural pattern has long been militating against the success of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in various areas as once revealed by the Holy Father Himself some years back. This has also been the major factor responsible for the unprogressive nature of most bethels, members backsliding and the fighting and quarreling witnessed by members in their various bethels. It has caused a lot of hatred in Brotherhood

bethels and collapse in communication among members in bethels. Just think of what the situation would have been if this sad event did not happen in the headquarters but in a bethel somewhere.

From my observation, the class of preachers mostly responsible for this bad habit, can be identified among preachers-visioners, preachers-charm-removers and other preachers with highlighted spiritual gifts.

I recently read from one of the national dailies that a Brotherhood Pastor from Rivers State was caught having sexual intercourse with

a little girl-sister inside the four corners of their bethel. I am not going to deny the report after all I was not there when it happened but my question is; is it true that the report was not motivated for the sake of tarnishing the Father's name and image which churches and various organisations and even Brotherhood members are now battling to do?

I wish to say that the just concluded sexual report by our national dailies about our Christ Student is a success in their ambition and will certainly give them the impetus and the courage to look for more and

more adverse reports within and around Brotherhood bethels, whether true or false.

The administrative departments concerned should be quickly alerted that, it would have been better if this effrontery sexual characteristic was caused by ordinary members than to be spearheaded by those steering the Brotherhood boat and preaching its doctrines. The Christ Students, Servants should be helped out of the situation because most of them having indulged in this excessive sexual habit do not see anything bad in continuing it.

I wish to say categorically that most of

them go along preaching that the Father has fully authorized them into committing sexual misconduct anywhere, anyhow with any member. Its a pity that they are soiling our good name.

Oh! Sister Peace, May your Soul Rest In Perfect Peace, Amen. You are the only successful, truthful and honest martyr to this marauding sexual preachers of our time. Its very sympathetic that you have not survived to receive the crown of your victory over your enemy (ies). Wherever you are, I believe your crown is with you.

Bro. Ekwere Nedd Maiduguri.

Father's Birthday Celebration

The recently concluded Father's Birthday celebration took place on Wednesday December 30, 1987. In Calabar, the occasion was chaired by Apostle M'azai who in his opening speech said that prophecies of old are manifesting today in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

He thanked the Holy Father for assembling His children from all nooks and corners of the world to commemorate His birthday, saying that there is nothing we can give Him except songs, dance etc.

The Special Guest of Honour of the day's occasion was Deaconess Ibum Olumba Obu, who is also the General Secretary of the organisation.

In her speech, she said that the celebration is to pay homage, respect, honour and adoration with absolute humility, to our God who has brought everybody, who wants to listen, to the absolute knowledge of truth (see full text of her speech in page 11).

The highlight of the days occasion was the cutting of the Father's birthday cake by the Guest of Honour, Deaconess I. O. Obu.

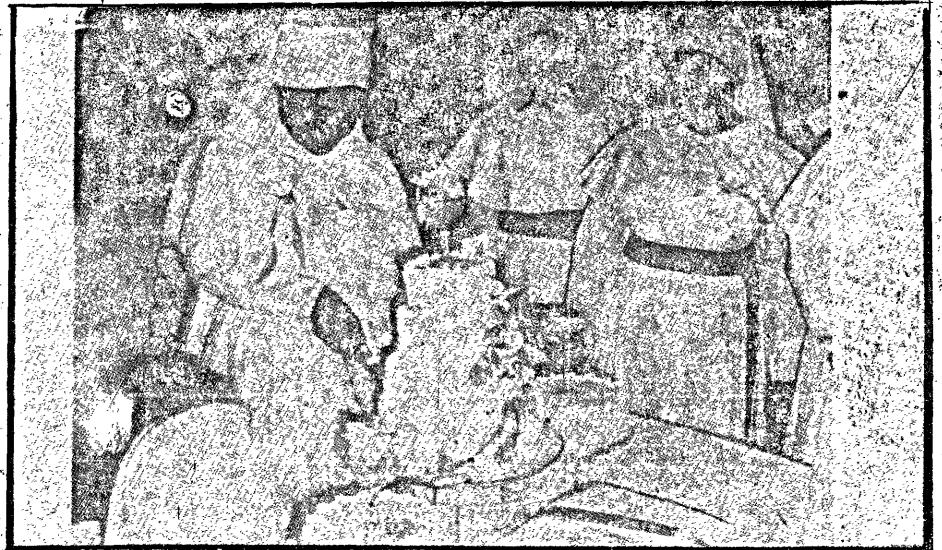
The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu in His address during the celebrations intimated that what is seen is the fulfillment of prophesy given a very long time ago.

He added that the events will continue year after year in greater magnitude revealing that "before 1990, it shall be celebrated throughout the whole world."

He assured that God is on earth in human form as nominated in Rev. 21: 1-5, urging all to be careful so that those who continue to confuse people by accusing them of not worshipping the real God, may not succeed in their propoganda and force them to fall on the wayside.

He said that there is no disappointment in Jesus "because all His promises to mankind must come to pass," urging all to exercise patience intimating that the problem of people is that they are not certain of their faith, neither do they know who and what God is.

"Any government, church or organisation that does not call on this name and recognise His presence cannot work fine" the Sole Spiritual Head said quoting Heb. 8:10-12



The Special Guest of Honour Deaconess I. O. Obu cutting the 7 Step Father's Birthday Cakes.

to show that people should rejoice because God has their sins "not because you are worthy but by grace" warning all to sin no more.

He intimated that right now, we are no more Christians but the children of God and "a child has the right to do anything in his father's kingdom and even angels are expected to administer unto you," revealing that "before 1990, your eyes will see wonders, the long expected kingdom, the ark of Noah."

He again assured those who work diligently to promote God's glory that "when things will be made new, those who have left their belongings, their parents and their everything, will reign with Him, have eternal life and everything belonging to God will be theirs and more-over, they will sit on the 12 throne of Israel to judge the 12 tribes of Isreal."

Report by Nsison Ben in Calabar

... in Biakpan



A group of participants during the celebration at Biakpan.

Last year's Father's birthday celebration in Biakpan was observed with pomp and pageantry and the activities were very colourful. Activities began on Tuesday December 29, 1987 piloted by the Chairman of the Select Committee, Pastor Lugard O. Ogban. The

programme featured a sing-song night, dramas, recitation, and dancing which went into the early hours of Wednesday.

On Wednesday December 30, after those who wanted, took their bath in the Healing water of Biakpan and the morning prayer conducted

by Senior Apostle Ewah, the morning service conducted by Apostle E. K. Ukpai commenced at 10.05 a.m.

In the sermon, the texts which he drew from 1st Cor. 15:45-46, Heb. 4:7 and Gal. 3:17, Apostle Ukpai said that it is the will of God to come and interact with ordinary people, saying that ~~He is here~~ to change and unite the entire humanity and also set up His everlasting government.

He said that it is a thing of joy and honour to celebrate the birthday of our great Leader and the only demonstration of love and acceptance to Him, however intimating that "those who commit vices such as fornication, theft, murder and the rest of the vices which He preaches against, are never sincere in their claim that they have appreciated His arrival".

He said the time is ripe for all the inhabitants of the entire planet earth to hail Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

After Part One of the programme, the master of ceremony Pastor K. E.

Basse invited the chiefs from Ubaghara community which included the land chief of Biakpan community, Apostle (Chief) Kanu Ekpezu, the Chiefs from Ikun and Chiefs from Etono I and II to take their place on the high table.

The day's occasion was chaired by Pastor and Deaconess A.O.E. Ekanem while Pastor and Deaconess M. O. Ejedawe were the Vice Chairman and Senior Pastor S.I.U. Etuk and Pastors Victor Essah and M. Akwang were the Co-Chairmen.

In a brief speech, Apostle (Chief) Kanu Ekpezu said that there is no doubt, "and this is well known all over the world, that the most powerful personage now reigning on earth is Leader O. O. Obu".

He accused those who pretend not to know or recognise the Leader as the new world king as "dishonest and aptly fraudulent," assuring that since "He is the king and controller of the

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warning that "those who feel too big or busy to do the Father's work shall be changed and their offices given to those who are ready and willing to work."

State's report was adjudged the best as they have embarked on a gigantic meaningful project estimated to cost about N15,000.

The finances of the fellowship was not as bouyant as it used to be "because of some of the projects we have undertaken to ensure members comfort whenever they come to headquarters." Members were therefore advised to donate generously despite the economic crunch.

Commenting during General, Elder E. A. Udom from Lagos State suggested that postal and residential addresses of the states, areas or zones executive should be kept in the headquarters for easy communication.

A member thanked the Father for the foresight He has given to the executive who has established a secretariat and Guest House, the services of which are rendered free of charge, describing it as first class, assuring that by this innovation, "the suffering of most elders during their visit to Calabar had been minimized."

The Holy Father in His advice whose text He took from 1 Peter 2:21-22 assured that those who have come to the full realization of themselves, do not get worried whenever those they have done good things to, repay them with evil, abuses and name calling, assuring that those who suffer for evil, have neither honour nor reward, "but if you suffer for your good works, rejoice and be happy. for your reward is great in this kingdom."

The Leader said that in the new year, the message has changed and new wine must be put



A cross section of participants during the Elder's International Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father presiding at the Lagos State point.

into new wine skin so that all will be well, for if we refrain from vices and love one another, we have unwittingly lured the Holy Spirit to come and dwell with and in us.

He said that the mundane government is trying to wage a war against indiscipline, but in the Brotherhood world, "we are waging war against sinfulness," intimating that anybody who knows Brotherhood teaching to some extent, "do not impute sins on others no matter the gravity of the offence, for we did not come to fight evil-doers but to rescue them unto God."

"It is impossible to use fire to quench fire, but with water, it is possible" the Holy Father said, urging all to "follow me to bear the cross, gather and unite the whole world, for those who do not gather, are scattering."

He said that it is because of the evil deeds of members that causes evil to be said about the Leader assuring that one day, all will be changed, for He came to regenerate and not to destroy ~~any~~ that nobody should ~~be~~ brethren quoting James 4:11-12.

Thank you Father.

Father's Birthday

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... in Biakpan



A dancing group from Biakpan during the celebration.

... And in Lagos

December 30, 1987 marked the first time the birthday anniversary of the Holy Father and Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu was celebrated in Lagos area.

Venue of this wonderful celebration was an open field opposite Cassidy Bus stop in Okokomaiko.

The day's event kicked off with novelty football matches played between Apapa Bethel Children Sabbath versus Okokomaiko Bethel Children Sabbath; Lagos Area Choristers (Sisters) versus Lagos Area Choristers (brothers) and Apapa Pentecostal Zone and Okokomaiko Pentecostal Zone (all men).

The matches were very entertaining and by the special grace of the Father, nobody was wounded or any other ugly incidence recorded.

Other activities of the day were singing competitions among children and adult choirs in Lagos Area. All the songs rendered centred on the birth of young Olumba Olumba

Obu and the miracles that followed His divine birth.

The day's divine service conducted by Pastor (Dr) T. O. Badejoko centred on the kingdom of God and its advent on earth. Pastor Badejoko said that the kingdom of God which Jesus Christ said was at hand during His ministry, is now manifested on earth with Leader O. O. Obu as its head.



Leader O.O. Obu

universe, to Him must all head bow and all knees bend".

The Chairman of the occasion, Pastor A.O.E. Ekanem in his address said that there is nothing that is sufficiently adequate that one can say or give to the King of kings and the Lord of lords who arrived to salvage the entire mankind, than to believe and hallow Him.

He said that it is an indelible hallmark for a day to be set aside for all to demonstrate the honour and love to "the ruling Diety of our time who is here to liberate humanity from the satanic bondage", assuring that His Spiritual outburst and powers ~~are never in doubt~~.

Pastor M. Akwang in a short speech appealed to all to enjoy the thrilling and momentous occasion in

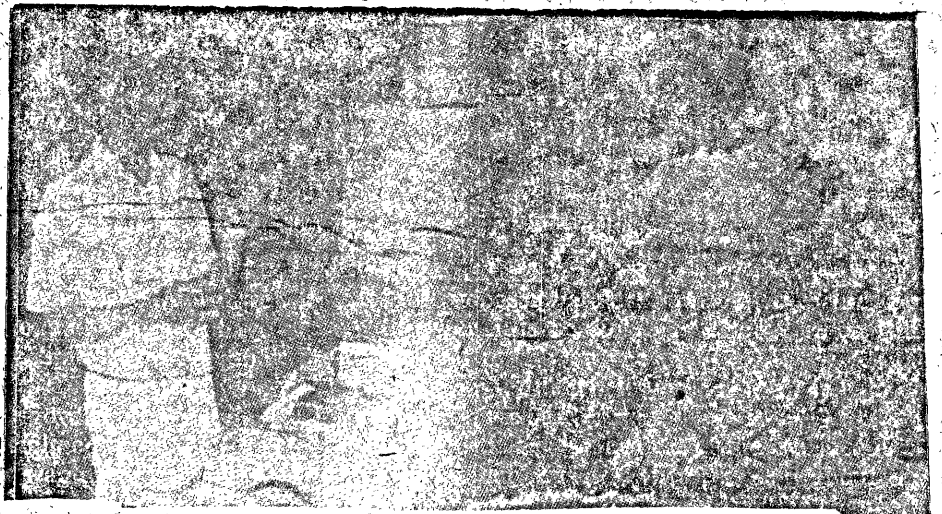
love and in singleness of heart.

Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk said the celebration was historic, revealing that angels and all humanity were rejoicing immensely for the spiritual evolution in respect of the great Leader, Olumba Olumba Obu.

The days activity witnessed traditional plays like the Akpan play, the Samba dance, the Ikaja dance, the Ekumbi, the Mbe Mba, the ~~Abre Andesia~~, the Nene dance from Etono I, and the Iseni dance, which thrilled the audience.

Melodious spiritual songs were rendered by the Biakpan Bethel Choir and over N15,000 was realised to augment the purse of the planning committee.

Elder Edward Ette Reporting from Biakpan.



The Holy Father Leader O. O. Obu admiring His Birthday Cake.

The celebration which lasted from 1 p.m. on December 30 to 5 a.m. on December 31 was attended by thousands of people, some of whom are not baptised members of the fold.

Some prominent members present during the celebration included Pastor Akpanika (the Chairman of the occasion); Pastor J. O. Ogunyemi (Guest of Honour); Pastor (Dr) Badejoko; Pastor Tamuno; Pastor (Dr) Deji Ayinde; Pastors Porbeni, and Prophet Francis Sessi (from a branch

in Cote d'Ivoire). Others are Deaconess Oworen; Deaconess Deji Ayinde; Elder E. T. Inyang (General Choirmaster, Lagos Area); Deaconess Johnson; Deaconess Konu; Christ's Student Godfrey Akam and Elder Mathew Udoh (Assistant General Choirmaster, Lagos Area).

Report by Bro. Philip Omioni from Lagos.

The Visioners International Fellowship

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from the states and zones. Pastor C. E. Udo informed the house that in compliance with the fellowship's secretariat advice that the Akwa Ibom State Visioner's Fellowship be inaugurated, the new state's area fellowship was inaugurated on December 19, 1987 with election of officers and appointment of patrons. The inauguration, according to the report, was attended by representatives from the 10 local government areas that make up the state.

The house was also informed that as the preparation to publish the Visioner's Journal gathers momentum, states, zones and areas should send their materials for publication together with the levies meant to make the proposal a reality, without further delay.

○ Saturday January 30, 1988, the National Executive meeting at No. 146A Upper Igun Street Bethel, Benin City at 7 p.m.

○ Visioners, dreamers, miracle workers week and the launching of the Fellowship's Development Project commences on February 15 - 21, 1988 simultaneously at the BCS Headquarters, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar and all Pentecostal Centres worldwide.

○ Visioner's Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father [Vide B.C.S. Calendar of Events] during the

April Pentecostal on April 6, 1988 in Ambo Street Pentecostal Hall and all Pentecostal Centres.

○ The Visioners Executive-General Meeting takes place at Ilorin Central Bethel, Kwara State on June 17 and 18, 1988. NOTE: there will be fasting from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 18, 1988.

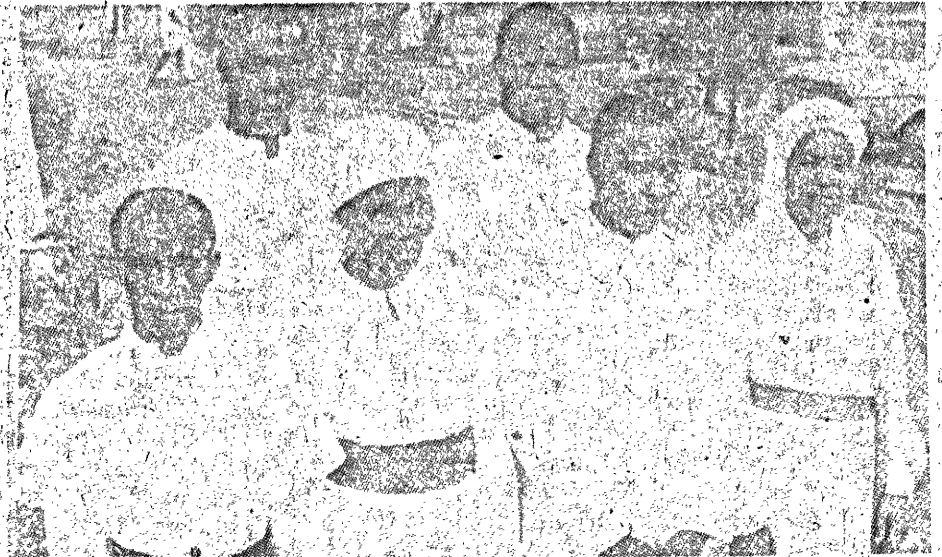
○ August 24, 1988, Visioners Fellowship meeting with the Father during the August Pentecostal at 34 Ambo Street Headquarter Pentecostal Hall and all Pentecostal Centres.

○ Friday October 21 - 23, 1988, there will be 3 days of miracle works at Biakpan. Also an Executive General Meeting will be held there. All brethren are advised to attend as redemption is assured.

○ On December 28, 1988, Visioners fellowship meeting with the Father during the December Pentecostal at 34 Ambo Street HQ. Pentecostal Hall and all Pentecostal Centres.

The Holy Father arrived the meeting physically at about 1.45 a.m. and in His advice urge that anybody saddled with any duty in this kingdom must perform it faithfully and diligently or the goodies of this kingdom will elude such a person.

The Holy Father confirmed a vision given earlier that the BCS is the boat



The Visioners Executive pose here for a group photograph.

of Noah and those who refuse to enter are severely punished as very significant and true, urging all to pay tithe to God only for it is only God that can alleviate the payees troubles and encumbrances.

He again stressed that it is misleading and absolutely false for visioners to ask the unsuspecting members to give them cars, build houses etc. for them, adding that all carnal visions lead people to nowhere except destruction, poverty and wretchedness explaining that anybody who ask another to pay tithe to him inherits the problems of the payee.

He said just as Achan of old looted and hid away the war booties, and as a result, he was wiped off with his entire family, so must false visioners

and swindlers of this age suffer.

He assured that there is no amount of confusion by anybody that can shake this kingdom because it is built on a very solid foundation for "while we do not use candles, perfumes, incenses and other carnal prayer implements, some visioners are resorting to using all these things in utter disobedience of our tenets and teachings," warning that they are stumbling block that must be removed.

He warned all who declare themselves "doctor this or doctor that" for they are false prophets and visioners trying to lead people astray quoting Matt. 7:21-23 to buttress this point.

Elders International Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father

THE divine service conducted by Elder E. U. Ntuk after the normal processional outing, text of which was drawn from 1 Peter 3:10-11, he warned brethren against the wrong use of their tongues.

He intimated that those who use their tongues uncontrollably, often plunge themselves into inexplicable problems because those who know the efficacy of words, do not allow evil words to proceed from their mouths.

He warned all therefore to seek peace and ensure it instead of engaging in meaningless talks and gossips, "for the eyes of God are over the righteous and His ears open unto their prayers and supplications and in the same vein, His countenance is against those who do evil."

The International Chairman of the Fellowship Elder J. E. Etim in his opening comments, told participants that in this new kingdom, there is neither sorrow nor tribulation, assuring that there is no problem which cannot be surmounted for the Father called us not because of our good works or merit, rather to come and enjoy the bounties of the kingdom with Him.

He said that faith is the surest way we can get linked with God and get our hearts desire, intimating that all ideal elders perform their functions daily and not merely "Sunday Sunday worshippers," urging them to show more interest in God's work than in their private businesses for "eventually, God will in turn undertake to do their businesses."

Elder Etim said that it is the duty of the elders to advise and administer this new kingdom according to the directives of the Holy Father, and initiate innovations to ensure its rapid physical growth.

He warned against the idea of Elders indulging in maltreating God's full time workers, saying that such acts are repulsive and those who indulge in such devilish acts show a complete lack of faith in God and are directly resisting the will of God.

One of the major activity of the night was the presentation and deliberation on the fellowship's programme for 1988 which stands as follows:

■ On Saturday February 6, 1988, monthly General Meeting with the Holy Father at 34

Ambo Street, Calabar.

■ On Saturday February 27, 1988, Elders Executive meeting takes places at 146A Upper Igun, Benin City, Bendel State. All brethren from Bendel State to attend.

■ On Saturday March 5, 1988 monthly General Meeting with Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

■ Elder's Fellowship Rally at Biakpan on Friday March 11 - 13, 1988, All Elders and the rest of the brethren are cordially invited.

■ On Monday April 4, 1988, Elder's Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father during the April Pentecostal Assembly at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar Nigeria.

■ On Monday May 2 - 8, 1988, Elder's Week, vide the BCS. Calendar of events, at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar and in all Pentecostal Centres, worldwide.

■ On Saturday June 4, 1988, there will be Elders' General meeting with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

■ On Saturday July 2, 1988, Elders' General Meeting with the Holy Father shall be held at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, Nigeria.



Elder J. E. Etim, the Chairman, International Elders Fellowship.

■ Elders' Executive Meeting to be held on Saturday July 16, 1988 at 34 Aranto Street, Katakpo - Jos.

■ On Saturday August 27, 1988 - Elders' Fellowship meeting with the Father during the August Pentecostal Assembly at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

■ Elders' General meeting with the Holy Father 34 Ambo Street on Saturday October 1, 1988.

■ There will be Elders' Executive meeting at Central Bethel, Akure - Ondo State. All Elders and the rest of the brethren are invited to come and avail themselves of immeasurable blessing.

■ On Saturday November 5, 1988, Elders' Monthly general meeting with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

■ On Friday November 18 - 20, 1988, Elders Annual General Meeting at North Bank Bethel, Makurdi - Benue State.

■ On Saturday December 31, 1988, Elders' Fellowship meeting with the Father during the December Pentecostal at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar and in all Pentecostal Centres worldwide.

NOTE: The schedule of Overseas Ministry tours shall be announced later, and to this end, all brethren should get ready.

Discussing the programme, members were informed that Elder's Rally in Biakpan will be a very big event as there will be a variety of activities to mark the occasion. For example, there will be a gala night on March 12, 1988, featuring the singing of melodious anthems, drama, recitations etc. that will make the activities colorful.

"To this end, each male elder is requested to contribute N10.00 while all female elders will contribute N5.00 to make the occasion, which is the first of its kind, a huge success," members were informed while invitation was also extended to all choirs to attend the occasion as "prizes shall be distributed to the best choir."

The international Chairman, Elder J. E. Etim remarked that the executive in states, areas and zones have not been working impressively,

The Leader's Representative Meeting with the Holy Father

AFTER the short processional outing, the Holy Father opened the meeting with a divine service whose texts He drew from Matt. 23:11; Matt. 18:4 and Matt. 20:28 and the theme was based on the qualities and duties of an ideal Leader's representative.

The Holy Father said, for one to be a good and ideal Leader's Representative, one must be ready to tend the sheep of God, leading them in peace and meekness, deciding to be their servant rather than a master and be a model for others to follow.

"Being a true Leader's Representative does not consist of money, position, academic achievements or mundane wealth but definitely consist of serving others as their steward in love and humility" the Leader stressed.

He said that a thief, a fornicator, a person with divisive tendency who seeks for his glory and honour, cannot be a good Leader's Representative urging that an ideal representative must be conversant with the tenets of the Brotherhood, "and this could only be possible if the representative is a model in the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ and he/she can only be a model if he imbibes the full instructions and implement the directives of the Holy Father."

The Leader said that it is very good to read to qualify as a lawyer, professor, accountant, engineer, doctor, administrator or become a president, head of State, governor or business baron, "but if you do not use your very rich resources to minister to others, you are nothing," assuring that those who humble themselves shall be raised, but those who do not, shall be abased.

He said that these days there are inexplicable problems in Bethels, churches, governments, communities and countries "because those piloting the affairs of these organisations do not or are not prepared to serve others but self," urging all to serve others as the Father Himself serve and teach humanity free of charge.

He again re-assured that in this dispensation there is money, wife, husband, riches, wisdom, protection, eternal life, position, education and all the good things of life, "but what is very badly needed which is yet to materialise, are honest people", urging all to take their duties seriously.

Concluding, the Leader urged all to tell the whole world what they have seen and hear in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star - the poor has become rich, the barren has children, the dead has been restored to life, the blind has got his sight, the imbecile has got wisdom and the kingdom of God is now manifest on earth.

Part two of the days programme started with the dissolution of the house. However, "because of their apparent honesty and meritorious service," the following were returned unopposed to serve for another one year.

Pastor M. O. Ejedawe, the International Chairman; Apostle E. U. Ekanem, the Co-chairman; Sister A. Ramat, Vice Chairperson; Pastor J. I. Iyo, Secretary; Sister V. N. Okukwu, Assistant Secretary; Deaconess A. M. Akwang, Financial Secretary; Pastor E. J. Wakama, Treasurer; Xt's Student U. U. Ekpenyong, full time worker and Christ's Students Representative.

The Chairman, Pastor M. O. Ejedawe in his post election speech thanked the Holy Father for the ability He has given His children to do the work He has assigned them, expressing his appreciation to members who have reposed such implicit confidence in the executive to almost yearly return them unopposed to continue to serve and pilot the affairs of the fellowship.

He said that the Father's divine gospel of the day was enough food for thought and should serve as the divine guideline to the Leader's Representatives who must serve instead of being served.

"Time is past when Pastors and leaders of orthodox churches go about collecting goats, eggs, yams and money from the flock instead of serving them with these things" urging all Leader's Representatives, "who are ambassadors of the Holy Father representing the interest of Brotherhood in the outside world," to be a replica of the Holy Father.

He finally appealed for co-operation from all members in the coming year to ensure a more progressive performance.

Listed as priorities in the day's programme were discussions and decisions on the proposed communication network, transport, format of reports, receipt pads and Bethels guide.

When the Chairman threw the floor open for suggestions to guide the executives on the execution of these programmes, it was aged that because of the escalating cost of the transport system (N:112,000); a Peugeot 504 station wagon car should be purchased for use by the fellowship until things stabilize.

On the Radio Communication link with Biakpan, it was agreed that to reduce transport cost as well as the risk of having accidents on the road while rushing to meet datelines, this communication link is necessary despite its escalated estimated cost of over N20,000.

Similarly, the printing of a guide to Brotherhood Bethels was approved. Members were however advised to send their reports early, at least



The Chairman of the Fellowship, Pastor M. O. Ejedawe addressing the house during the Fellowship Meeting.

two weeks before the commencement of the Pentecostal Assembly for proper study by the executive.

The executive also announced the roaster of activities for the first quarter of 1988. It shows that there will be a ministry tour to Kano on February 6, 1988 in Kano Central Bethel; Bauchi State on February 20, 1988; Imo State on March 3, 1988.

Ministry work to foreign territories is to be undertaken "in the nearest future" and the programme will be worked out meticulously to avoid any hitch.

The Holy Father who arrived the hall at about 2.45 a.m. in His advice said that all things in Brotherhood is based on love and anybody who puts love into practical application and refrain from vices, can be said to be a real brotherhood quoting 1 Peter 4:8 to buttress His contentions.

He said the meeting should be in deliberations in a short space of time if it is within the hearts of truth intimating that eventhough the fellowship has the tag of international attached to it, "we do not glory or base our calculation on that because that is mundane language."

He wondered why the whole Brotherhood world cannot supply light and water constantly to the 34 Ambo headquarters when these items are obtainable even in individual private homes.

The Holy Father said that when everybody comes to the realisation of the love He has been preaching, then will everything be set aright for now, "those without love are grooping in darkness," quoting 2 Peter 1:5-9 to support His claims.

The Visioners International Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father

AFTER the outing, the devotional service was conducted by Pastor C. E. Udo, the vice chairman of the fellowship, who drew his text from 1 Cor. 4:2 based on faithfulness and honesty.

In the main, he said that a good steward is supposed to be hardworking and loyal in all his dealings with his master.



Pastor C. E. Udo, Vice Chairman of the Visioners Fellowship.

He said that faithfulness is one of the foremost virtues which every Christian should cultivate in himself.

In conclusion, he contends that without faith, nobody can serve God realistically.

The International Chairman, Elder J. E. Etim in his opening speech for part two, emphasised the need for visioners to separate themselves from sinfulness because anybody who is sinful cannot have the Holy Spirit dwell in him.

He said that no true visioner can commercialise the talent which God freely bestowed on him or her, warning the so-called visioners who use visions to exploit and swindle others, to find something more meaningful to do because "the Holy Father has changed His gear in the methodology of His operation."

He warned members to guard against causing confusion for "where there is confusion or division, there is no spirit of God operating there (for) the spirit of God is love and peace," urging that nobody should feel either important or insignificant as these two compliment each other for the greater glory to God.

The chairman then warned imposters who deceive people and cause confusion, to stop being confusionists for they are doing themselves more harm than good.

He concluded by saying that the best visioners are those who hear the words of God and put them into practise, while those who reject His words and glory in falsehood, reject life, riches and glory.

"Those who give visions should stop giving deceitful and frightening visions because we in this Kingdom can only see the Holy Father and not apparitions, mermaids or coffins," he said.

The healing session that followed was conducted by Pastor E. U. Essien of Utu Ikot Ekpenyong. The sick and afflicted were prayed for and they became whole.

During the revelation session that followed, Pastor Nkitma warned visioners who ask that tithes be paid to them to refrain from such acts because tithes should and must be paid directly to the Holy Father adding that all evil doers will have themselves to blame in 1988.

He said that all the executive of the

Visioners International Fellowship should fast for three days from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. before going to Biakpan and Pastor C. E. Udo should conduct the fasting urging that during their visit to Biakpan, all visions given should be recorded for future use.

Deaconess Janet M. Etop revealed that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is like the boat of Noah and those inside are saved while those outside shall perish urging all to do good because this is the time for judgement.

Pastor Solomon Basse from Itam in his vision warned that 1988 should be put in fervent prayers as there will be radical changes in the Brotherhood world, urging that some military leaders who are still being detained should be prayed for.

He said prayers should be offered to avert a major fire disaster in the western states and urged all fellowships to make sure they undertake at least one project, no matter how small, at Biakpan.

Splendid reports were received

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THE DEDICATION OF BCS OSUSU ABA BETHEL

Prophet Isaiah had prophesied about this era, that the mountain of the Lord shall be established on top of the mountains and it shall be exalted above the hills and nations shall follow unto it, Isaiah 2:2.

Also in Psalm 72:11-12, it is stated thus, "Yea, all the King's shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him. For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also and him that has no helper."

The divine prophesies quoted above have come to confirm as well as show Brotherhood to the world as the new kingdom that is the very last hope of mankind.

It was in realization of this fact that His Royal Highness, Eze I. A. Ikonne, the Enyi I of Aba, received his call into the Brotherhood fold just in April, 1987. He had his baptism, and later an audience with the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu.

After blessing him, Leader Obu asked him to go and erect a Bethel for the children of God to worship their Father. He acted with military precision and within a fortnight, his Royal Highness brought keys and the building documents to the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar. It was a snappy and colourful ceremony. Pastor (Chief) Charles A. Chiaghalam, Prophet (Justice) C. U. Mbachu, Prophet (Dr.) O. O. Ekeanyanwu, Elder (Eze) J. G. N. Ogbonna and Elder (Eze) T. A. Ogbefule and Pastor M. C. Okorafor - the Imo State Leader's Representative were also in attendance to grace and witness the occasion.

The Leader received the keys and the building documents with transparent joy and advised them to ensure that they adhere to the teachings and the tenets of Brotherhood which principally is love of one another.

Two months later, and that was precisely on Sunday June 28, 1987 the Osusu Aba Bethel was dedicated to God. The service which started at 10.15 a.m. on the day in question was conducted by Pastor P. A. Ogali who drew his texts from Matt. 5:6; Heb 3:14 and 1 Cor. 15:28 and the theme of the inspiring gospel based on spiritual liberation, and the unity of all the nations of the world in this last age. It was a state wide combined service of which many dignitaries in Aba particularly were present.

The Leader's Representative to Imo State had the singular honour of cutting the tape to declare the Bethel opened.

Part II of the day's programme was chaired by Pastor (Chief) Charles A. Chiaghalam while Prophet (Dr.) O. O. Ekeanyanwu was the master of ceremony.

In his opening speech, the Chairman of the occasion described the ceremony as a hallmark in the emergence of spiritual outburst in the Igbo nation meant to totally emancipate the people.

He said that the presence of eminent personalities from all walks of life to grace the occasion was proof of unity of the Igbos and their brethren from other ethnic tribes of Nigeria and beyond.

"It also depicts the acceptance of this great kingdom - Brotherhood of the Cross and Star - and the supremacy of our great leader, Olumba Olumba Obu, as the universal Sole

Spiritual Head" Pastor Chiaghalam said.

He used the occasion to intimate the participants that "Brotherhood is not a church, prayer house or healing centre but the new kingdom of God on earth which Prophet Daniel prophesied will manifest in this last age," informing them that it is a kingdom of power with set divine standards and procedures.

In his keynote address, His Royal Highness, the Enyi I of Aba, Eze I. A. Ikonne expressed delight and gratitude to the Holy Spirit who has made the occasion possible and also thank the brethren who attended to grace it.

He was specially grateful to the Holy Spirit for "calling me and my entire family into this new kingdom where salvation is sure (because) what is happening now in the world is a new phenomenon that has never happened."

He promised that in compliance with the Holy Father's order, "in about six months time, another big task of erecting a Central Bethel, which shall be the biggest cathedral in Aba community, should commence".

He urge all members to always endeavour to do those things that are right before God, rendering untainted services to God, assuring all that nobody does anything to God with an open mind without receiving a commensurate reward for his efforts.

Speaking also, the Leader's Representative in Imo State, Pastor M. C. Okorafor thanked the Holy Spirit for the invitation He has extended to Eze I. A. Ikonne, the Enyi I of Aba and for what He has used him to do within such remarkable short space of time.

He thanked dignitaries, particularly from Aba Community and elsewhere, who have found time to honour the divine invitation to grace the day's occasion.

He also express his gratefulness to all Brotherhood members worldwide who came to beef up the tempo of the celebration, praying that God's immeasurable blessing should abide with all participants.

Also speaking, Pastor (Eze) P. N. Olewengwa thanked God for "my eyes have seen the unique event taking place in BCS because daily, important dignitaries such as Ezes, kings, queens and the traditional chieftains not only troop in willingly to worship God in spirit and truth, but are also prepared, without any reservation or hesitation, to practically put in efforts to show the world the need to worship God alone, by building bethels and cathedrals."

In his vote of thanks, Prophet (Justice) C. U. Mbachu thanked the Father for the peaceful celebration and dedication of the bethel situated at 100 Faulks Road, Aba in Imo State.

He said the bethel was the fulfilment of a divine command given by the Father to His son, Eze I. A. Ikonne, the Enyi I of Aba to erect a place of worship for Him, remarking that the achievement was completed within exactly two weeks.

He thanked the brethren who had made generous donations and especially the lawyers, business barons, traditional chieftains from Aba community who spontaneously responded with gifts, assuring them that God will refill wherever they may have taken out to give.

Earlier, some dignitaries from Aba who spoke, unanimously acknowledged the toughened powers in Brotherhood, "as to lure Eze I. A. Ikonne, a former staunch member of the Catholic faith into the fold" acknowledging that truly there must be something more than gold in BCS.

They confessed that they were looking at BCS, as "a small spiritual prayer house" where the poor and the never-do-wells of the land go to worship God in tears and tribulation but, "we are surprised to see Eze I. A. Ikonne, who, a few months past belonged to myriad of secret societies and cults, become an ardent member and Chief Sam Mbakwe of all persons, is also a member."

They agreed that there must be something that is greater than the things of this world in BCS, that is why these men of substance are now

running into it.

At the end of the day, over five thousand naira was realised to replenish the Eze's purse for erecting such a magnificent edifice in a record time.

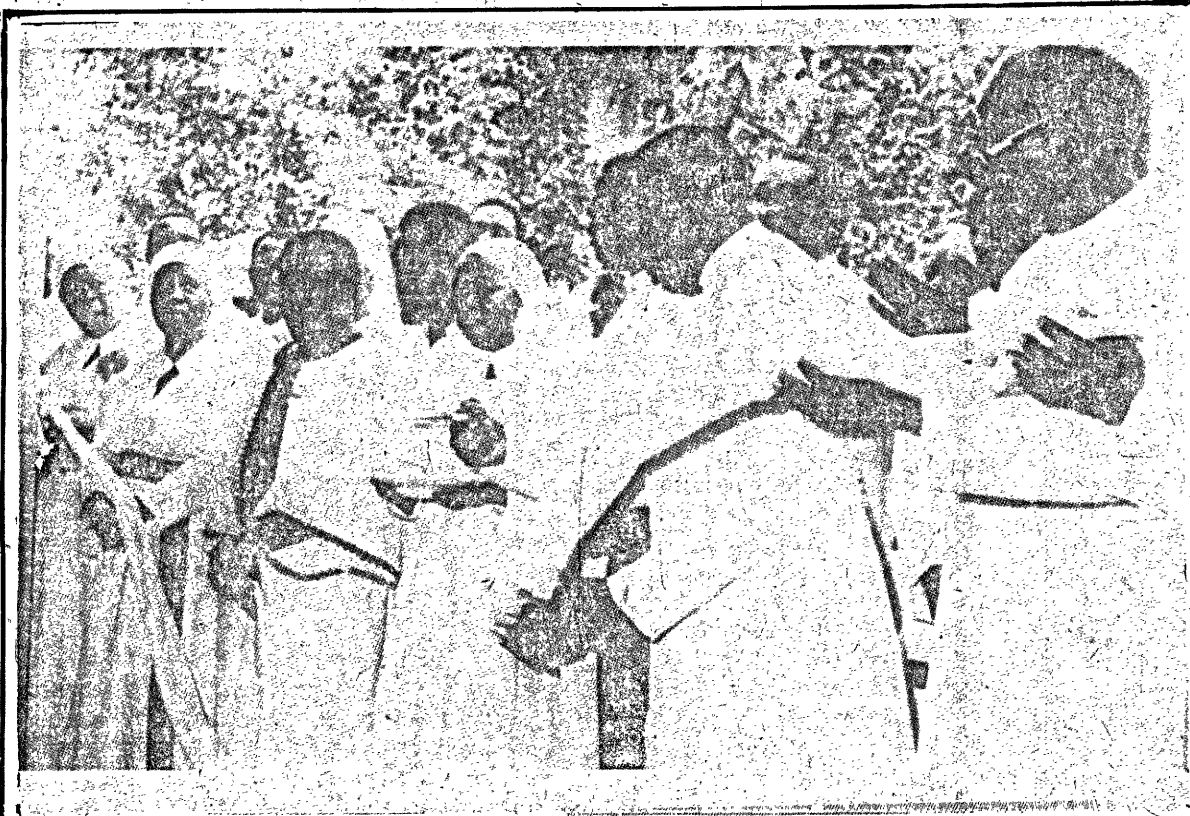
In his closing remark, the Chairman of the occasion, Pastor Charles Chiaghalam thanked the Holy Spirit for calling Igbo dignitaries into this new kingdom terming it "a period of self-realization and spiritual liberation from the works of darkness and paganism."

He warned all, never to look at anybody else except Leader O. O. Obu to whom all powers in heaven and earth hath been bestowed, intimating that the surest and easiest way to have absolute spiritual freedom and liberty is to refrain from vices.

Brethren, it is one thing to make a promise to do something for God, and it is just another thing to fulfil the promise. Many had been making false and unfulfilled promises not only to their fellowmen, but also to God. But Prophet (Eze) I. A. Ikonne has not only fulfilled his promise to build the Bethel for God's children to worship Him, but has also embarked on the erection of a cathedral in the heartland of Aba town, Imo State. The erection of a Secondary Technical School within Aba metropolis by the same Eze has reached an advanced stage.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, February 13, 1988, the Foundation Laying ceremony would be held with feasting and fanfare. Eze I. A. Ikonne, the Enyi I of Aba has now come to the realisation that it pays better dividend to use his rich resources to minister unto God and humanity. It is good to store up your riches in heaven where neither moth shall eat up nor thieves break in to steal.

To this end the entire Brotherhood world will converge at Aba, Imo State for this wonderful occasion and also to thank the Holy Spirit for His work of liberation now on earth. Brethren should go there to donate generously to promote the Father's work in Imo State.



Cutting of the tape to declare the Osusu Bethel, Aba open by the States Leader's Representative. On February 13, the foundation laying ceremony was held for the cathedral building.

The Holy Father had already asked Pastor A. O. E. Ekanem, the Leader's Representative for foreign territories to represent Him on the occasion.

It pays to serve God in your life time with your material substance, for this is directly storing your riches in the spiritual bank.

Thank You Father.

E. U. Ette Reports.

FEATURE

The Government of the Home

(THE IDEAL NEW KINGDOM FAMILY)

THE DIVINE institution called family throughout ages had suffered various crisis and setbacks. This is heightened by to-days topsy-turvy world fraught with a variety of social ills and critical times hard to deal with.

The marriage institution was established by God Himself, and all will realise that anything done by God is good and cannot be faulted. Adam was given a helper quite comparable to him from the rib of his body during "a deep sleep", and the woman called Eve was not inferior or second class to Adam (Gen. 2:21-24). They lived as one flesh; and that is why a man must leave his father and mother and stick to his wife. A family therefore constitutes parents and children whether or not they are dwelling together.

As the topic of this piece depicts, the grass-root government of this new dispensation starts from the home. It is pity that there is so much confusion about the future role and the behavioural pattern of the present day family. And it is a truism that the only thing that can correct the ills and bring the confusion and crisis to an end is to hearken to the teachings and the recondite wisdom of the Holy Spirit personified - Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. He is the Spiritual Head of all families.

The institution of marriage or family is held in very high esteem and that was why God passed through prophet Malachi (Malachi 4:5-6) to send Elijah who personified in John the Baptist to come and change the parents for children and vice versa. Our Lord Jesus Christ also confirms its import when He said as recorded in Matt. 19:4-9 and Mark 10:6-12 that nobody should separate marriage. The only conditionality over which a person can put away his wife is in the case of fornication or adultery.

That is why Apostle Paul cautioned that it were better for a man not to touch a woman and vice versa, but nevertheless to avoid fornication and the inflaming of one's passion, let every man, have his own wife, and every woman her own husband. The husband has to render due benevolence to the wife, and similarly the wife has to render same to the husband, and whenever they are intimate, they should fast and pray so that the house (their body) might be clean enough for the Holy Spirit to come in and dwell, lest they become empty for satan to come in and manipulate the incontinency (1st Cor. 7:1-5); therefore those who cannot contain their passion should get married.

There are some impressive qualities which can make a happy and solid family. The members of a family should value the family as a unit even above their own individual needs and interest. This does not mean that there might be no hard times, but that notwithstanding, members of the family should cultivate the spirit of commitment.

The family cannot live in isolation from the problems that buffet the entire human race on earth, and these problems should not hinder their commitments to each other at all. They should pray to the Father to help them contain any problems, God our Father can neither forget nor forsake them.

Each should appreciate one another's little efforts and should value each other and can show the expression of such values and standards. There should be no destructive criticism or trying to belittle each other, rather all should talk positively and constructively knowing fully well that God cannot forsake them. He cares for all families.

The faults of each other should neither be magnified nor paraded; and all achievements should be applauded, and shortcoming forgiven. Sins should not be imputed on each other so that there might be peace and harmony in the home. The entire family should be well spoken of and be able to maintain strangers.

There should be smooth and free family communication without fear and each of them should be free to air his or her opinion about

anything and everything. They should listen attentively to each other with keen interest and nothing should be hidden from the other.

The spirit of outwitting or bullying should be eschewed from among the family, and additionally, none should dominate the other at all. There should be absolute freedom and peace. Another prime characteristic of an ideal family is to cultivate the spirit of togetherness and oneness. They should spend time together to exchange opinions, ideas, and to learn together as one blood and one flesh, and as in one baptism, one Lord, and one faith (Eph. 4:1-5).

All should stay together in humility, meekness, long-suffering and forbearing one another in love. And high moral standards are inevitable.

As a matter of fact, problems or temptation should bring an ideal and strong new kingdom family together and make it stronger to face all challenges squarely with God's enabling ability. They should weather the storms together because such situations are often used by the God almighty to refine and solidify the faith of His children. Atterall, children of God were called out of great tribulations as recorded in Rev. 7:14, and therefore nobody should feel that difficult times are a curse or punishment.

It is not, rather it is the culture and the standard with which they are toughened. The greatest attribute with which an ideal new kingdom family should be built, should be the cultivation of the spirit of love, faith, hope and trust in God. If any family builds its hope on man, material wealth, positions, education, children, such a family is apt to fail woefully.

It had been prophesied as nominated in the Holy Book in 2 Tim. 3:1-6, that in the last days, perilous times shall come. This is the time. But are we contradicting ourselves when we say that this is the most fortunate generation? This is really the luckiest generation because the New Age Supernatural Teacher has come to teach, reform and regenerate the entire human family.

The words of God cannot be uttered without being consummated, and that is why really perilous times had been witnessed by us in our individual family cycles and in the entire world-wide human family. The question of crisis and broken families in the world are evident.

According to the "UNESCO Courier" the nations with the highest percentages of illegitimate births or broken families are in the Carribeans, Central and South America. The divorce rates in England and Wales are the highest in the Western Europe. In Italy, for example, despite the fact that divorce had been legalised since 1970, many men prefer having mistresses but their wives do not divorce on account of social stigma embedded against divorces. In Japan about 70 percent of divorce cases are initiated by women themselves.

In the U.S.A. the percentage of broken families are very high, and Black Africa according to the New Book of World Rankings, seems to have the highest percentage of broken homes and divorced persons. This situation reflects the worldwide breakdown of moral values and traditional norms. The "Peking Review" reported that the divorce rate is dramatically rising as women reject the notion that their place is in the homes even though China's divorce rate is lower than most of the Western nations.

In years gone by, the family was the training centre of social activities and values, and the aged was cared for too. The network of the family embraced the people in the community, but today, that social interactions and norms are no more. It is on record that what provides the direction of the family forms the very fabric and the social cultures of the society.

When some ignorant people think of the Church, they often visualize the cathedral building, whereas an individual is a church as well as the congregation. In parts of Eastern European countries, according Pravda, about seventy percent of marriages have broken up, and factors

involve include unfaithfulness and alcoholism. All over the world, there are problems in families owing to the prevailing economic, social and political instability or societal ills. There seem to be no way out because some family members often have extra-marital affair, hence they seem not to be family-oriented and conscious of their duties.

Another very serious cause-offamily instability is the social influences over the family members. For example, some women are now championing women emancipation to fight the so-called male chauvinism, as they accuse men of being aggressive and claiming smug sense of superiority over them.

But in an ideal family, built on mutual respect and confidence, there is free and open discussion and the father is saddled with the task of being responsible for decisions and agreements. To this end, a question of chauvinism does not arise. In essence, the structure of a Godly family has never changed irrespective of the social ills, worldly pressures and influences, it must still be structured as designed by God. This pattern and model are clearly in the Bible. As the church is subject to Christ so must the wives and children be subject to their husbands-father in all things as nominated in Ephesus 5:22-28. Men ought to love their wives and children as themselves.

The spiritual backing from God can be an illusion if the family does not cultivate the spirit of honesty, patience, peace, joy, love, humility, meekness, obedience, endurance, self-esteem and faith. An ideal new kingdom family should possess a certain dimension and variety of high moral characteristics. What God has joined together, let no man put assunder under any circumstance (Matt. 19:6).

The spiritual ideal in the daily family experience should rather build, solidify and stabilize them instead of separating them. They practice and the concept of the teachings of the Holy Spirit personified should be their guidance to pilot their daily deliberations, and in doing so, they will not have any cause to regret and no situation to fear.

Thank You Father.
by Elder E. U. Ette

Ikot Ekpen Women

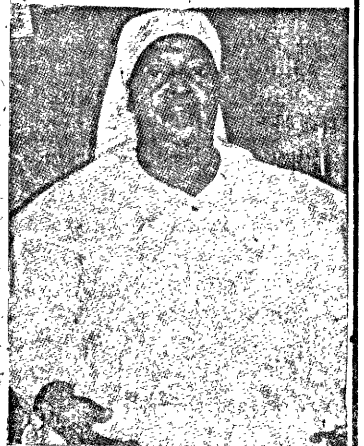
feeds the Father's flock, there will be no hatred, no malice, no gossips, no disunity and no jealousy.

Student Ekanem advised that the feeding of the flock means regular attendance at meetings, caring for the sick and needy, etc. and according to the third lesson from Rev. 3:5-6 "he that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life..."

In his vote of thanks, Pastor E. A. Utuk testified to the manifestation of the Father's message that salvation has really come to His people. He said the spirit of love demonstrated by the whole members in the love show is what the Father wants and not until one donates N1000 or N2000.

Pastor Utuk promised that through the

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Our Holy Mother

Father's grace, he would be quietly and single-handedly implementing certain projects that will be to the glory of the Father admonishing that he has noticed that most members in Ikot Ekpen are agents of disunity and destruction at any meeting that is convened to cater for the welfare of all, and progress of work in the area.

Reports by
Sis. Grace Utuk.

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Have you read the latest issue of the 3rd Covenant? You will never realise what you would have missed until you read it.

Remember the Holy Father has created this forum to ensure that His words and advices spread to the four corners of the world and put to rest all the misinterpretations and misrepresentations.

Below are extracts from the current edition:

Everybody agree there is power in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. What is the hidden power? The Sole Spiritual Head and Supernatural Teacher Leader O. O. Obu now explains that Brotherhood has no comparison and it is beyond human comprehension and nobody has the power to do anything here because it is the Holy Spirit that is all and in all.

He says that love is the key to heaven, key to wealth, power, good health and everything. Love is the beginning and end of wisdom. "The only key to power which you know here in Brotherhood, is the Love of God."

As prophecied in days of old, at this end of age, the tabernacle of God is with men. Apostle Sam J. Umoh traces the history of creation, man's fall from grace and the emergence of our Lord Jesus Christ to atone for our sins, mediate on our behalf and give us the new commandment, all preparatory for "the kingdoms of this world (to) become the Kingdom of our God and his Christ, (who) shall reign forever."

Pastor Effiong Asibong Umoh shows how God gave man the power of invention and the era of high technology but how, unfortunately, man thinks he can do away because



of the emergence of high technology, with the word of God which is the divine information for the organisation of the human world into order, stability and peace.

The year 2000 A.D., what does it has in store for humanity. Is the world going to end? Does the numerous disasters and signs indications of the end being in sight? We have compiled a collection of predictions by renowned world seers and also comment on the happenings in the world which portray that surely, the turn of the century holds more than mankind may bargain for.

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THE 3RD COVENANT

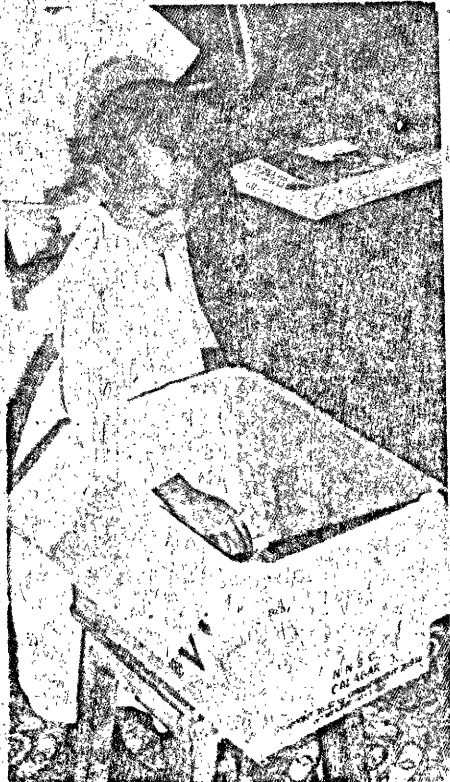
Not just another magazine published here. This one shows God to the world.

THE 3RD HERALD BOOM RESULT

BROTHER Nicodemus Odili Luke, a Chorister of the BCS Central Bethel, Peremabiri, Oporoma District, Yelga in Rivers State of Nigeria, emerged the first prize winner picked during the draw of the 3rd Herald Boom, a light-hearted puzzle introduced in the Herald of the New Kingdom newspaper, held in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Conference Room, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar on February 10, 1988.

Watched by about 60 people, Elder Edward Ette who was the Master of Ceremony during the snappy occasion, after a brief prayer by a member, informed the audience about the importance of the brilliant innovation.

He introduced the chairman of the occasion, in the person of Pastor Offu Ebongo, the Leader's Secretary; Pastor V. A. Essah, the erstwhile Chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches who was the Guest of Honour.



Here, little Olumba Offu Ebongo pulling out a winning coupon. He made all the draws.

Others who graced the occasion as supporters were Senior Apostles Ewah and O. O. Ita. Pastor M. E. Etop, the incumbent chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches arrived later to also grace the occasion.

In the Chairman's opening address, pastor Offu Ebongo said that he was impressed by the brilliant performance of the Herald of the New Kingdom so far.

He appealed to all brethren in Brotherhood world to give the Herald newspaper and its sister paper, the 3rd Covenant, the moral and financial backing to enable them to disseminate the Father's divine gospel and recondite wisdom to the furthest parts of the world.

In conclusion, he said that God needs honest, loyal and committed people to serve Him so that, He in return, might reciprocate pointing out that anything pertaining to Brotherhood always start from zero, until it grows to enfulf the whole world.

The Editor, Brother Etop Williams in his speech described the ceremony as

impressive and innovative, adding that the Herald Boom was introduced to enable the numerous readers of Herald newspaper, particularly the youngsters, to research the Bible to find out the truth for themselves.

"By this innovation, we in the Herald believe that this concept will arouse the interest of the reading public to fathom the teachings of the Holy Spirit in this last era" he expatiated.

He thanked the Elders International Fellowship who sponsored this programme, urging other fellowships and individuals to stand up and identify themselves with the effort of ensuring that this good news reach as many people as possible.

He said that sponsoring the programme is necessary so that we can continue to give out attractive and enticing prizes.

The Editor later displayed the prizes consisting of beautiful wall clock as the first prize, a giant the mos flask as the second prize, a set of drinking glasses as the third prize, while the consolation prizes comprised 10 plastic buckets and 10 copies of the latest issue of the 3rd Covenant Magazine as the 4th and 5th prizes respectively.

In his comments, Pastor V. A. Essah, the Guest of Honour, said that he felt tremendously honoured to be especially invited as the guest of honour of the short but impressive ceremony of making the 3rd Herald Boom draws.

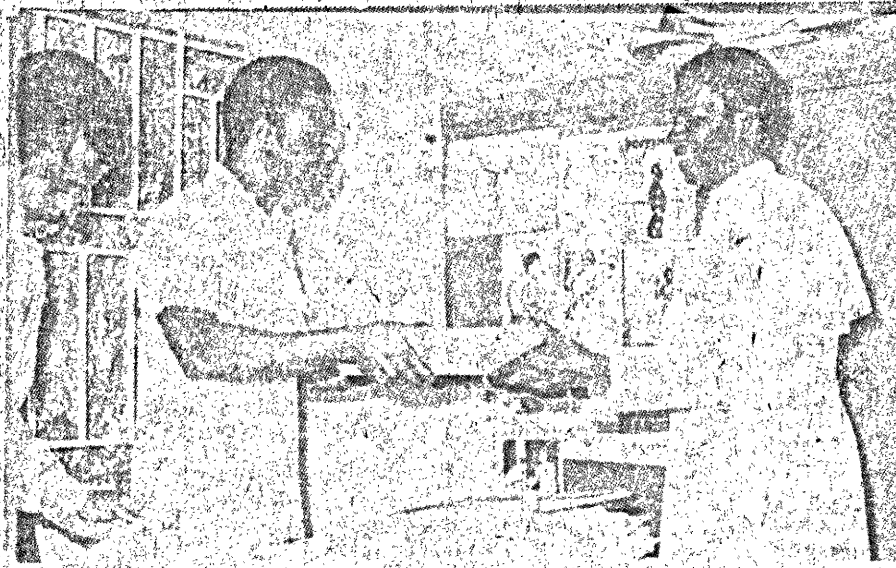
He said he is impressed by the efforts the Herald Newspapers has been making to expose the Father's teachings and recondite wisdom to the entire world in this last era.

He assured of his preparedness to give moral and financial support to the Herald as long as it remains the physical mass communication link of the Father to the rest of the world.

He later donated one hundred naira to the Herald Staff for their dedication and hard work under very difficult conditions, urging the workers to keep their effort up.

Winners of the 3rd Herald Boom are as follow:

1. **1st Prize:** Bro. Nicodemus Odili Luke, a chorister of the BCS Central Bethel — Peremabiri, c/o Peremabiri Oporoma District, YELGA, Rivers State — Nigeria.



Elder I. J. Eka presents a wall clock to the first prize winner Brother Nicodemus Odili Luke of Central Bethel, Peremabiri.



The special guest of honour who witnessed the Herald Boom draw hands over the 4th consolation prize, a plastic bucket to one of the lucky winners Sister Imaobong Umoh of Calabar.

2. **2nd Prize:** Bro Lawrence Nwosu, 212 Hospital Road, P.O. Box 3962, Aba, Imo State.
3. **3rd Prize:** Bro. Justine E. Essien, No. 2 Nto Ntio Lane, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.
8. Sister Gloria E. Akpanam, c/o Mr. N. E. Akpanam, Oil Movement Dept., P.M.B. 1001, Eket — Akwa Ibom State.
9. Brother Willie John Etuk, B.P. 327, Limbe S.W.P., Rep. of Cameroun.

CONSOLATION PRIZES

(a) 10 Plastic Buckets

1. Brother Etim Jacob Ukpeye, Etekum Village, Akamkpa L.G.A. — Cross River State.
2. Brother Kingsley Uzo, Owa — Alero Bethel, Owa-Alero P.A., Agbor, Bendel State.
3. Sister Glory Bassey Etim, School of Arts and Sciences, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.
4. Sister Imaobong Umoh, No. 16 Efiu-Okoho Street, Calabar.
5. Brother Monday Okon Akpan, c/o Mr. E. E. Essien, Immigration Office, Ikono Local Government Area, P.O. Box 1080, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.
6. Brother Aniefiok Ekanem Umoh, No. 13 Ikot Udofiong Road, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.
7. Brother Effiong Okon Etim, The Nigerian Police Force, Divisional Police Headquarters, Oron, Akwa Ibom State — Nigeria.

(b) 10 Copies of 3rd Covenant Magazine

1. Brother John Ogbu Kanu, BCS Family Bethel, No. 2 Oche Dore Street, Four Corners, Ikom, Cross River State.
2. Brother Michael J. Udo, Akwa Ibom State Water Board, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.
3. Sister Eka Samuel Ekpo, No. 36 Nyong Essien Bethel, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.
4. Brother Asuquo Edet Ekpenyong, N.B.C. 1, No.15 Marian Road Extension, P.M.B. 1093, Calabar.
5. Brother Efiu Effiong Akpan, Ibiaku Inyang Isong, Ibiono, Itak — Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.
6. Brother Paulinus Orok Bassey, c/o A.C.P. Uyo, Federal Prisons, P.M.B. 1018 — Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.
7. Sister Elizabeth Clement Uko, P.O. Box 41, Takum Gongola State — Nigeria.
8. Brother Emeka Ndili, No.6 Chief Alum Street, Bethel, Ogui New Layout, Enugu, Anambra State.
9. Sister Comfort B. Ogah, Otelga Headquarters, Nichia — Eleme, P.M.B. 3 — Rivers State.
10. Brother Francis Joseph Udo, 125 Aggrey Road, Bethel, Port Harcourt — Rivers State.

All the draws were picked by little Olumba Offu Ebongo, a boy of about 3½ years.

Meanwhile, all winners are advised to call at Herald's office, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar to collect their prizes. However, the fifth prize winners will have theirs through the post.

We know He is the one

AN ADDRESS BY DEACONESS IBUM O. OBU, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTHDAY COMEMORATION OF THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD OF THE UNIVERSE, LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30, 1987.

In the ame of our Lord Jesus Christ, In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Now and for ever more, Amen.

Distinguished Brothers and Sisters,

I AM thankful to the Holy Spirit for having brought us safely from our different locations to this occasion of celebrating our Holy Father's birthday. Words are inadequate to express my happiness for the observance of this historic and colourful day. We are grateful to all of you who have found time to come, especially those who have left their crowded programmes just to come and grace this momentous occasion.

That December 30 of every year has now been recorded in the annals of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the birth day of our Holy Father and the Sole Spiritual Head, is indeed a most welcome development. I deem it a great honour to be asked to address you on this august occasion which is so significant for the total emancipation of mankind.

Brethren, this is the first time ever that a prophet is being honoured and glorified by His own people in His own country. Please permit me to quote what Chief Kanu Ekpezu proclaimed during the first celebration of this great anniversary, five years ago. "We in Ubaghara Clan

now know and recognise without mincing words, that God has come to dwell in the midst of men." This is a very commendable development indeed, contrary to the events of Biblical history, that a prophet is never accorded honour and welcome by his own people.

It is gratifying to be eye-witnesses in this age of the advent of the Holy Spirit who has come to teach humanity and to bring all things to their remembrance as recorded in John 14:26. This is the era of hope when the aspirations of many shall be realised.

Daniel prophesied that at the end of time, His Kingdom shall be firmly entrenched, (Daniel 2:44) "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Brethren, our gathering and the multitude of members of BCS bear eloquent testimony of the infallible truth that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is that indestructible kingdom referred to.

Further more, it is a spiritual fulfilment that at this end of time, God has come to put His laws into the minds of His children and write

same in their hearts. "He will be their God and they will be His people, and they shall not teach every man his neighbour and every man his brother saying: know God. For, from the least to the greatest shall know Him. He will be merciful unto their unrighteousness and their sins and iniquities He will remember no more." Brethren, and I ask you, have you not seen these things fulfilled in our Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu?

It is the best thing that has happened to mankind that God has come down to restore mankind to his original birthright as the Son of God. And in the same token, let glory, honour, dominion, power and adoration be given to God.

That a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, had given birth to a child who shall rule the world with a Rod of Iron is a unique message of history. That woman is none other than our Holy Queen Mother Ibum Mba Olumba Obu. The God-child is Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the universe, who is now manifested in this our era and earth plane.

With absolute humility, we may pay homage, respect, honour and adoration to our God, who has brought us to the knowledge of truth. With the efficacy of his spoken words, He has changed us from the life of sin and abomination we previously led. He has rescued us from death and gnashing of teeth into salvation. We thank you Father.

This celebration is therefore only



Deaconess Ibum O. Obu, BCS General Secretary reading her address

a token of our appreciation and a demonstration of our belief and loyalty to Him that is born to rule the world. We therefore hopefully look forward to the great day of the total liberation of mankind where fairplay, justice and equity shall reign supreme in the world amongst the true children of God.

May the peace and blessings of God remain and abide with us all now and forever more. Amen.

Thank You Father

END OF THE YEAR REPORT ON GLOBEMASTER SERVICES LIMITED PRESENTED BY THE GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR DURING THE DECEMBER 1987 PENTECOSTAL MEETING WITH THE HOLY FATHER ON THE 31ST DECEMBER 1987.

INTRODUCTION

Brethren;

WITH gratitude to God our Father, it is a pleasure to report that God by his tender mercies has advised his children about Globemaster and has actually brought it into existence. It was in the month of August 1987 that the new set up of this company was introduced. This new set up has united all companies owned by the Holy Father into one - Globemaster Services Ltd.

These are: Brotherhood Printing Press, Brotherhood Bookshop, Garment and Laundry, Herald of the New Kingdom, Everlasting Gospel Centre, 3 Webber Street, Calabar, under the Head Office at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

ADMINISTRATION

The new administration has proceeded satisfactorily during the period under review. The new administration has made few promotions and employments to fill the vacant posts created due to this creation.

The new management set up is as follows:

Bishop R. O. Obu ... Group Managing Director;
Bro. E. J. Obot ... Group Administrative Manager; Mrs. M. I. Ekeruke ... Accountant;
Mr. E. A. Ugbe ... Marketing-Public Relation Officer; Pastor E. C. J. Ukam ... Press Manager
Bro. E. E. Williams ... Herald - Editor; Pastor K. E. Basse ... Production Manager - E. G. Division; Evang. F. A. Agbam ... Manager - Garment & Laundry; Pastor N. E. Umiong ... 3 Webber Street; Bro. M. J. Ibok ... Senior Supervisor - Bookshop.

The company is now operating a centralized administration. This therefore made it necessary for me to conduct staff transfers to posts deemed suited for the staff.

You will agree with me that from last August

Re-organisation has yielded fruits

to date is such short period that we cannot yet see the manifestations of our earlier promises and feel a drastic change in the turn-over of the company. That notwithstanding, I can assure you its been so far, so good.

Management has taken giant strides in ensuring that all divisions of the group are profit oriented corporately. Though this has been such an arduous task since not all divisions of the group can break even, we have successfully separated the administrative department from the divisions.

By this arrangement, all divisions are now accountable, audited and administered by the administrative department. This system has yielded dividends to a far extent, mostly towards proper accountability of funds.

With the desire of the Father, we have weathered the storm where others have been finding it difficult to forge ahead. I wish to, on behalf of the chairman, Board, Management and staff of



Bishop Roland Obu reading his speech during the last Globemasters Meeting.

Globemaster Services Limited, thank you all for your support, prayers and otherwise; financially, especially from our shareholders, which you have been giving to this organisation to help us grow.

We mostly thank the Holy Father for always being with us and for the strength we have in carrying on with the management of the businesses. We are aware that it is your wish that we go into a big time national and multi-national concern in the near future. We hope, by God's grace, not to let you down. During this period under review, we have made some considerable contacts.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The different departments are operating under the supervision of Globemaster's Head Office which takes charge of their financial transactions without running to the Holy Father often as was the case in the past.

Staff have been given on the job training having known that most of our staff were unskilled. This we believe will enhance quality and efficiency of staff. It is my view that staff who excel in their various undertakings will soon be sent on seminars and short term courses as is obtainable in some big establishments.

Following the dwindling economy in the country, we are presently studying different feasibility studies with a view to diversifying into other meaningful investments that will suit this times. The result of this will be made known as soon as such is completed.

INVESTMENTS

Our investment still stand partly on our shares at the Cross River Estate Limited. It is believed that sooner or later, the returns will increase our net profit margin.

Our proposed branch of the Bookshop along Calabar Road, is still to take off owing to a few hitches which are being tackled now. But I assure you that the project will take off soon.

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New Administration in Bendel State

PASTOR J. O. Elue has been appointed, and his appointment confirmed by the Holy Father, as the Bendel State "State Pastor" and Chairman of the State Executive Committee in-charge of BCS Administration in Bendel State.

The Father's approval and blessing was given when the Bendel State executive paid an official visit to Him in His vestry in Calabar on November 28, 1987.

The Committee, according to a release signed by the state Secretary, Evangelist Iyke Uzorma, will work in consultation with the Leader Representative in the state, Pastor W. Egharevba who is the general overseer of all BCS matters in Bendel state.

The Leader's Representative, the State Mother and the Zonal Leaders Representatives of Agbor, Benin, Bomadi and Warri Zones by virtue of their offices are co-opted into the state executive committee.

The State Executive Committee has since set up a Peace Committee under the Chairmanship of the State Leaders Representative Pastor W. Egharevba with members as Pastor J. O. Elue, Pastor M. E. Omon, Pastor Elema and Evangelist Iyke Uzorma as its Secretary.

Also set up by the Executive Committee is the Bendel State Welfare Committee to handle all matters relating to healing homes and relief to distressed brethren.

Benin Zone, according to the release, covers all the Edo speaking areas including Ishan and Auchi. The zone with more than twenty bethels has three Pentecostal centres situated in Auchi town, Benin City and Uromi with the administrative headquarters in Benin City.

Bomadi zone covering mainly the Ijaw speaking area of Bendel State has over eight bethels with one pentecostal centre situated in Bomadi town.

Warri Zone considered the largest in the state because of its numerical strength has more than 25 bethels covering the entire Warri, Sapele, Olomoro, Ughelli, Obiaruku, Uzoro etc. It has two pentecostal centres at Olomoro and in Odibo Avenue, Warri with the zonal administrative headquarters in Warri.

The fifth zone is Isoko zone. Made up of about eleven bethels, it has its zonal administrative headquarters at Olomoro.

The aim of the state executive committee as explained by the secretary's release is to co-ordinate all zones, pentecostal centres and bethels on matters relating to administration, policy and finance in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Bendel State.

It therefore urged all zones, fellowships, Bethels and the entire BCS members to co-operate with the

executive committee in the task of building a strong united Brotherhood where everyone will have a sense of belonging.

Ex-officio members have also been appointed into the Bendel state executive council. They are Pastor M. O. Ejedawe representing Lagos, Apostle G. Ifowodo for Kano, others are Prophetess Omon, Deac. Usman, Sister Ehiobu, Elder Emu, Apostle okpokiri.

Other names will be announced later.



A cross section of the newly formed Bendel State Executive

Member of the Executive Committee are: Pastor M. E. Omon - zogie as the deputy state pastor and vice chairman of the committee; Evangelist Iyke Uzorma, its Secretary; Elder Douglas Ogbuji, Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Officer; Pastor G. D. Oyaide, Financial Secretary and Elder Mac' Asore.

Others are Pastor (Chief) Elema representing Agbor; Elder (Dr) Anthony Oigboie for Benin; Elder Olisemenogor P. N., for Auchi; Elder Thomas Sedenu for Auchi and Uromi; Pastor K. Agwaziam for Warri; Elder Ijje for Asaba; Elder Abednego Okaro for Asaba and Pastor (Barrister) Ibini who is the legal adviser.

It has Pastor K. Agwaziam as its Chairman, Elder (Dr) Anthony Oigboie, Elder Emu, Deaconess Usman and Prophetess Elizabeth Omon is the Secretary.

The release further States that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the state has been divided into five administrative zones made up of Agbor, Benin, Bomadi, Warri and Isoko zones.

Agbor zone covers all areas belonging to Ika local government area down to Asaba. The zone made up of over 18 bethels has two pentecostal centres situated at Hill Street, Agbor and Asaba town with the zonal administrative headquarters at Agbor.



Pastor John O. Elue, the State Pastor

Ikot Ekpen women shows gratefulness

1988 opened with a difference at Ikot Ekpen Township Bethel when the women congregation declared, during the New year's day service, that the year's first show love is not a 50k, not to talk of a 10k event.

They collectively demonstrated this when no member of the Bethel's Women Congregation donated anything less than N5.00.

Sister Elizabeth explaining why the Women congregation spearheaded such "a revolution," said

they were merely showing gratitude for "what the Father has done for us in 1987".

The Father Himself, through Christ Student B. Ekanem who conducted the day's service assured that "this day's salvation come to this house for so much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" - Luke 19:9-10 (the days 1st lesson).

The second lesson from John 21:16-17 also said "Simon, Son of

Jonas, I love thee?" and from the demonstration later exhibited, the women congregation said to the Holy Father, "Yes, Father, we love you."

It was a moving gospel because as Christ Student Ekanem said, "then feed my flock."

He explained that Brotherhood members should feed the Father's flock starting from their homes, village, office, hospital, prison, remand home, schools, navy, his entire environment.

He said that if one

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Re-organisation has yielded fruits

- (a) The unstable economic problems in the country.
- (b) Inadequate cash flow.
- (c) Poor Staffing.
- (d) Unpatroitic acts by some members who have refused to patronise some of the divisions, but rather patronise other such people around in the same business.

Garment and Laundry and the Printing Press are worst hit areas. It is sad to note that Brotherhood members with big business in town and position in government, do not patronize the Press. Even with the Holy Father's directives that all soutanes sown in the Garment & Laundry should be sent to him for blessing, with this act alone, the patronage is still not encouraging.

Some unpatroitic members still peddle the rumour that we do not know how to sew. I wish to use this opportunity to inform all that we have now retain the services of well trained tailors in addition to a European seamstress who is the trained Production Manager for this division.

- (e) I have mentioned in my previous report, I will mention it again, that there is one nagging

problem which is hard to believe, but true, that some members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star collude with outsiders to defraud us just because they know we do not go to the Police or to court.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

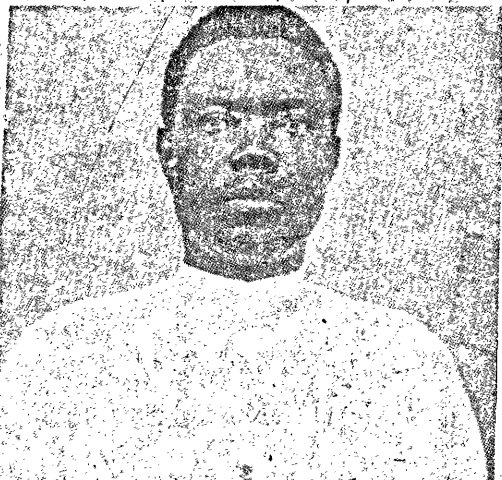
The plans for the future are many but I must emphasize that the Management objectives include: commodities importation, floating of an industry and distribution of locally manufactured goods.

CONCLUSION

I must conclude this report by asking all well meaning members to show faith in the Holy Father by throwing their full weight into Globemaster Services Limited. It is quite possible for us to raise one million Naira, if all adult members carry at least a share of N20.00 in the company.

I also want to seize this opportunity to thank everyone for listening and for continuous patronage and also to welcome those who will from this day wish to go into meaningful business with us.

Once again, on behalf of the Board, Management and staff of Globemaster Services Ltd; I say thank you.



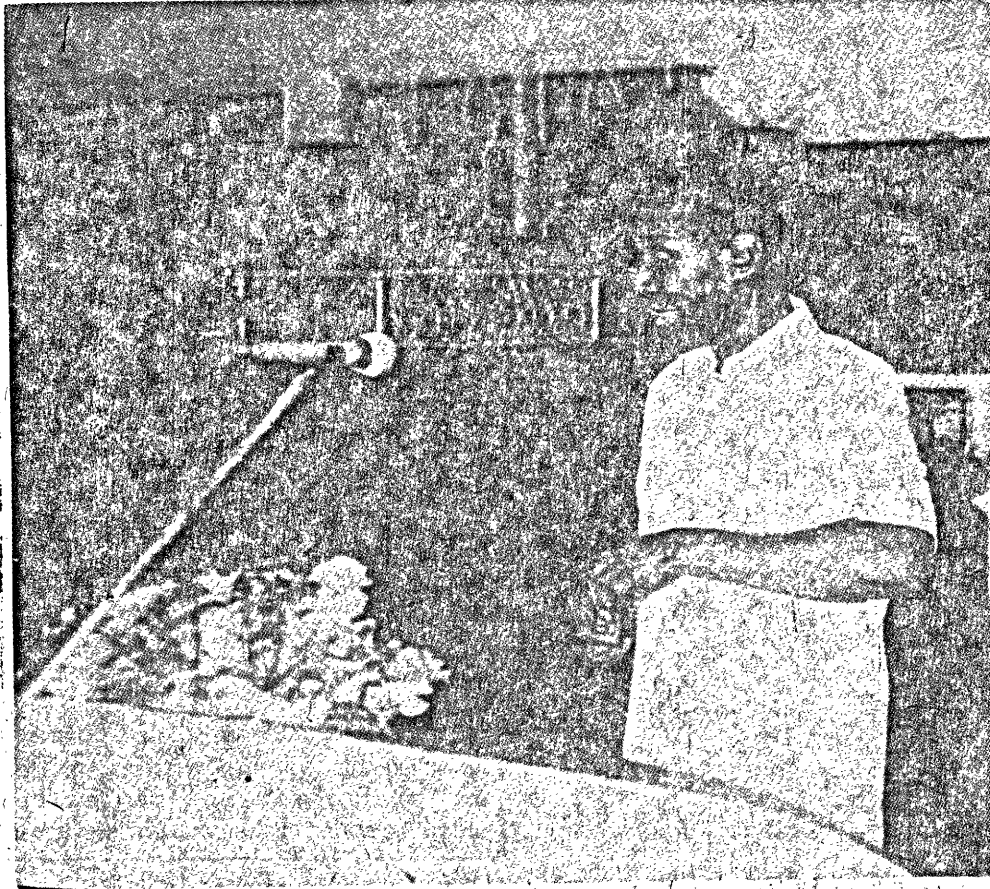
Pastor C. O. Akpan, Chairman, Board of Directors, Globemasters Services Ltd.

PROBLEMS.

Having said so much, it will be unfair not to mention to you some of the problems we encounter in the course of our transactions for the period. You are all aware that we are holding this post on your behalf. It is therefore proper, having told you about our achievements, we also let you know our problems.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We, the entire members of the Apostles/Evangelist Fellowship, welcome the personified Holy Spirit and heartily congratulate the Sole Spiritual Head Leader O. O. Obu on your reception.



Leader O. O. Obu

We accept that you are the promised Holy Spirit, the Comforter and the Supernatural Teacher. The one Jesus the Christ bore witness that the Father will send in this last age.

We sincerely thank you, Father, for leading the fellowship to this knowledge of truth.



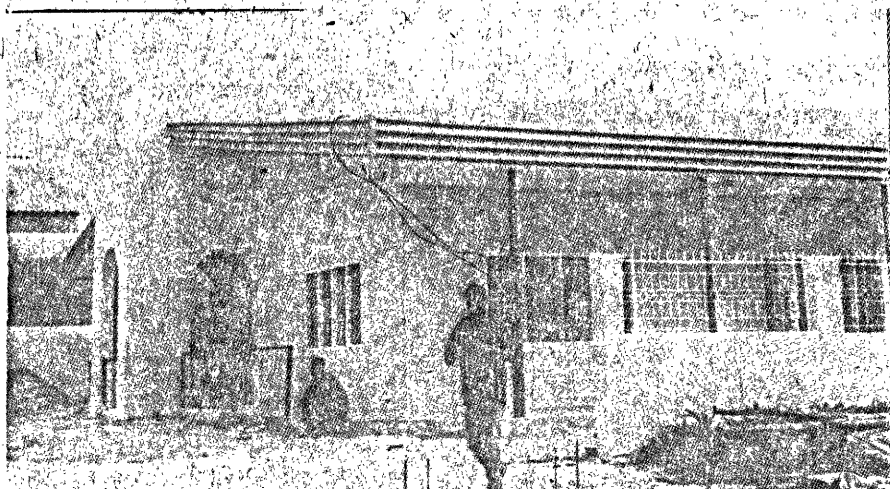
Apostle/Evangelist Executive

SPOTLIGHT ON UWHERU CENTRAL BETHEL, BENDEL STATE

THE Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O.O. Obu, is currently churning or at best taking the world by storm. On top of this, there is a unprecedented spiritual outburst and re-awakening gaining grounds rapidly in all parts of the world. The elects of God are called through a variety of ways and methods into the new system called, "Brotherhood of the Cross and Star". And for sure Brotherhood has now become a system with enigmatic happenings which have been something of very serious concern to the entire world.

The spiritual recreation is spreading rapidly through the four corners of the globe; and Bethels and healing homes are being erected here and there for the purpose of promoting the Father's work. The reason for this explosion is not far-fetched, for the only qualification is to have unshakable belief in Him, use your talent and material substance to uplift His work.

It is in pursuance of this objective that the *Herald of the New Kingdom*, in this issue, runs a profile on the BCS New Pro-cathedral Central Bethel in Uwheru Town, Ughelli Local Government Area of Bendel State.



Uwheru Central Bethel, Ughelli, Bendel in all its magnificence.

has, as a result, established strong belief in the Father; hence he had to finish up the Father's Bethel first before his own personal building. And this is in fulfilment of the "God-First" belief of all true christians. The estimated cost of the Bethel complex, with the modern facilities installed in it, is about N500,000.00.

The 33-year old business baron testified to thank the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu for salvaging his life from the hands of sworn and arch-enemies who thought it was easy to exterminate his life from the face of the earth. He said he did everything humanly possible to save himself from his enemies who employed all deadly methods to kill him; including the use of mystics, and hired killers, but all efforts proved futile. To this end, he had to resign himself to fate until the irresistible call of the Father reached him.

He said that this might have been the way the Father wanted to call him into Himself. He further said that the erection of the Bethel is only a token of his appreciation and a demonstration of his implicit faith in Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe and the Comforter of mankind.

The Bethel is a full-fledged and functioning one with a Bookshop, Guest houses, Spiritual Hospital, Full time workers quarters and kitchen for love feast. The Bethel's Mother is Elder (Sister) Alice Obrutse, the carnal mother of Elder S. E. K. Obrutse; Elder Daniel Obrutse is the Bethel's Chairman of the Spirited Children's Fellowship, Mens Fellowship and the General Fellowship. Elder Ekikiuwe

helps also in the general maintenance of the Bethel.

Prophet Roy Nnadozie is the person through whom the Father passed to bring Elder Stafford into the fold. But Deaconess Eno Dan Esekung baptised him (Elder S. E. K. Obrutse) on October 24, 1986. Deaconess Eno Dan Esekung started the Bethel in a small room with just 10 members, and it has now grown very rapidly. It now has a numerical strength of more than 200 members, and brother Daniel Obrutse has been helping in conducting prayers and services. At least three significant Fellowships are functioning properly to the glory of the Father. Preacher James Emulo is in-charge of the Bethel, while Elder Daniel Obrutse is his assistant.

need spiritual liberation from the clutches of satan. The situation where only two Bethels are erected in that vast area is appalling, and all bretheren in the Brotherhood world have been asked by the Holy Father to go to Uwheru to liberate the area, because faith without work is dead — James 2:17. The Father's work must be accomplished because the time is at hand.

★ Please take a message from Elder Stafford E. K. Obrutse. It is on the divine record that all the children of God must be called out of great tribulation, and their robes washed and made white in the blood of the lamb, and they



Prophet Roy Nnadozie: the Father passed through him to bring Elder Stafford Obrutse to the fold.



Elder Stafford E. K. Obrutse acciuded to build a house for God before his personal one.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN: The Father has passed through Elder Stafford E. K. Obrutse to erect this ultra-modern edifice which is going to be officially opened and dedicated on Saturday, March 12, followed by a thanksgiving service. The ultra-modern Bethel complex is equipped with all necessary facilities.

There is the Spiritual Hospital, the living quarters for the full-time workers, and kitchen. Elder Stafford who has been tremendously blessed materially



A cross section of the Spirited Children Fellowship of the Bethel.



The Uwheru Central Bethel Executive Members pose for a group photograph.

It will be recalled that Uwheru, or the entire 9 communities of the area are predominantly either pagans or orthodox church goers. The only known and significant conventional church found in the community was established since 1911, while the school was founded a year later in 1912. The natives are very accommodating, friendly and religious as the rapid growth in the numerical strength of the Bethel could show.

Within 13 months, a growth from 10 to 200 members is tremendous and depicts the seriousness of the brother through whom the Bethel was founded, and the yearning of the people towards God's purpose. It was said that when the Bethel was started, over 100 people got baptised, and there was a heavy down-pour. This depicted peace, and whatever was evil, was washed away for good.

★ The sheep of God in Ughelli Local Government Area of Bendel State

would serve their Father day and night before the throne of God.

I am personally appealing to the elects of God still in the world to come out from among the rest of the worldly people. The only answer and permanent solution to our problems, is to come back to our Father, God. And Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is mankind's last hope; it is only here that life, riches and glory could be found with an unflinching certainty.

The gospel has been preached that all sort of sinners should repent, and indulging in all kinds of vices especially the drinking of liquors and fornication.

There is no other god that can save than Jehovah God and His Christ, and therefore all those who have initiated into secret societies, cults or fraternities should retrace their course now. Your salvation is guaranteed by Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

Thank You Father.

Elder Edward Ette Reports.

Globemaster Services Fetes Staff

— G.M.D Promises Staff Insurance Scheme

The Group Managing Director (GMD) of Globemaster Services Ltd., Bishop Roland Obu has assured the staff in the employ of the conglomerate that in the near future, fringe benefits and other incentives will be introduced as reward for hard working staff.

Speaking at the end of year get together organised for the staff in 34 Ambo Headquarters of the company on January 23, 1988, the GMD promised the staff that plans have reached an advanced stage to start a staff insurance scheme to ensure a rosy future for the staff.

Expatiating, he said that staff will soon be informed on whether they will be required to contribute to the scheme, or whether the company will bear the whole burden.

He however urge the staff to cultivate the habit of healthy competition, honesty and industry at all times as no eye-service will be tolerated, warning those who steal, fight, or neglect their duties, that they will be dismissed summarily, "no matter whose ox is gored".

The GMD urged the staff to regard the Globemaster Business as theirs and work to make it a worth-while venture that they will



The Group Managing Director Bishop Roland Obu making his speech

be proud to be associated with.

He warned against clannish and segregative tendencies urging all to work in love, oneness, peace and harmony, "harnessing your efforts towards working to break even", praying for absolute loyalty and co-operation.

Before this, Elder Edward Ette of Herald Press Ltd. conducted part one of the programme — a short devotional service — whose text he drew from 1 Cor. 13:4-20.

Elder Ette said that it is wrong to say that those who want to do the work of God should go to the Bethel or Church and not in the office for "the true concept is that every work that is done with honesty, love and singleness of purpose, is the work of God".

He said that since "the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power," workers must always call on God to help them build an edifice that one can be proud of, for anything done in total exclusion of God almighty, cannot stand. He concluded by urging the workers to always look on the Father and give Him top priority for "except Jehovah God builds a house, they labour in vain that build it, and except God watches over a city, the watchman watches in vain to keep it".

In his speech the Group Administrative Manager (GAM) of Globemaster Services Ltd., Brother Edem J. Obot intimated the staff that since August 1987 there had been far reaching and ambitious organisational innovations and changes in the Brotherhood group of companies.

He appealed passionately to all workers in the group of companies to ensure, by dint of hard-work, that the Globemaster Services group grows, assuring that the staff too will grow with the company.

He assured all that lofty plans have been mapped out for the welfare and promotion of all hard-working and honest staff "while the lazy and the eye servants will have themselves to blame".

The highlight of the get-together was giving of prizes and promotions to some staff in recognition of their productivity in the year 1987.

Elder, Monday J. U. Ibok, a management staff now with the Brotherhood Press got the best workers award for 1987 and as his prize, was given a gold-plated wall clock.

In addition, his photograph will adorn a specially prepared place

in the Group Managing Director's Office during the period of his reign.

Other staff honoured include Brother Esit Uko Inyang as the best worker in the Leader's Office; Sister Helen Uno won the award for the Father's Vestry; the most disciplined staff in the Globemaster's Services in 1987 was Sister Bessie Ogim; the best driver award went to Dennis Ogbam, the Herald Press Ltd Driver, while the best security man for 1987 is Essien Iseh.

Others are Sister Helen Ude of Herald Press Ltd., who won the best typist for 1987 while Brother Friday T. Etoufok and Sister Justina Udosen won the best salesman and seamstress for 1987 respectively.

Over 25 staff collected envelopes containing letters of either increment of salaries or promotion.

Commenting on the award, the G.M.D. said that the awards, promotions and increments were just the beginning of good things to come, urging that during the next get-together, "the staff should bring their wives and husband, as the case maybe, to grace the occasion".

The staff were treated to sumptuous feasting afterwards.



The Group Administrative Manager, Brother Edem J. Obot making his speech



A cross section of staff at the occasion

Polytechnic Calabar ABAS holds 1987/88 Reception

THE 1987/88 reception of in-coming Brotherhood Students was recently held by the Association of Brotherhood Academic Students (ABAS), Polytechnic, Calabar.

The 3-day activities started on Friday January 22, 1988 with a courtesy call on the Holy Father at His vestry. The students were blessed by the Father who reassured them that all is well.

This was followed

by a visit to the motherless babies home at 2 Etta Agbor Road, Calabar, where assorted items which include detergents, baby foods, toiletries and a cash donation, were presented on Saturday, January 23, 1988.

The President, Bro. Tom Inyang Akpan, in his address during the ceremony said the presentation was part of the activities to mark the reception of in-coming Brotherhood Student into the

Polytechnic Calabar.

He prayed God to guide and guard the children making them obedient children to their care-takers assuring them that God in His infinite mercies, will always provide for their upkeep.

In a vote of thanks, the Secretary of POLYCAL ABAS Bro. Martins Ebri Eteng noted that child welfare was something demanding adequate attention and called on the government to establish a distinct division to

supervise and monitor activities of remand homes.

January 23, 1988 evening also witnessed a sing song night. Choirs in attendance include 34 Ambo Sabbath Choir, POLYGAL ABAS Choir among others.

The highlight of the celebration was the Reception Service conducted by Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk and held in the students' refectory on January 24, 1988.

In his sermon, the text of which were drawn from Mark 12:43, James 2:15-16 and Galatia

2:8-10; Pastor Etuk urge all to be generous to one another by bearing each other's burden assuring them that it is through acts of generosity to those in need that God's abundance love will be sufficient unto them.

In an address presented on the occasion, the President, Bro. Tom Inyang Akpan, charged the new students to be of good behaviour since they must act as the light of the Polytechnic community.

"To matriculate into

the institution is one thing and to convocate another" the President said; urging them not to be blinded by the lust of campus life "and forget about your ultimate goal of learning and fit into the society beyond this citadel".

In his speech, the Secretary, Bro. Martins Eteng, reiterated the Association's commitment to awaken the Polytechnic community from its slumber by organising activities that will

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The Promised Comforter is now on earth

I wish to state categorically, based on the conclusion of our esoteric research and on the revelation of the holy Spirit, that the Godhead Personality who manifests profusely and pervades the infinite space, free from all the limitations of material nature, is dwelling physically now on the earth planet. This Godhead Personality is the Great leader **OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU** of

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star whom I worship.

To proclaim the truth that leader Olumba Olumba Obu is the incarnation of the Supreme Lord, will be considered offensive and repugnant by the earth man who deride the very **bona fide** new name of the Lord. The rascal earth man, under the sway of illusion can never comprehend the Deity of Leader Olumba Olumba

Obu. He can never comprehend how the Supreme Leader could control the gigantic manifestation of the entire Universal energy, neither can he know how the leader resides within all the living things including the atoms.

It was revealed that only through one of his Supreme plenary expansion, the Lord of lords who is ministering physically and constantly as an ordinary man, manages the affairs of the entire creation and pervades all the planets of the Universal manifestation. Therefore all things in existence whether physical or otherwise, including the seven creative forces of the material world as well as the powerful arch-angels and great demons, are subordinate to Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

As a matter of fact, for a person to be saved from the ordained evil days of tribulation which shall visit the earth any time from now, he has to understand the true position of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu and worship Him on the authority of the scriptures.

Such worship of this great incarnation of the lord is profitable for the

welfare of entire Brotherhood in fulfilling the Lord's mission of human liberation from mundane predicament.

Indeed the hour has come for the Lord to judge the entire creation, and behold it has been ordained that in this age, everything which again dares to oppose the Lord's command shall be lost. The end of evil system of things has come. Watch out! for the winnowing of the world which was predicted long ago and which is discovered now in all esoteric layers, shall now fulfill.

I shall not be able to state here all what was revealed to us concerning the deity of leader olumba Olumba Obu and the Metaphysical Modus Operandi of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, but I must say that every eyes shall soon behold Leader Olumba Olumba Obu as the only worthy judge and ruler of the Universe. Amen! Amen!! Amen!!!

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LEADER O. O. OBU

Pray! How will God use you to reveal His glory

BEFORE we were despatched to the human plane of living for ministry work, we all had our bonds with God signed, sealed and delivered to us. The contents of these bonds are schedules of our works whilst (still) on ministry on the earth plane. When we have executed the contents to the letter, that is when we are re-posted out: our spirits leave this flesh and it decays (die). The contents could contain gifts, talents and others. No one goes out of his schedule of works to perform other type.

There are million and one talents in this world. God who possesses all these is stingy. Those He wishes He endows whatever talents and gives them person complete ability to exercise this to the fullest. Whilst to others, He endows sparse and different talents. There have been greatly successful people in one specific endeavour. There have been others basking in abject poverty.

People so affected or marked out are using these talents to uplift God's will in the same way as He desires. There has been no one person in this wide world who has not been endowed with this or that talent, some are able to exploit theirs to the fullest, yet others are not. What this means is that they have all been given ability to perform one type of thing leading to the revelation of Almighty God's presence.

In such ways that God uses His creations, this time human beings, to reveal Himself, works, potency and greatness, similarly He uses them also to reveal all the embodiments of virtues as well as vices.

But, since all of us have work in the vine-yard of God, how will the Supreme Being manifests Himself through us, that's the big question we should be asking ourselves always. Sometimes we could become the shining example for others, with the Father's permission - using us to preach and practice virtues which is love. Yet, at another time, we could be used to reveal His glory and enlarge inspiring testimonies about God's love for humanity. We could also be instrumental for vicious actions never imagined or expected of us in order to reveal how mysterious God is.

When we hear now and again that we will be used to reveal God's glory, according to the Holy Spirit's gospels, we become excited. But, pray, how will God use you to manifest His glory, Himself and His (new) Kingdom? Would He use us to practice love one for another, or use us to cause turmoil: execute vicious actions such that human knowledge can never comprehend, thereby leading to the denial of and hatred for God?

God's ways no man understands. Because we humans are created in His likeness, therefore, we hardly understand ourselves, too. This is the reason when God uses us to manifest His glory in a particular way contrary to human expectation, we conclude: "never trust any human being", "the mind's construction not on the forehead".

Human astonishments are slight spiritual manifestations which go one way or another to reveal God. Only thanks and praises should be

educate the students on the teachings about the new kingdom. He noted that to accomplish this task of re-awakening the entire students consciousness,

and the acceptance of the existence of the Holy Spirit "we must live by example, love one another, refrain from sins and not impute sins on each other"

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He enjoin all students to be of help and assist the association and members to ensure a peaceful and harmonious co-existence.

ascribed to God all the time for everything.

Like Jonah in biblical Nineveh town, one can run to Jericho but when the time is reached, wherever you are, you must accomplish your work and reveal God's glory. Death

will run away from you when you seek it. You cannot escape it. In other words it is pre-destination that you must reveal God in a particular way. But how?!

Bro. Charles is a Youth Fellowship chorister, lagos.



Brethren from Kwara State, recently paid homage to the Holy Father, Leader O. O. Obu, to thank him for giving them a Pentecostal Centre at Ilorin. Pix, above shows the brethren receiving blessings from the Holy Father and below; they pose for snab shot outside the Father's Vestry.

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where God reveals Himself more lavishly, where God is conscientiously believed, is at Akwa Ibok. You are a true witness to the love of God to this group of people.

It is not an easy thing for a millionaire to know God. It is not an easy thing for a member of secret societies to turn to God. It is not an easy thing for a chief, or Royal Highness, or Professor or any prominent young man or woman to turn to God if it were not that God revealed Himself to such a person.

As Our Lord Jesus Christ says, All things are delivered unto me of my Father and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him. This also explains why our Lord Jesus Christ asked his disciples, whom do men say I am? They told Him, some say you are John the Baptist, some say you are Elijah and others say you are Jeremiah. He turned and asked them, whom do you say I am?

Peter rose up and told Him, you are Christ, the Son of the High God. And he said to Peter, Simon, Bar-jona it is not flesh and blood that has revealed this to you but my Father who is in heaven.

Can you not see the implications clearly? While others are saying till our Lord Jesus Christ comes back, or complain that Lord Jehovah has departed from us, here we are with Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Almighty God, with all the angels, God is the supreme. Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed Himself to all from Akwa Ibom State. There is no person to whom He is not revealed. Even those who claim to be enemies, or those who claim they are from other states, He has revealed Himself to them as well.

Can you not see that we are a lucky set of human beings. We are indeed the luckiest. Imagine the number of people. Any where you go that there is Brotherhood, you will find people from Akwa Ibom forming the majority.

If there is a lucky place, Akwa Ibom is the luckiest. If you are guided with this exhortation in all your dealings, Akwa Ibom State will become a world wonder. I know you have doubts in you. In spite of your doubts, go and practise this gospel. Right from today, go and love one

another, and you will then realize the proven power of God.

If Nigerians, practise this one gospel and love one another, you will witness the progress in the country. Love is the only thing to rule the world. This is the reign of Jehovah God and His Christ. No other thing reigns. Neither hatred, nor malice, nor man, nor death, nor sickness, reigns. It is only our Lord Jesus Christ who rules for ever.

Let the golden text be read. It is your take-home package.

Golden Text 1 John 3 : 33 "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

Have you heard what is read to you? That is all.

These are the three most important injunctions. Firstly, love your God with all your heart, and with your soul, and with all your mind. Secondly, love one another even as He loves us. If you love all men, irrespective of state, country or race, all men shall know that you are a child of God. Finally, the golden text tells us, And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

It is for this reason that in whatever we want to say or do, we begin with, In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not just say Jesus because others answer the name, Jesus as well. When you say Jesus, are you referring to Bar Jesus or which? But this is our Lord Jesus Christ, the more reason we say: In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation comes from Him. If you want to pray, or give testimony, or make any request, it is through His name. In addition, you should show the expression of love, love one another as God commands you.

People contend that God has ten commandments. He does not have ten commandments. The commandments hang on this that you love one another, and believe in the name of His Son, that is all. Ask all things in His name and you shall receive. If you believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, you will love one another as He commands us. Conversely, if you love one another as He commands us, you will not fail to believe

in the name of His Son Jesus Christ.

It is said that faith goes with work. Faith without work is dead. You claim you believe in Jesus, and cry out everywhere O! Jesus, but you are stealing, committing murder, telling lies, indulging in the preparation of concoction, drinking, and hating others. Which Jesus do you profess? Your stand is clear.

You claim that you have love, that you commit neither fornication nor any act of sin, yet you do not believe in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. What you profess is vain.

This love now preached to you is the instrument through which Akwa Ibom State, other states of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and all the countries of this world will be governed. It will be used in this world and in the world to come. Let all call on the name of the Lord and He shall save them.

The reason why I have cited these portions is to provide you ample opportunity to read at home. Many allege, that Brotherhood is not a Christian organisation, or does not know our Lord Jesus Christ, is vampire. The taste of the pudding is in the eating. Tell me any church denomination that practices this gospel.

In Brotherhood, all of us love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our minds. We love no other thing apart from Him. Here we love one another. Fowls of the air, and animals in the bush, we love them all. We eat neither fish nor meat talk less of killing them. All the inhabitants of this world are Brotherhood. Here we do nothing with any other name apart from the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We abide only in His love.

We do not submit to the ordinances of men, We do not imitate any person, Our attention is focused on this word of God. I therefore call on all and sundry, whites and blacks, Cross Riverians and Nigerians, angels and men and all the created and uncreated things, to look at Him and to trust in Him alone.

A stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. I do not intend to be tedious unto you. He who has ears let him hear. May God Bless His Holy Word. A - men!

Only Your Relations can harm you

"I want to use an earthly situation to illustrate a heavenly situation for you."

Far away and long ago in a certain remote community, lived a young man whose way of life attracted nobody's concern, until he decided to do a good turn to an unsuspecting poor girl.

This man lived a simple life. In his house there were hardly any chairs. His dressing habit reflected that of a pauper. He even drank from borrowed glasses. There was nothing about him that showed class.

The girl on the other hand was a simple village girl whose major source of income, apart from charity, was the profits realised from selling akara balls. The financial assistance for this trade was a loan from a friend whose repayment she had not fully made.

When this man chan-

ced to meet the girl during one of her hawking sprees, he was moved to pity as he reflected on the girl's state. Because of this, he invited the girl to his house at a latter hour.

The girl responded to the invitation and the young man took him out to the nearby city for shopping. Clothes, shoes, and other necessities of life were provided in reasonable quantities for the girl. The man felt satisfied that he had helped a poor innocent girl out of her predicament. The man was wrong.

Instead of thanking God for having mercy on her and going home with the materials bought for her, she went to the police station. She reported to the police that she could not understand how the wretched looking man came by wealth to be able to purchase so much goods

for her.

The police became interested. By their assessment the man must have made money by some illegal means. The machinery for investigations was set in motion. Finally, they decided to conduct a search in the man's house.

Search warrants were issued. The time for the search was fixed at 5 a.m. the following morning. But at midnight the police inspector slotted to lead the team went to the man's house. He narrated the story to the man of how the girl had lodged the report to the police and the police plans to conduct a search by 5 a.m. that morning.

For the man to save himself a lot of grief, the police inspector demanded for twenty five thousand naira. To the man, such money was like a chicken feed. He effortlessly produced the money. The Inspector then

asked him to clear his house of the minting machine and the fake currencies in the house before 5 a.m. He also intimidated the man that when the police will come, as the leader of team, he will be the first to register a dirty slap on the man.

Throughout the night, the man was busy clearing the house of anything incriminating. Before the scheduled 5 a.m., the man was already waiting for the police.

At exactly 5 a.m. there was a tap on the youngman's door. On enquiry as to who was knocking, a thunderous voice from outside commanded him to open the door. When he did, the police inspector gave him the slap of his life, showed him the search warrant, and ordered other police officers to search everywhere in and around the house.

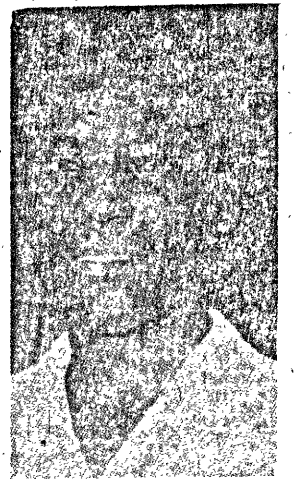
Some police mounted guard around the house

to prevent any attempted escape. At the end of the search, everything in the house, including the ceiling was overturned, but nothing incriminating could be found. The young man signed the warrant on request.

However, the police inspector returned latter and advised the man to sue the government for trespass and libel, and claim one million naira. The man did. It was in the process that people around began to realise that this man must have been in money. He travelled abroad to hire the services of one of the most renounce lawyer. His dressing changed from tart to expensive imported suits.

It is therefore evident, that neither an enemy nor outsider can harm you. It is only those whom you are accessible to, that is, your friends, relations, kith

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Bro. Lawrance Ubah.

and kin, who can harm you. This goes to fulfill the scriptures that he who eats my bread lifts his heels against me.

Remember the cases of Judas and Jesus, Joseph and his brothers, Cain and Abel, Sampson and his wife, Esau and Jacob, Aaron and Moses, to mention but a few.

Culled from the Father's Gospel

FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

Love is the instrument of governance

Being Gospel delivered during the Thanksgiving Service to mark the creation of Akwa Ibom State organised by Akwa Esop Imaison Ig Ibibio on November 14, 1987.

1st Lesson : Matthew 22: 36 - 37

2nd Lesson : John 13: 34 - 35

Golden Text : 1 John 3: 23

BRETHREN, let everybody open his ears, and eyes and broaden his intellect. Do not make noise. Do not fidget. Listen with rapt attention to the words proceeding out of the throne of God. That is necessary because as the whites say, start well, end better.

Today marks the beginning of Akwa Ibom State. Similarly, today is also the beginning of Cross River State. Because it is only one person who owns them both. The owner of the two States, who also own other states in the country, as well as the continent and the world at large, sends this message to all the four corners of the world.

This celebration is not exclusively for Akwa Ibom, or Cross River, or Nigeria, or Africa, or any particular geographical description. It is for the whole universe. This celebration was designed before the foundations of the world were laid. But as our Lord Jesus Christ said, heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away till all are consummated. Today marks the consummation of the word of God.

Do not rejoice because of a state or a country, Do not rejoice because of a city or in feasting. This gospel, the word of the Lord, is the exhortation sent to you today. A state is not a new thing. A country is not a new thing. A Republic is not a new thing. Independence is not a new thing. But the gospel now preached, is the new thing before you.

It is said, a child who walks circumspectly will kill what killed his father, but a child who does not walk circumspectly, whatever killed his father, will kill him. It is for this reason that Isaac told his son to hunt for venison and make savoury meat so that he could eat and bless him.

Know this therefore that what we have gathered here for, is not to thank God but to receive blessings. You came to receive the key to the city of God which states and nations lack. The Father says you should today come and receive this key.

Today's gospel is for all generations. It is my wish that it should be produced in a booklet and disseminated to all parts of the world because it is the key to the Kingdom of God as well as the foundation of any state. A Spiritual song says, a child asks of the father in love, the Father accepts to give to the child in love, and the child should receive from the father in love.

People mistakenly assert that God does not require anything from man, Who tells you that God does not require anything from man, I want to declare to the hearing of all the inhabitants of the world that God wants something from you.

That the heir, as long as he is a child, different nothing from a servant. In the same token, God told Abraham when he was not given any land, when he was yet without a child, nor where to step his foot, know of a surety that your seeds should be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward they shall come out with great substance to a land I have kept for them and will serve me.

After they had been removed from bondage to that promised land, listen to what happened. As you had already been told through song, and gospel, do not forget that the Israelites were under bondage in Egypt for about 430 years. Similar things to what happens now had also happened in greater dimensions in those day. For this reason, when Moses was sent to remove the

Do you not realize the situation clearly enough? God has saved Nigeria so that we may come and serve Him. God saves Africa so that we can serve Him. God saves the entire world so that they may serve Him. He has now created the Akwa Ibom State so that we may serve Him. It is not for us to serve ourselves or to continue in indulgence in the preparation of concoction, hatred, murder and strife. If we should continue in this way, what will be the use of such an act of benevolence?

children of Israel from bondage from the hands of Pharaoh, God also promise that he would harden Pharaoh's heart.

In the end, Moses answered that the people will neither believe him nor hearken unto his voice. And the Lord said unto him, what is that in thine hand? And he said, a rod. And He said, cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent. God showed Moses other signs which he has to use in persuading both Pharaoh and the elders of Israel.

This goes to show that this is a short cut to heaven while the other is a very long route. Moses showed the signs. He caused water to turn to blood but Pharaoh did not let the Israelites go. I do not want to treat the story in detail, but to make it as brief as possible so that I may deliver the core of my message to you. Because when there is a consensus, there is harmony.

You are the children of Israel and today history has repeated itself. You will learn a lesson from the analogy. The whites say, experience is the best teacher. You will have your lessons to learn so that what befell them may not come to you. All the same, to say God forbid does not prevent the occurrence of death because what has been written had been written.

What happened thereafter? At the manifestation of each sign, Pharaoh promised to release the Israelites, at the end of such a sign. At the end of such a sign, he would refuse to keep his word and challenge that Moses should do whatever he wished.

All the resistance by Pharaoh was caused by the Father. This is so because God had told Moses to ask for the release of the children of Israel but that He would harden the heart of Pharaoh. All the happenings around are caused by the Father. No man is responsible for any event, neither shall man be responsible for events to come. That is the bit I want you to understand.

In the end, God told Moses that the Israelites should celebrate a feast. He asked Moses that every man should use a lamb, a male of the first year out of the sheep or goats, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house? Everyone was to kill it in the evening and use the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat. No part of the animal was to remain till morning. Whatever remained was to be burnt.

You are familiar with the Spiritual chorus, thus, it is only the king who knows the secret of his Kingdom. We all float like oil on top of water. When He instructs you to do anything, go and do so, no matter how stupid it appears. Do it without questioning.

When the Israelites were celebrating the feast, the Egyptians looked at them as inconsequential and stupid. Early the following morning all the

male first born in Egypt, including Pharaoh's, died. After this did Pharaoh ask Moses, Rise up, and get ye forth from among my people, both ye, and the children of Israel and go, serve the Lord as ye have said.

Brethren can you see what feast can accomplish. Do you see the handiwork of God. What man cannot do, God can do.

Brethren, I do not want to expatiate in details. I am merely scratching the periphery. Connect the illustration above to our own experience. I am merely linking up the past with the present.

Realise that before it was said that they shall come to this land and serve me, there was a particular thing they were meant to go and do. I do not want to delve into the inconveniences they met on the way. I am using this analogy as a premise so that we can guard against what happened to the Israelites.

The exhortations you receive today were such as were meant for you before the creation of heaven and earth. It is for this reason that I say that today's lesson is a guide to every home and state. No matter the volume, it will be printed into a booklet so that if you want to depart from the way, it would serve as a reminder to all of you.

When the children of Israel left Egypt, they thought that the Canaan of their dream was an already built and furnished city, which flowed with milk and honey. They equally expected such provisions as store builds, ocean going steamers, money stored for them in hundreds of thousands. They were eager to inherit that land.

Republicanism is not a joke. You blacks do not understand the true concept to Republicanism. You do not understand what is meant by independence. The whites are also ignorant of its true meaning. The gospel I have given to you, is meant for all Nigerians and Africans. Today, has all the world been given true independence. Wherever was left, will be released, so that this injunction may be kept by all the inhabitants of the world without hindrances.

Firstly, two spies were sent by the Israelites to study what the promised land looked like. When they arrived, one of them wanted to discourage the other concerning what they saw. Throughout their exodus in the wilderness, they had not met with as strong persons as the occupants of that land. One of the spies wanted to go and tell others that they would not be able to penetrate the land. The other spy discouraged him from his pessimism.

When they returned, they told God that they had not found that land. The land they saw, since they started fighting, they had no met with such persons. Some people had twelve faces, while others had four. They were very gigantic. That was the land kept for their fathers by God.

What reply did God give to them? God told them that he had no other land to give to them.

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that the land they saw was that promised. If they could, they were to acquire it, if not, it was their business. That was the first hurdle.

Secondly, when they had completed the acquisition of the land, Joshua stood up among his people and said, choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the God that had eyes but could not see, ears but could not hear, legs but cannot walk, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord who brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Remember that God had promised to lead the Israelites out of bondage to a land he had promised them, where they will serve God. They no longer had to serve themselves but on that land, had to serve the Lord God.

What can a murderer do for God? What can a person who holds tenaciously to the traditional belief that God does not die and the Ekpo masquerade does not die, able to do for God? What can a person who says that God does not die and so the Ekpe, or Obon cults does not die.

Do you not realize the situation clearly enough? God has saved Nigeria so that we may come and serve Him. God saves Africa so that we can serve Him. God saves the entire world so that they may serve Him. He has now created the Akwa Ibom State so that we may serve Him. It is not for us to serve ourselves or to continue in indulgence in the preparation of concoction, hatred, murder and strife. If we should continue in this way, what will be the use of such an act of benevolence? What shall it then benefit God?

This now explains why you are today gathered here, to be told, "This is my commandment that ye love one another." That is the commandment of this new Kingdom.

We are all true witnesses to the fact that Cross River State and indeed this part of the world lacks in economic and political powers. But religious power is sufficient unto us. God, even the Holy Spirit, is sufficient unto us in this part of the globe. However, I do not want to delve into that area, because it is better to inherit God from your father and mother than to inherit wealth.

The scripture says, seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you. That is the great injunction. At all times, the word of God is a two-edged sword.

After God had created everything, He commanded Adam and Eve to freely eat, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for on the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." God gave Adam the power of superintendency over fishes, animals, birds, trees and other creatures of God and also gave him the injunction not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for any day he ate of it, he shall die.

Because of disobedience, the world is beset with problems. At all times, God has a plan and purpose for His chosen people. By right, the first thing you should seek to know after manifesting on this plane is to know the plan of God for you. You should find out why He has sent you, who your maker is and what He wants you to do. If

you are a chosen of God and you do that which God wants of you, you will reap the yields of this earth.

You will recall that during the exodus, before the Israelites finally settled on the promised land, Moses went to the mount to receive commandments from the hands of God. The commandment stated why God wanted the Israelites and what they were required to do. Today, has the Lord set for Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Nigeria and indeed the whole world to receive this commandment from God in the manner given to Moses.

I want you to read Exodus Chapter 20. I do not want to recite anything by heart. Many of you claim you are Christians and do attend Qua Iboe Church, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and so forth. Some claim to belong to different geographical environment. Check yourself whether you have conformed with the will of God as prescribed in the portion.

EXODUS 20 : 1 - 17.

"And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

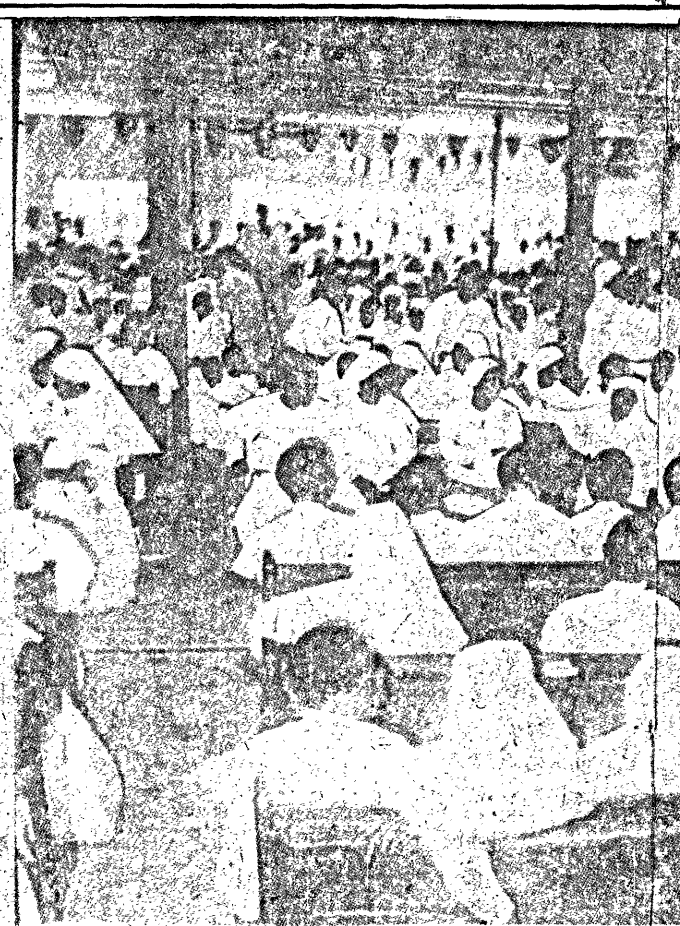
For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.



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Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

Let our first lesson be read.

1st Lesson : Matthew 22: 36 - 37 "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Who is the man who says that God does not require anything from man? Can you not see what God wants? God wants us to love him with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our minds. He has given us this state, given us independence and granted us freedom. He has sent us here so that we may love Him with all our hearts, with all our minds, in all our lives, and all about us.

The fore requirement is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. You should not eat their food nor have anything to do with them. But love your God. All the commandments revolve around this.

This explains why God gives us the freedom to liberate the whole Africa and the world at large so that we can serve Him, love Him with all our hearts, and souls, and minds. When you are under a foreign rule, you are like a little child, and no better than a slave. Then you are subjected to worshipping strange gods. Now that you have been liberated, and have been given a state or land of your own, you are free to love God with all your hearts, and souls, and minds, and to serve the Lord God alone.

What happens to Nigeria, and Africa, and the whole world is like unto what happened to the children of Israel. What happens to all the inhabitants of the world is what happened to Adam and Eve. That is why I tell you that the word of God is a two-edged sword. God kept gold, other precious pearls as well as other good gifts of God in the Garden of Eden and kept Adam and Eve to enjoy them all. There was neither hunger,

People contend that God has ten commandments. He does not have ten commandments. The commandments hang on this that you love one another, and believe in the name of His Son, that is all. Ask all things in his name and you shall receive. If you believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, you will love one another as He commands us.

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nor lack, nor sickness, nor night. There was no problem. Nothing like quarrelling and fighting among them. Man and animals lived together. That was as long as he kept God's instruction and did not violate the law of God by eating of the forbidden fruit. But right from the time he ate of the forbidden fruit, God removed him from the garden. Right from that day, man became subjected to punishments and sufferings.

This explains why I tell you that a child who walks circumspectly will kill that which killed his father, but a child who is not circumspect, even what killed his father will kill him. When the Israelites left the worship of strange and false gods in Egypt, they were given the commandment to usher in a new way of life. They accepted the commandments with joy. But in the long run, they returned to their former deeds, sacrificed unto idols, poured libation to the gods of their fore-fathers, committed fornication, murmured against God.

If you read 1st Corinthians Chapter 10:7-11 will see what happened to them. It is said,

"Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play, Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

The Israelites themselves, in the face of their fate, regretted having come out of bondage, from the land of Egypt. Today have Africans not regretted? Have the inhabitants of the world not regretted? Can you not see the magnitude of man's suffering. Where is life? Why are things the way they are with you?

It is because you have forgotten the exhortations of the Lord and have entered unto the path of iniquity. He saved us so that we may serve Him but you had all the while refused. It is for this reason that we are called today, to bring to our remembrance all that we had forgotten and

reaffirm God's standard concerning His expectations.

What is going to be our instrument of governance in this new Kingdom of God?

Let our second lesson be read.

2nd Lesson: John 13:34 - 35 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

I have committed myself. You have committed yourself. All of us have committed ourselves by saying that God has given us the state. Here is God giving us His first commandment to love Him with all our hearts, and with all our souls and with all our minds. Now our Lord Jesus Christ has spoken of a new commandment which is to love one another. By this shall all men know that we are the children of God.

Our weapon of war here is no other thing beside love. You can now see that if all Africans were to possess love, or if the whole world were to possess love, there would have been no problem.

It is not a man-made law. It is not the instruction of a village or Clan Head, nor that of a government. It is the commandment of God. A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another even as I love you. By this shall all men know that we are the children of God.

Is it apparition that has given you this state? Or is it mermaid, or the Ekpe or Obon cults that has given you this state? Is it man or money that has given you this State? The state is given to you by Jehovah God and His Christ. Therefore you have to obey Him. That is God's injunction to us all.

It was for this reason that we were called. Our Lord Jesus Christ re-emphasises love at this creation of the new state, that you love one another. That is the required instrument of governance in this state, and in the whole country Nigeria, as well as the whole world. This is way of life that God wants from us.

It is for this reason that our Lord Jesus Christ says, other sheep I have out which are not yet of this fold, them have I got to bring into the fold. They will hear my voice, that there may be one flock under one shepherd.

The person who has given us this state, is our Lord Jesus Christ. His blood has amalgamated the inhabitants of the world. It is neither angels nor man, whether white or black. Our Lord Jesus Christ has liberated the whole world so that we may live in love. It is love alone that is our instrument of governance.

If independence were to be gained by money, Africa would have remained in perpetual slavery. If it were based on wisdom, Africa would have perished in slavery. If considerations were placed on power, or any other conditions, we would have had it tough. But since all conditions are based on the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His blood has redeemed us so that no one may have a defence and that we may love one another and walk according to His commandments.

That is why He has called on us and indeed all the inhabitants of the world. Whichever

place is left unliberated, whether it is South Africa or elsewhere, our Lord Jesus Christ will liberate them all.

Our Lord Jesus Christ enjoins us, as the Father loved me, so love I you, abide in my love. Right now, it is expedient for all Cross River or Akwa Ibom indigenes to love themselves. All Nigerians, Africans and the whites should love themselves. Everybody is Brotherhood and there it is meet for us all to nilly-willy love one another.

When our Lord Jesus Christ told the Jews about the doctrine of love, they said He was demented. If they had practised this lesson, they would have ruled the whole world. Since you are the children of Israel, the Father had given an instruction since 1983, and this instruction was contained in a circular which stipulated that from a certain time, people should refrain from all manners of sins, every person should reconcile with their adversaries. Also, every man was enjoined to live in peace. Later, all those from the then Mainland part of Cross River State were directed to celebrate a unity feast since they were the children of Israel.

Here comes a requirement from our Lord Jesus Christ. A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another even as I had loved you. If we love all men, going into nooks and corners, into waters and everywhere that man is found, not only in Cross River State, or Akwa Ibom State, or Rivers or Anambra State, but throughout the white and black world. By this shall all men know that you are the children of God.

There are many things we should receive from the hands of God but for our disobedient and stubbornness. There is nothing that love cannot accomplish because love does no wrong to his neighbour. Love is the fulfilment of the law. A new Commandment is given to Akwa Ibom, Cross River State and indeed the whole world that we love one another even as Our Lord Jesus Christ loves us.

Even if you call yourself a pope or a bishop or Jesus Christ, or Jehovah, if you do not love all men, you deceive yourself with your hypocrisy and not God. It is a veritable truth that only the children of God hear the word of God. It does seem as if God wants to use the indigenes of Akwa Ibom to set an example for all the inhabitants of the world.

This is evident because our Lord Jesus Christ had said that as the lightning passes from the east to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man. If somebody says, He is in the secret chambers, go not forth, if they say He is in the desert, go not forth.

Time was not when Our Lord Jesus Christ ceased to exist. There was no time that God did not exist. There was no time that there were no prophets. But if God does not reveal Himself to man, no one will know Him. If God reveals Himself to you, is this not greater than your possessing cars, ocean going steamers, being a chief, or governor?

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