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FAREWELL  
MESSAGE

## 'LOOK, THE WHITES KNOW ME BETTER!'

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Although finally the whites would come to reveal the personification of the Holy Spirit in Africa to the entire world, meanwhile this was the time of all the Africans.

They pleaded with me to choose any of the renowned universities in Europe or America where I could be sent to and from where I could spread my recondite gospels. In reply, I told them that all their universities were quacks and their teachings incompatible to the everlasting gospels and the wisdom of truth which I brought to all the inhabitants of the entire world. And that I had come to establish Christ's Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity, a spiritual university where all those who graduate from it shall never taste of physical death. And that, all mundane universities teach carnal things and the wisdom of man which God shall soon destroy because God promised to destroy the wisdom of the wise,

1 CORINTHIANS  
1:19

*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent"*

They also offered to make me a king in any white man's country of my choice. That was rather

funny and so I asked them to tell me what they wanted me to do with such a position. My position is greater than all the positions of all the kings of this mundane world put together. I have come to select one hundred and forty-four kings who shall rule with the son of man. Finally, I told them that I was contented with my humble position here in this my little corner until the revelation of the son of man in the year 2001.

I revealed to them that I was Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. This was why people saw me lavishly in all planes of existence.

For quite some time now, the blacks have been dancing and shouting my name, what else have they done to show their appreciation for the personified Holy Spirit? You can take a trip to London via Liverpool to see the magnificent cathedrals there. When you go to America, in Brooklyn you will see similar cathedrals. The respect and honour the Americans and Britons give to Brotherhood members is beyond description. In most cases they prostrate before them because they have realised the importance and



Leader O. O. Obu

significance of the white soutanes.

In the colonial days, whenever black people travelled to the white man's country, the whites used to treat them with disdain and called them apes and black monkeys, but right now the reverse is the case.

Nowadays, both the whites and the blacks can stay together to discuss business, eat and drink together. The blacks can travel to any part of the white man's countries and can even live anywhere if they have the means to do so. They even intermarry. The colonial mentality is rapidly fading away

yielding way to the new world of the great Brotherhood of man.

In yesteryears, no white man could recognise any degree a black man obtained in their universities, as well as the African chieftains and their dignitaries, except in the cases of their administrative convenience. But today you all are eye-witnesses, the reverse is the case. This is in keeping with the presence of the Universal ruler who has come to unify the world and to bring to true realisation the Brotherhood of mankind.

I would like to tell you that the Europeans had

known me a long time ago. They even know my mission on the earth plane far much better than you do.

My mission is to establish the New Heaven and the New Earth where righteousness dwells. So that the will of God will be done on earth exactly as it is done in heaven. Secondly to change the entire humanity from unrighteousness to righteousness. That is, to change the vile body to the glorious body of Christ.

Thirdly, to remove death from the surface of the earth and to grant eternal life to all the children of God.

Fourthly to wipe away all tears from the children of men.

How many whites have you actually seen in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? God has deliberately given you these privileges to turn over a new leaf and take your proper position in the kingdom of God, because when the whites would come, you might not have any chance again. I am not interested in your high positions, academic attainments, wealth or the height of your affluence in the society, once you indulge in the preparation of juju, idolatry, charms, talisman and the rest of

the vices. I am only interested in all those who are doing their very best to refrain from all manners of sinfulness.

In the month of April, many people will congregate here in millions to be ordained as prophets, pastors, apostles, deaconesses etc. Then I would like to ask you: what about those who were previously ordained, have they refrained from any act of sin? Rather, they return to their Bethels or areas to cause confusion and disunity among the brethren.

You should realise that from the day that you were baptised into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you accepted God and were anointed, you are an ordained child and the Christ of God. You are automatically commissioned to worship God in Spirit and in truth by preaching the everlasting gospels for the liberation of those who are in the bondage of Satan.

I do not intend to be tedious with you, let all those who have ears to hear, hear, may God bless His Holy words. Amen.

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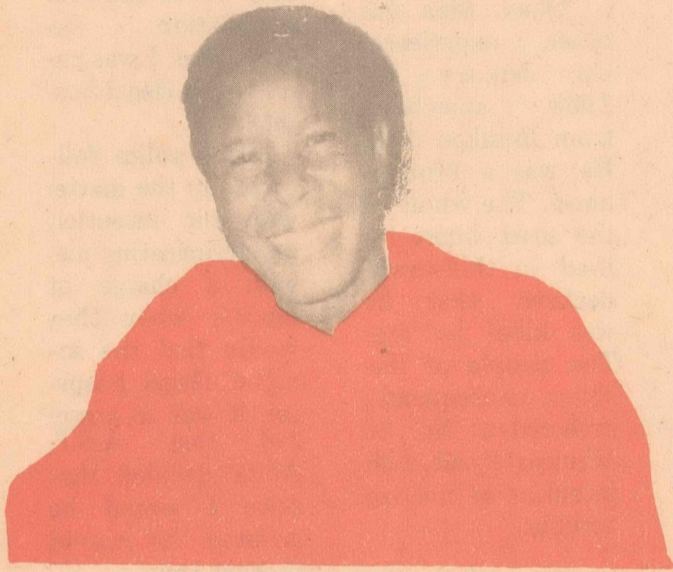


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## WHAT IS CROSS ?



Leader O.O. Obu

### B.Y.F. VISITS EMIR OF ZARIA

The leadership of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Youth Fellowship has commended the Emir of Zaria, Alhaji Shehu Idris for exhibiting a matured leadership that has engendered the growth of Brotherhood in his emirate.

Idris when a delegation of BYF leadership led by Pastor Odudu I. Udoh paid a courtesy call on him on the occasion of the launching of BYF branch for Northern States.

Picture shows Pastor Udoh reading the address (left) as Alhaji Idris (sitting, right) listens with rapt attention.



*"Anybody who wants to follow me but is unwilling to take up the Cross after me cannot be my follower"*

BRETHREN, our Gospel this afternoon is about the "CROSS". After that celebrated Gospel on "What is Brotherhood?" during the Pentecostal Convention, many had thought that gospels on Cross and Star would follow, but since my Father did not give the signal throughout the convention that I should do so, I could not do anything more than to allow His will to prevail.

This afternoon, brethren, it is His pleasure to give the signal that I continue. Therefore, I shall be failing in my duty as His mouth-piece, if I fail to give you the Gospel on 'Cross' today.

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*"When you stay with a wicked person, allow him to finish playing his wickedness. If you stop him when he has not yet finished it, you are blocking his salvation. That cunning man who tricks you daily must be allowed to continue in his profession until he comes to his wits-end. That liar who lies to you everyday must not be forced to stop lying until he does so by himself or how can he be saved? You have to tolerate them all."*

Brethren, have you ever wondered how the believers of old felt when they became witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled? Take old Simeon for instance. He took the child Jesus in his arms and declared: 'Let thy Servant depart in peace Lord, for mine eyes have seen thine salvation.'

That is how we in this last generation, who have been lucky enough to witness and understand the subtle fulfilment of the scriptures, feel today.

What does the scripture say.

'For as the lightning that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the son of man be in His day.'

death came from Brotherhood of the Cross and Star of which she was a member. At that time the number of able men in Brotherhood was not up to 10. In contrast, women and children responded more to the call. The Calabar people planned to cause a riot and in the ensuing confusion would kill me.

"After they had completed their conspiracy, I called Pastor Asuquo and Mr Ita, the then Provincial Education Officer, to confront them with that plan. I then asked them to judge whether their people's plan was good.

"These people were really sure of their plan! They banked their hopes on two premises, one which was ex-

pected to be consumed in a disaster any moment. One of such disasters was the plan at hand.

"When members marched from No. 26 Mbukpa they sang the song: 'Look at how the world is treating my people. They finally reached the Obong's compound but for three hours were prevented from conducting the burial ceremony. They were subjected to various forms of abuses. Some were even stoned. Shouts of 'Where is Obu,' filled the air.

"Prophet John came out and claimed he was I. 'Here am I', he said. And they chorused: 'Do you want us to do to you what we could have done to Obu?

of running away, even for a moment, nothing could have halted its development to World War III. Many foreign powers were interested in the civil war. America, Britain, Russia, France, China and so forth, had involved themselves in the war.

"But, brethren, wait a minute, supposed I had run away from Calabar, what would you have thought of me? Besides, don't you think the whole town could have been empty once words went around that I had escaped?

"The Nigerian soldiers gave a testimony that they were actually sent with their weapons to come and destroy my residence and all its inhabitants. Why? Because I had

it failed. So did the third and then the fourth.

"The Commanders had to send for engineers at Lagos to come and start the engines. The engineers came and did their best. But no response. Brethren, do I have to tell you the whole story? Have you not heard it before, even from the mouths of the soldiers?

"Okay, take this other experience. On January 13, 1963 somebody from Ibesikpo died. He was a Brotherhood. The whole of the street where he lived in this town declared that he was killed by me. The people of Ibesikpo, consequently gathered at No. 26 Mbukpa Road with intention of creating trouble.

he told his people about the casual remark that Prophet John made. His people then concluded that Prophet John caused his death. The corpse was brought to me instead of Prophet John. A backslider in Brotherhood actually went out and reported to the Police that I had a pot under my bed which contained human blood used for conjuration. Besides, that I was running an illegal hospital.

"The police followed up the matter with the intention of incriminating me with a charge of murder when they would find the so-called illegal hospital. It was so arranged that A.S.P. Anita decided that once I would be arrested he would prevent bail.

"The following day they set the plan in motion with the Police invading

No. 34 Ambo while I was on my way from No. 26 Mbukpa. I had hardly arrived when three policemen approached me. One of them, an Igbo man told me that they were coming to conduct a search. The following dialogue ensued.

**POLICEMAN:**  
"Where is Mr Obu?"

I: "Here Am I. What do you want from me?"

**POLICEMAN:**  
"We want to conduct a search"

"I took them into my rooms and they searched every inch of the whole place. When they found nothing, they wanted to know where the Healing Home was.

"You see, Brethren, one thing has come out clearly. Upon all the forces who invoke the powers of God in Brotherhood, the government is number one. By its persecution, the

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## LEADER OLUMBA'S CROSS

'But first must He suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

'And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man...' Luke 17:24-37.

Now, follow this fireside chat by the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu with us His children about His experiences and decide whether scriptures are not being fulfilled.

"I want to recall what happened to me on October 1, 1962, here in this Calabar. But wait a minute, how many of you were Brotherhood at that time? Perhaps, some of you who were, actually witnessed the happenings between September 25 and October 2 of that year.

"It was when the whole town planned to kill me when the daughter of the then Obong of Calabar died at Lagos. The natives claimed the

pected to alternate the other if that failed. First, that Brotherhood would surely go to the burial and would be led by the Leader. There would then be a chance for Him to be killed. Alternatively, (that was the second premise) should Brotherhood stay away, then people would question the wisdom of being a member which would destroy the reputation of the Church.

"All sorts of miscreants and base fellows were hired to lay an ambush in order to kill me.

"On the day of burial, I instructed all Brotherhood members to march to the Obong's compound without fear as these fellows were looking for me and not them. At that time it was not uncommon for the rest of the family to call any of their member that joined Brotherhood to advise against continuing in Brotherhood

And he replied 'I am here to suffer or die in place of Obu.'

"I am telling you I was there among the procession yet they were looking for me. Does this incident not reveal the glory and power of God?

"Brethren, if you declare yourself a strongman and something requiring your demonstration of your strength happens but you run away, it means you have deceived yourself. Do you think you would ever mention your strength to anybody? Of course not.

"Before the civil war in Nigeria in 1967, God had already revealed to me that I was the

Captain controlling the ship and that if I ever made the mistake of running away that civil war would result in the third world war.

"And true to the letter, if I had committed the error

refused as the Father of all, to discuss with them the handing over of the Ibos who stayed with me, who to them were Saboteurs. They all marched on 26 Mbukpa Road but on reaching the gate, a seeming electric shock hypnotised them. They all fell back and could not accomplish their assignment. Their Commander reversed the order and instead sent them all back to their barracks where they took an oath never to return to attack our residence. They had an alternative plan, though. They wanted to use their 'air power'.

"Between 10.00 a.m. till dusk, four jet bombers refused to leave the airport to bomb No. 26 Mbukpa because their engines were faulty. Which other miracle was greater than this. The first jet was tried. It failed to come. The second was taken.

"They went wild singing war songs, brandishing cutlasses threateningly, prepared to burn down the premises. Their intention was to bring the corpse to me. In the end, the whole affair fizzled out harmlessly.

"Biakpan people are my witnesses that from the very beginning of my work they had been hatching diabolical plans against me. One such plan blew up this way. It happened that Prophet John had a bicycle which he took to a repairer. The repairer charged him rather dearly and while pleading for a reduction in the charge, Prophet John casually remarked that the repairer should not forget that one day he would visit the healing home when he would be sick. Three days later, the man fell sick and was taken to the healing home where he died.

"Before he died,

# LEADER OLUMBA'S CROSS

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government and its instruments of power have conclusively proved the immense power of God in Brotherhood. And that is one way I have been able to capture the police and armed forces into this fold.

"Brethren, I want to take you back to another incident as far back as 1954 which helped to prove God's power in Brotherhood. In that year, I received a letter warning me against going to Biakpan as there was a sinister plan to destroy me. And as if to back up this warning, information came that the Biakpan people had assembled all shades of juju doctors, necromancers magicians, spiritualists, infact name them, to make the most potent charms to destroy me.

"While delivering the message, the letter had recalled that I had never taken anything as

important and warned that my people really meant business. I was still in possession of that letter until recently when I handed it over to Pastor K.E. Bassey for publication. He came back to tell me that he had lost it. Only God knows whether it has really missed.

"In December, 1955, I said 'what! whatever happens I will go home to Biakpan'. And I did, with literally empty hands and alone. Before my arrival, the elders gathered and sent a message flattering me as the prime-mover of events in Biakpan. They would, therefore, do nothing without my knowledge and, perhaps, physical presence. When I arrived, the people were very happy. I discovered that those who were plotting against me were my blood relations, those I had fed, clothed, educated, infact, those I had done good

things for. Do you realise that those who seek your downfall are those who feed from you? Or those whom you have helped one way or the other?

"The whole community gathered for what looked like a meeting and sent, for me. I went and settled at my corner. I had hardly sat down when my paternal brother arraigned me before the gathering with a series of accusations. At the end, I asked to know whether he had exhausted his stock and when he answered in the affirmative I told the gathering that I had just come in from Calabar and so I needed rest. I would then be ready to answer to their charges the following day. My boy told them that I was set to leave and that I would say no more.

"When the elders insisted on my res-

ponse, I threatened to remove their caps if they did not want to respect themselves. I left. And that ended the matter. When we re-assembled the following day, no word of the charge was mentioned. Instead, they wanted peace.

"Brethren, this our God is not the type you were worshipping. He is a living God who answers you on the spot when you call upon Him. When I first came to Calabar, it was by canoe. When we came to the Calabar River estuary, we stopped

to sleep. In the night, inhabitants of the area gathered to attack us. However, they failed because the Father was with me.

"You know what? If there is someone persecuting you without your doing him any wrong, while God is delivering you, He will keep your adversary safe to witness your growth. Look at that Biakpan Chief who was the Commander of the Army of my persecutors over there. Today, he is here and purposely planted by God to testify about the adversity he wrought against me. And, do you realize that you are the cause

of many people baptising to join Brotherhood? You do so without realizing it. When people try to harm you and they fail, they turn around to join us. The truth is that nobody can harm you.

"Whatever problems come to you are just temporary. They are to reveal the glory and power of God. Read Matthew 26 :45-49.

"If our Lord Jesus Christ were not crucified, how would the people have known that a person could be raised from dead? You glory in your wealth but I glory in tribulation."

## 'THE FATHER GIVES ME A NEW LIFE !'

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; Now and forevermore. Amen. Dear Brethren, this is to testify on the Holy Father's goodness to me. I, Samuel Ndukauba, writing this testimony am doing so out of Joy and happiness, for the wonderful work God has done for me in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Brothers and Sisters, the Almighty God has visited mankind here on earth again. What the earthly doctors and juju priests could not do, the Almighty God of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has done it for me in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

All that proved impossible with the native doctors, the oracles, shrines and all worldly powers since 1971 to February 1982 has now been done by the Almighty Father, Leader Olumba Obu, in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Brethren, I Samuel Ndukauba was normally handcuffed as a mental person. My parents and relations tried everything humanly possible to get me healed but to no avail. Anywhere they heard about the best and greatest native doctor they made sure that I got there. They carried me from Imo State to Anambra State, from Anambra State to Cross River State, and from town to town, from village to village but no human being was able to deliver me. As my condition continued worsening, my parents decided and brought me home, to Oboro-Umueze in Ogwa, Owerri because all money had been spent and everything my father had sold but no success.

Finally, they heard about Brotherhood of the Cross and Star at No. 212 Hospital Road Aba, where they finally carried me to, and dumped me. The following day, the pastor in charge carried me

for Baptism, handcuffed. After the baptism, they transported me to Calabar where I was later admitted into the Brotherhood Spiritual Hospital at Utu Ikot Ekpem-yong free of charge. There, I remained, from February 2, 1982 to July 5, 1983 when I was pronounced healed by the Pastor-in-charge, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Dear Brethren, with happiness I am thanking Holy Father, Olumba Olumba Obu for what was impossible with men for 12 years, had been made possible by the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe without money and medicine of any sort in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have been mentally very healthy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; Now and forever more Amen.

Thank You Father.

## Pains Vanished

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baptism, I was relieved of my sickness. The prophet led me to see the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar. He laid his Holy hands on my head and prayed for me. Immediately, I was completely whole both in body and spirit. I neither took medicine nor had any charm remover working on me. I vomitted all these hideous items by myself alone: Fish bone, Palm kernel, animals' fats.

After vomitting these things, I realised that the Holy Spirit personified among the children of men in order to wipe away all tears from their eyes. Be-



fore my call into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star I was a faithful and strong member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

May thanks, honour be to God in the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## TESTIMONY

In the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; now and forever more.

Brethren, before I joined Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, I was a miserable wretch with my life fraught with seemingly insoluble problems. My business was just a bundle of problems, which beat all efforts at solutions. Indeed, I found myself trapped in a maze of problems.

Well, on the advice of friends, I, as a last resort,

carried myself and my problems down to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. And after three days of fasting from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and a feast, these problems evaporated into the thin air. Enemies, instantly turned to friends and losses became gains. Peace and harmony reigned everywhere.

However, when wealth and affluence took over, I was foolish enough to forget my maker.

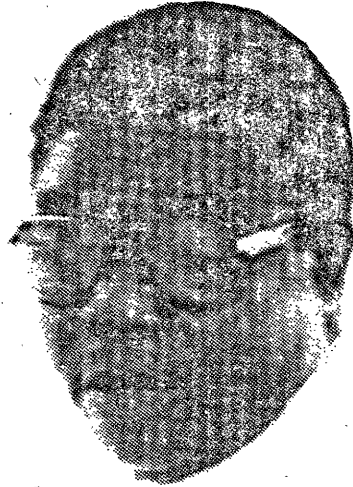
And as a remin-

der, sickness struck.

Western and local drugs were, of course, useless. Worse still, my problems again resurfaced. And with immediate effect, the Father retraced my steps to Himself. One love feast, the Father passed through and cleared off all my problems, including my ill-health!

Ever since, I have been under His mighty protective hands. Such protection was demonstrated in His warding off various

# 'BROTHERHOOD CLEARED MY PROBLEMS'



By Apostle E.E. Etop Member Board of Herald

elementary powers that would have wrought destruction on me and my family, one being a thunder recently despatched to me and my family.

Finally brethren, I thank the Holy Father for His bounteous mercy towards me and my people. May Honour Power and Dominion be ascribed to His holy name now and forever more. Amen.

\*Apostle E.E. Etop is currently a dynamic member of the Board of Directors of Herald. He has also provided a Bethel and a NISSAN bus for the promotion of the Father's work.

All these are in appreciation of what the Father has done for him.

## PATIENCE

Nothing works like Patience, Few can Practise it, but it is hard to endure; the man in a hurry misses the way.

Patience is better than wisdom, for wisdom without Patience is like a garden full of weeds. An ounce of Patience is worth a pound of brains. Impatience brings sorrow, grief, discomfort, misery, sadness and failures.

With Patience, careful planning, hard work and dedication, Success is sure to come one day! Though the Price of Patience is huge, to one, it is time-consuming.

To others it is delaying, Yet it is inevitable!

There is no need to be in a haste. Everyone has his own lucky days.

The ones that are in a hurry may be disappointed. He who has patience will laugh last. He who has no Patience will live complaining; confidence and courage will be lost. But the Patient ones will inherit the earth and eternal life.

Remember anything done in a haste is Never done well.

Nassarawa, Kaduna State of Nigeria.

It was on August 1, 1983, that Egwa developed sickness and all efforts of native doctors, medical doctors from different hospitals and healing homes in Kaduna to cure him proved unsuccessful. In the middle of September 1983, the sickness was so powerful that I decided to consult the most powerful native doctor this time at my home town Igidi in Ikom local government area, Cross River State of Nigeria. On getting to the native doctor, he consulted his oracle and told me that the child could not be cured because according to him, the sickness had become chronic.

At this time, the child was almost at the point of death and I was in a deplorable situation. I had no other alternative than to rush him to the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star healing home at Okwung, where I met Christ Student Christopher, in charge of the Bethel. He advised me to have faith in the Leader that

what was impossible for man would be possible for God.

After a few days of Spiritual work on the child, brother Egwa gave up at the healing home. This incident generated a lot of abusive words from people against the Brotherhood, the Leader and myself. I could not return to my residence with the dead child for fear of provocative words from members of my family.

The Christ Student spoke authoritatively that the Holy Father would promote His work in Ikom by raising the dead child. He, therefore, advised that the corpse be taken to Biakpan, the birth place of the Leader and we proceeded immediately with the dead child and the Christ Student accompanied us.

At Biakpan, the child was received into the altar by the Student in charge of the Bethel and members. Prayers and songs were offered unceasingly and the child finally resurrected.

The child is now alive. Those who laughed at me were surprised.

## Power

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I: "Yes Madam, The Lord, The God."

DR TWO: "Yes the Lord; the Holy Trinity. Your dreams are not dream but visions. Before the powers were burnt you saw them. It is the seal fixed on your forehead that shows you all these things."

In short, this was when I realised that Leader O.O. Obu is the Trinity, dwelling in flesh and blood among men. My mother is still alive and all my problems have been solved. I no more look for elementary earthly powers.

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## HE ROSE AGAIN!



Brother Egwa Boniface

May thanks, praises and honour be given to God in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Amen.

Brethren, this is to express my gratitude to the Holy Father for having raised my child from death after 3 days. My little Son, Egwa Boniface, a native of Cross River State in Igidi Ikom, was born in the year 1982 at

# FATHER'S REVELATION FATHER'S REVELATION

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

In the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now and Forever more. Amen.

Heaven is already on Earth, it remains to reveal same to all. God is nearer to all than feet and hands, even breath.

The Father is effecting a change in men and women. Instead of seekers for truth, good, life eternal, they now seek the identity which is itself the source and centre of infinite good.

The accomplishment of 1984 August Pentecostal Assembly is that

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the Father has brought us in harmony with the Divine Law of Love, which is Himself, to become, not the victim of the times and circumstances but, in the measure of understanding, masters of them.

The Father has freed us from mundane wisdom, which sets limitation to our Spiritual achievement.

### THE YEAR 1985

The year 1985 could be the most violent year in history. From homes

*"These are revelations of the Father through Apostle Effiong Orok, Chairman, Visioners Fellowship, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star."*

to the international scene, violence will reign supreme, but the Father is taking care of the situation. It will not go out of hand.

In the same year, many people who took stealing as their means of livelihood will be caught up within the vicious act.

### BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

This will grow from strength to strength, especially among the black race. More well placed whites will embrace the Brotherhood consciousness.

Many full-time workers might opt out but the work will expand more than expected.

### FELLOWSHIPS:

All the Fellowships of the Brotherhood of the

Cross and Star should see themselves as working in unity towards the same goal - the realisation of the Kingdom which is already here and its revelation to the entire world.

Better days are coming to the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Those who have suffered so far should not give up. They will have cause to smile and thank the Father. Their reward is already here.

### FEAST:

Struggling for feast brings much hardship, sickness and other problems. It is an insult on the Holy Body and

Blood of Christ. This vicious act must stop.

### TITHE AND TITHE BOXES:

Stealing from the tithe box is still going on. Small people have stopped doing so. Those who feel they are privileged in the Bethels are now carrying same out. It must stop.

Direct tithe is right to accord the Father. The more this rite is observed the better for growth in the Spirit and otherwise.

In the Name and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Now and Forevermore. Amen. Thank You Father.

## LOOK, THE WHITES

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As the blacks, the whites also come for ordination.

vision, fornication, adultery and all other vices. They have ignored the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Around 1960, the whites sent two persons down here to meet me. After all you are saying that the whites do not know me, but I want to tell you that they know me much better than

you but one thing that is bothering them is "who shall bell the cat?"

The two emissaries said that it was very shameful and humiliating for the whites to come to the dark continent of Africa to worship God whereas it should be the other way round. In any case, they pleaded pass-

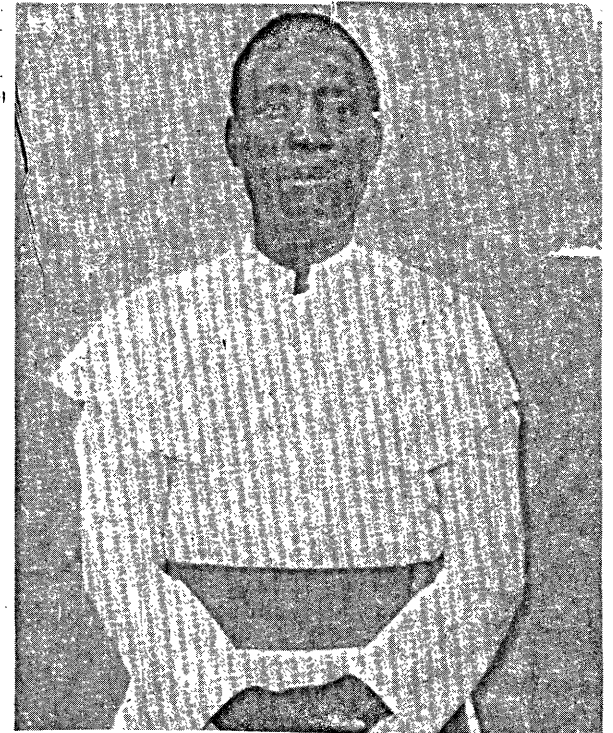
ionately with me that I should move from Africa to come and live in any white man's country of my choice. They promised to abide by any condition I would give them. They offered to accept all my doctrine and to spread same to all parts of the world at any cost.

Similarly, they offered to pay any amount of money I would receive so that I might accept to come and live in the white man's country. They forgot that nobody can bribe God to change His divine will.

I am not as stupid as you are so as to be influenced with mundane things, after all heaven and earth belong to God and the fullness thereof.

I told them that I did not need their money. I would continue to stay in Africa though Africans did not embrace the truth.

For this was the era of the blacks or Africans, for the scriptures said what was done for the Israelites would be done for the Gentiles. For Ethiopia has risen. No matter how diabolical and unbelieving the Africans might be, this was their own time for the Holy Spirit to personify with the black membrane.



Apostle Effiong Orok

## PAINS VANISHED

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ; In the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Now and forever more.

My name is Sister Comfort Boate-moa from Sekyere, Kumasi in Ashanti Region of Ghana. I suffered from heart attack for the past two years.

This sickness

took me to both western medical doctors, necromancers and juju doctors, yet they could not cure me. I sold many of my belongings before I could settle the bills both from medical and native doctors.

When I had no more money and property to sell, I went to almost all

the Spiritual Churches in Ghana. The Pastors, Apostles, Prophets in the Spiritual Churches demanded money and other items for sacrifice. I was not able to meet their demands.

Finally, Prophet Seth Aidoo introduced Brotherhood of the Cross and

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# 'OLUMBA DAUNTED ALL ELEMENTARY POWERS'

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ;

Now and forevermore. Amen.

Dear Brethren, my testimony is one which arises from the great salvation my Lord and Saviour, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, has extended to me from His infinite love and grace.

Fear, they say, is the foundation stone of slavery be it mental, psychological, spiritual or even physical. But Leader Obu is the conqueror of fear. That is how He re-

deemed me.

I was in a friend's house one Thursday in 1979 when I thought I heard a voice telling me that my mother would die on a Thursday. Of course, my friend could not have heard such a voice. I was troubled and had to seek spiritual consultations.

At Cherubim and Seraphim Church, a visioner confirmed the message but said the situation was irreversible. Prayers and fasting proved useless. Whatever was under my power which I thought I could use also proved abortive. But

then, a friend came along with a suggestion that I visit Omoba in Ngwa Local Government Area of Imo State where Spirits came physically everyday to solve the problems of human beings.

Prospective customers were expected to be registered and approved by the spirits before admission for consultations. These I went through before I could come before a spirit called Miss Power who told me all my problems and promised to solve them. But first, I was to pay N408 which was

not handy until my return from my Youth Service at Kaduna.

I received a ring on my second meeting with the spirits only for it to be burnt mysteriously when I reached home. Disappointed and frustrated, I returned to Omoba to meet the spirits, again. Fortunately, it was 'Miss Power' again that I met. She was mad with me though, as the burning of the ring, according to her, affected the spirits' offices in the spiritual world. I replied with series of written apologies to nearly all the spirits in Worlds Two and Three.

The result was forgiveness and another ring. But my problems and those of individual members of our family never subsided though I had registered all of them with the spirits. In fact, I had to return to Omoba for more powers which I had after paying N600.00 to the spirits.

After obtaining this power one of my sisters approached me to join her at Brotherhood of the Cross and Star which I did and got baptised, only for my powers to be burnt again. Quick, I went back to Omoba with another N600.00 to renew my powers with the spirits. Again I got back my ring only to lose it again to fire, this time at Bendel State as I was returning to Lagos. Again, I returned to Omoba to meet the furious spirits. One of them blamed me for allowing the driver who drove me back to Lagos to stop and eat at

Umunede, Bendel State which they described as unholy. Again I went through the process of writing apologies before they agreed to give me another ring.

It was handed over to me on December 23, 1979 after paying another N600.00. But around 2.00 p.m. as I was sleeping at the waiting hall, I dreamt the ring burning. I told the Grand Master about my dream when I woke up. He, however, did not believe me. Later, he wore another ring and opened the case containing my ring, only to discover that it had truly been burnt. He advised me to wait for Madam Kassa from World Three.

It was while I was waiting for Madam Kassa that the Holy Father appeared to me in a reverie. He commanded me to my feet and beat my head thrice pronouncing: "God the Father; God the Son and God the Holy Spirit," at each time. He asked me to hit my forehead thrice on the ground.

On the third count, I saw a girl with a Seal on her forehead. She approached and affixed a similar seal on mine saying: "Only the children of God shall be saved from the imminent destruction of the world because they have got the name of God on their foreheads".

I woke up to meet Madam Kassa a few minutes later. She told me that my case was very peculiar and referred me to Dr. Two, their Leader.

On January 6, 1980, Dr Two landed with a roar that shook the foundation of the house. The following dialogue ensued between her and me. DR TWO: "I am Dr

Two, the Sole Power from Worlds Two and Three and who are you?"

"Christiana Okoli, Madam".

DR TWO: "If I ask your name, you are to tell me who you are."

I: "Christiana Okoli, Madam."

DR TWO: "Is that how you answer your name?" (She wanted my full name).

I: "Sorry Madam, I am Christiana Okoli".

DR TWO: "For three times I have taken pains to prepare powers for you and they have got burnt. I have come down personally to know why my powers have been burning. Okay, Open your palms. (I opened my palms and she examined.)

"Oh no! The reason of your burning powers is from none other but you. It comes from the seal fixed on your forehead by the Sole Spiritual Head of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and the entire Universe before your birth. It is meant to protect you and burn any other power that comes near you.

"You were sent to come and serve God. Your problems arise from non-fulfilment of that assignment."

She beat and shook me thrice as if to force me to kneel down. But as I went on my knees she shook me as if to prevent me.

DR TWO: "Have you forgotten what you saw two days ago?"

I: "Sorry Madam (bowing low), I have forgotten."

DR TWO: "God the Father; God the Son; God the Holy Ghost."

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# 'SICKNESS SHOWED ME THE LORD!'

In the name and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Brethren, before I became a member, I was one of the most bitter opposers of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and most of all, the leadership of Leader O.O. Obu. Infact, I used to describe members and the Leader with such viciously vituperative words that no ear could hear.

But on Sunday, August 24, 1983, while I was returning from Service at

my Church, Mount Zion Mission Church, like Saul on his way to Damascus, the Lord struck. I was crippled and had to be supported (and sometimes carried), home.

At home my brother (husband) had to rush me to his Medical Officer cousin whose diagnosis and treatment proved abortive. Further medical treatments also proved useless. I resorted to spiritual treatment which yielded desired results

when, despite my brother's initial opposition, I was taken to No. 36 Nyong Essien Bethel of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star at Uyo in Cross River State, Nigeria.

There, Jehovah God used the hands of His children to perform wonders. Before I knew it, I had started walking again! And besides, the chronic gonorrhoea that had earlier swollen up my womb had also vanished! Today, I am hale and sound.

I am, therefore, using this medium to appeal to all those who delight in smear-campaign, character assassination and blasphemy against Brotherhood and Leader O.O. Obu to stop forthwith for the Holy Father is an embodiment of love.

Thank You Father.

Sister Mary Etim Sain  
No. 5 Enang Lane  
Oron - Nigeria.



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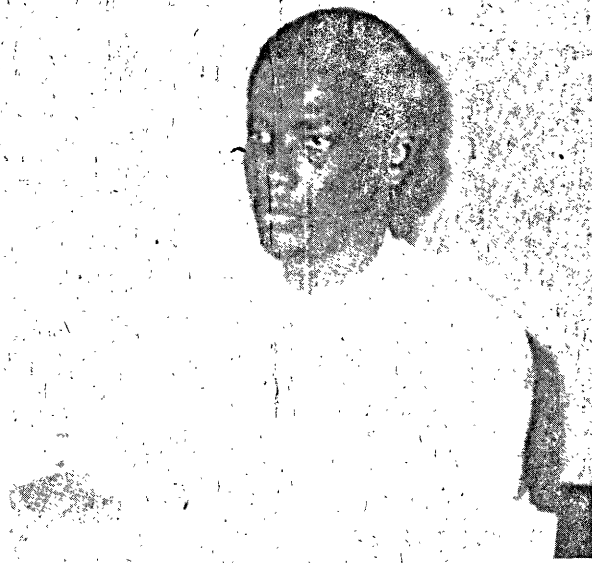
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# NEWS IN PICTURES

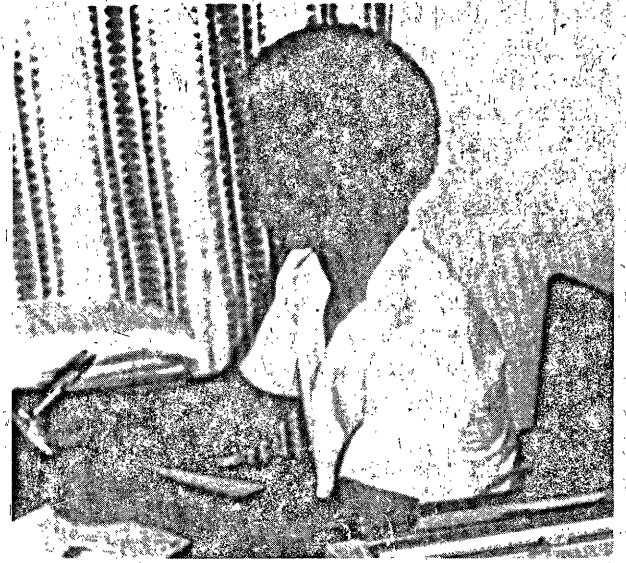
God loves all His children and puts them in His service. Some render direct service while others render their services through various media that link up with Him. In this issue, Herald shows to the world some examples of workers whom Father puts in His direct service in His vestry at No. 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.



Sister Ima Udoh, Clerical Assistant.



Brother Philip N. Amisah, Clerical Assistant.



Brother Augustine Okedu, Secretary/Typist.

## ABOUT CHRIST STUDENT ESTHER OLUGBEMI

Many would wonder how it looks like to physically be with God for at least twelve hours each day. Christ Student Esther Olugbemi, Confidential Secretary to the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O.O. Obu can best tell the story after attending the Holy Spirit personified in this last age for 9 years!

"It isn't a small assignment," said she. "You know, He neither eats, rest nor sleep. And He works tirelessly for twenty four hours a day and twelve Calendar months in a year. That is what you would be expected to do."

Pretty "Queen Esther" (as she is normally fondly referred to by the Holy Fa-



Sister Esther Olugbemi, Leader's Confidential Secretary.

ther), hails from Kwara State of Nigeria. Ebony black in complexion and robust in health inspite of the hectic nature of her assignment is a virgin and a celibate who has foresaken all worldly things inspite of her looks, brains and age to serve God.

"She's a real mother," says one of her workers in the Vestry.

"Nobody could have performed her duties better," comments a white visitor.

Among her functions are: attending to the physical needs of the Holy Father conducting visitors in and out of the physical presence of the Father, organising and arranging the Vestry; taking care of the physical needs of visitors that come to meet the Holy Father.



Sister I.U. Ogbu, Vestry Attendant.



Brother Friday J. Udoh, Gardener.



Brother Emmanuel Ovai, Clerical Assistant.



## TESTIMONY

In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ; In the blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ Now and forever more - Amen.

Brethren in Christ, perhaps you have at one time or the other wondered whether there is, really, life after death. Today, I want to reveal to you that there is. I am also testifying that there is another life besides the one we are living now.

All these were revealed to me between December 1981 and March 1982 when I was sick and finally died in the physical sense. During this time I was taken by the Holy Spirit to the Spiritual World.

Let me begin by letting you know the difference between the carnal and the Spiritual bodies. The carnal body is just like the clothing which we put on. The spiritual body is likened to the person wearing clothes. The wearer is bound to wash the clothes whenever they are dirty and to wear them again when they are clean. When your clothing become too old you have the freedom to dispose of them.

In my own case, saw myself removing my old soutane which represented my carnal body and placing it on my bed and going to lie down in

another bed. And on this other bed I saw people standing around me in white soutane as if ready to give me my last blessings. However, one of them was wearing a black soutane. When he raised up his hands to pray for me, I became engulfed in total darkness.

Next, I heard my coffin being lowered into the grave and the sound of earth falling on it as it was being covered. Before this final rite was performed, the being in black Soutane instructed me to shut my eyes as no one ever died with opened eyes. When I obeyed, I became sore afraid because of the intensity of the darkness.

Then, I found myself in another world, where I sent messages to my brethren through dreams and visions to wash my body and dress me with my best white Soutane. But my brethren could not pick the messages as they only saw my physical body and did not know that I had entered the world of the Spirits.

On the third day of my persistent attempts to make my brethren get my messages, they were able to pick them, to my greatest relief for I was really anxious to meet the Holy Father.

I was finally set

to meet the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe. The venue was none other than the No. 34 Ambo Street Pentecostal Hall in Calabar, Nigeria. I discovered that both the dead and the living worship here. The visioners among the living tried to identify me. But the spirit within me instructed me not to look at their foreheads or let them

# MISSION TO THE WORLD OF THE-SPIRITS

This was during the morning prayers on a Sunday. When Father invited people to give testimony and visions, I left to prepare for the 9.00 a.m. service.

Later, I left the Hall on a sight-seeing tour of the spiritual world. The Holy Spirit showed me the souls of

ning service.

But not for long, for a spirit told me to help tidy up the hall and to run down and prepare to join the Father in service. He did not finish speaking when I was given another assignment - to prophesy to all those present from the four corners of creation, a rare assignment for many.

After the messages, Father spoke to us, advising us to always be very attentive and remain in the hall throughout the period of service to enable them give a full and an accurate report to our various areas. This shows that just as I went to the spiritual world to report back to the living so are there spirits who also report on the living to the Spirits.

Brethren, Brotherhood is the throne of God and everything that happens here is directed and controlled by God. While there, I was made to understand that should a war break out in the earth plane, this fold would not be affected because we are under the direct protection of God.

In the spiritual world the angels render melodious songs unceasingly.

The Pentecostal Hall is a macrocosm

of the entire Brotherhood world. And once inside nobody is expected to go out at random to avoid being polluted just as you in this Kingdom should disassociate yourselves from the world. Besides the Hall is the Supreme Court of Justice.

It is not true that God cannot become man. God is man and man is God. Since God wears man as we wear clothes, just as we remove and wash our clothes when they are dirty, so does God wash us. God washes us through gospels we receive daily.

In the spiritual World, I saw Father holding an iron rod. When the Father raised up the rod all of God's creation in every plane must pay attention to receive the order that He would give.

In times of war when the Iron Road goes up it ceases. God means a spirit which is at the same time man.

The Holy Spirit has made me to understand that He has come down to collect together His Sheep and at the same time to judge them in the end. God is peace, love, patience, humility and all the good virtues.

My testimony is to reveal that God has re-incarnated in this world and people have failed to recognise or understand Him.



By Christ Student Ima Bassey

know, that I was not one of the living. I started to observe carefully the way the dead souls were moving around and took after them.

I joined the students during the time for blessing which easily betrayed me and my assignment in the Hall. Normally, I would not be allowed to go on blessing with the students as they were still alive. That I was allowed to do so meant I was on spying mission.

those who had died. Some had died for two or three days. They were all lying down according to their fellowships: ordained ones, choristers, etc. They were waiting to resurrect and take their normal places, performing their respective functions in the Spiritual World.

A voice asked me to lie down with the rest. I did but could not sleep. I had to kneel down waiting for the Holy Father to commence mor-

## FAREWELL MESSAGE

I have told you before, and I am telling you right now that before I attained the age of five, I had known myself and my mission on earth. I had known everything in the world, and particularly I had known that there was no righteousness person

# 'LOOK, KNOW THE WHITES ME BETTER!'

in the world. I have reiterated that I have nothing to do with even the minutest type of sinfulness.

HEBREW 9:28

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that

look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation".

I did not expect to come and see what I am now seeing in the world in that the prophets, apostles and Jesus the Christ had al-

ready come to put manure around all of you so that you may bear good fruits but the situation of things as we now witness has been diaappointment.

The rate of commission of vices in

the world has reached an alarming proportion. The inhabitants of the world still continue in murder, idolatry, violence, hatred, party-spirit, di-

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ALWAYS READ  
AND ADVERTISE  
IN THE HERALD

To All Brotherhood  
of the Cross and Star Members.

# LAUNCHING! LAUNCHING!! LAUNCHING !!!

**WHAT?**

**HERALD'S SUSTENANCE FUND!**

**WHEN?**

**BETWEEN TODAY AND OCTOBER 30, 1984 AND 25, NOVEMBER 1984.**

**AT WHERE?**

**FIRST PHASE: YOUR BETHEL.**

**SECOND PHASE: NO. 34 AMBO STREET, CALABAR,  
NIGERIA**

**WHY?**

**NOW FOLLOW THIS:**

*We produce Herald at #1.00 (one naira) per copy but sell at 50K (fifty Kobo) to you. This is to enable you afford it for yourself, your family and your friends.*

*But for every one copy sold to you, Herald loses 50k. That means we only realise half the cost of production and depend on charity to produce again.*

*So far, only seven people and the Brotherhood Printing Press have borne this staggering cost. We have discussed this with the Father and He agrees the cost must be borne by all.*

*And now the time has come for you to share in it. Not millions; not thousands of Naira if you cannot afford that. Even two naira, printing materials and equipment, machines, etc, will give a big push. But remember, if you contribute up to twenty naira (#20), your name will be published in Herald.*

*The Leader's Representatives all over the world have been instructed by the Father, to organise the launching in all Bethels under their areas. Your name and contribution will then be forwarded to us.*

*Final launching takes place on November 25, 1984 at the Supreme Headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, Nigeria.*

*Remember, every contribution you make to sustain Herald is a direct service to God.*

*Thank you Father.*



**Leader O. O. Obu**

**LIFE PRESIDENT**



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# EVENTS IN PICTURES



Ever hear the story? A man stays for forty years without putting on clothes! Not barbarism but tradition! Chief Okoi Ewo Onun Ekor the traditional Prime Minister of Aduma, Mkpansi, Obubra Local Government Area of Nigeria's Cross River State is required by custom never to put on clothes throughout his lifetime. But finally he did last Monday October 9, 1984 when the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O.O. Obu supplied him with a new white soutane. Picture shows Chief Ekor in his traditional form (left) and he donning his new tunic (right).



Recently, the enlarged Practical Students Fellowship, Cross River State (Nigeria) Zone was launched at No. 34 Ambo Headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Pictures show (above) some members of the Executive Committee of the Fellowship and (below) members of the Zone.



Oh! When shall Jesus come to save me.

The Tabernacle of God is with men. Hallelujah!

Rev. 21.3

News The unbelievers expect Christ to fall from the sky.

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## DEDICATION OF THE ₦39,897.56 HALL AT UMUNEDE UTE OKPU ROAD BETHEL IN OTOLOKPO, IKA L.G.A. OF BENDEL STATE ON SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 1984.

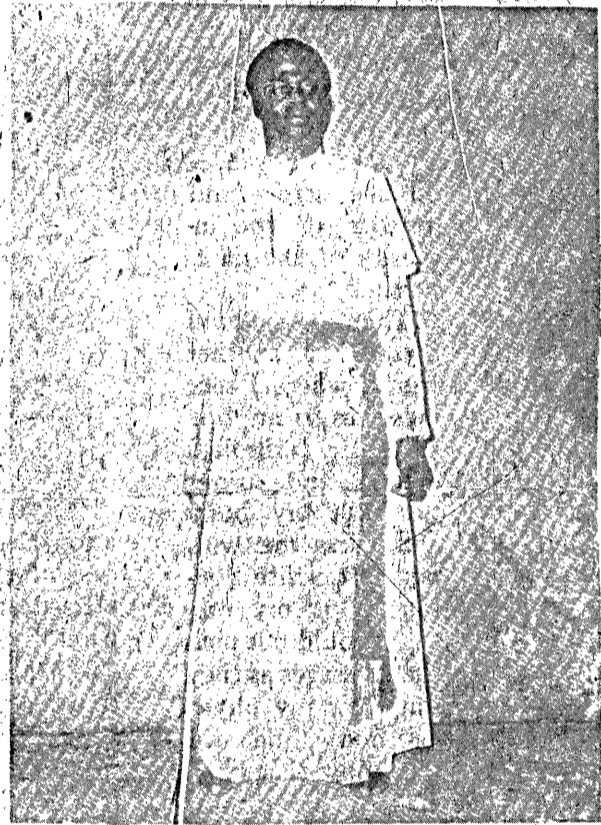
Let thanks, praises and honour be given to the Almighty God in the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All members, bethels, organisations and well-wishers in the Universe are requested to join others in the dedication of a new bethel, built at the cost of N39,895.56 which occasion will be also launching of a N15,000 (fifteen thousand naira) Full-time Workers' Quarters' Fund on Saturday, November 24 and a thanksgiving Service on Sunday November 25, 1984 at Umunede Ute Okpu Road, Otolokpo in Ika Local Government Area of Bendel State, Nigeria.

The Planning Committee of the above projects and ceremonies appeals to all generous bodies, organisations, churches, other social bodies and individuals for generous donations in cash and kind to enable it execute the projects successfully.

The Holy Father has also called on all the blessed children of God who have been thinking on what to do in appreciation of what Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has done for them to donate generously for the completion of the project.

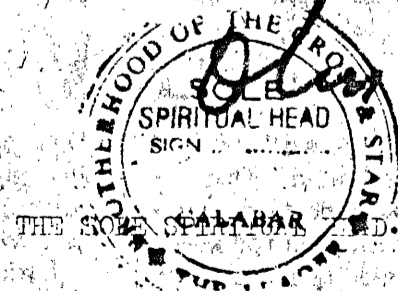
Therefore, donations in cash, cheques, crossed money orders, postal orders, bank draft and building materials are to be directed to Pastor J. O. Elue; P. O. Box 26, Agbor, Bendel State on or before the above dates.



Pastor J.O. Elue

The Holy Father is pleased with Pastor J.O. Elue for erecting the advertised bethel and the full-time workers' quarters. It is expected that others will be encouraged to emulate Pastor Elue and others before him.

THANK YOU FATHER;



THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD.

# FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

## WHAT IS CROSS ?

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make ourselves servants unto people is so that we may draw them away from their sinful ways. When we must have done this, we have drawn them nearer unto ourselves. Though we are not under any suffering, we must endure other people's sinful ways so that they may be saved.

You can now see why we accommodate all kinds of people, though they may be false accusers, false persecutors. Unless we allow the wicked man to torment us for righteousness' sake we cannot be true Cross-bearers. If Christ did not allow Himself to be tortured, there could have been no salvation to mankind, and the world would have been lost.

Let deceivers go on deceiving us; let false accusers continue to accuse us; let us suffer afflictions and tribulations. Let rogues continue to steal our things.

### CHRIST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END

When preaching, you should embody Christ's sufferings, His resurrection and His glory; preach also about His advice to the whole world, His preachings from house to house; and preach that He is the only King, and that Pilate himself had wanted to release Him. Gospel means nothing but Jesus and His sufferings, death and glory, so if someone should ask you the mean-

ing of Cross say, it is our Lord Jesus Christ - His sufferings, crucifixion, death, resurrection and eternal glory. It does not require one with a University degree to understand this.

From Genesis to Revelation you will read of nothing else except this. You will read of Him who redeemed you from sin and why He was nailed on the Cross? All this was because of our sins. Did He then die so that we may continue to sin? The answer is 'NO', He died so as to redeem us for God. So you can see that Jesus Christ is the beginning, the mediator, and the end of all things from His conception to His birth, and from His birth to His death. Mary was a virgin before she became conceived.

### JESUS CHRIST, THE HEALING POWER

So if we now do not preach about Him it means that we are not yet ready to be His disciples. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star means those who preach about Jesus Christ - His birth, His sufferings, and His death. In fact there is no other thing that we can use to heal the sick or raise the dead except the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you refuse to know this truth you are lost, for He is the one who had made us to be called the children of God. His sufferings and death have redeemed us from our sins and have given us eternal life, thus revealing the glory of

God and so made people stand firm and believe in God. You are not to preach about the Roman Catholic or Presbyterian or about any other human being. If you preach about them, are they Jesus, were they the man nailed

free of charge and feeding them at the same time.

When the Pharisees brought to Christ a woman who committed adultery for punishment, He said to them that anyone who had never committed sin should

*"What is Cross? Cross means bearing another man's burden without complaining, tolerating all kinds of sinners - the murderers, the thieves, the back-biters."*

*"If you stand firm with Christ without fighting back your accusers, whenever you are accused falsely or spat upon or jeered at, disgraced and insulted without a just cause; if you are informed that someone had planned to shoot you and you fail to run away when he aims at you to shoot, then you are carrying the Cross."*

on the Cross? Don't preach about yourselves too, for you were not the one nailed on the Cross.

Brethren no matter what you do, if you fail to preach the sufferings, the death and the glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ all will be in vain. The preaching of our Lord Jesus is so powerful because He was born as a King but He humbled Himself unto death. He was born in a manger; all of us have houses but Christ had none hence His saying that the birds of the air had nests but the Son of Man had nowhere to put His head. He went from house to house, in forests and on the sea shore preaching the gospel, healing people

stone her and when they heard this they left the woman and went away, one after the other.

The significance of all these is that we should put on the new clothes of forgiveness and follow His way of living because His life is the only pattern for us to emulate. That is why it is imperative that we should always preach about Him only.

### CHRIST'S LIFE IS A SHINING EXAMPLE

Brethren there is nothing else for us to preach about except Jesus. You will notice that from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul, Peter and others preached about our Lord Jesus Christ. If you don't tell

people about your father and what he did, how can you inherit his estate or please him. So when you preach about Christ you will not only preach but you will be filled with His power as well; so wherever you are speaking don't forget Jesus; when moving on the road and even when advising people remind them about the sufferings and the hu-

manity of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are advising a woman who is longing for a child just remind her that Jesus who is our Lord had no issue. If you are advising anybody lamenting for a wife just remind him that Jesus had no wife, anybody who laments about not having a box of clothes remind him that Our Lord had none.

you helped turns round to pay you back in bad coins, just remember that it was those that Christ healed free of charge who went back to stone Him. Remember that when He asked them whether they came to stone Him and they answered in the affirmative He was kind enough to heal them. Tell me if there is any other person who has suffered so much. Why then should we not preach about Jesus. So brethren if you don't preach Jesus you cannot follow me. If you preach Abraham who married many wives and had landed properties and earthly riches, if you preach David who was a sinner I will not follow you. If you don't preach about Jesus and His sufferings I will not follow you, because those things happened so that we may follow His example. This life of our Lord Jesus is like a plan for us to follow and build our lives. It is like a mirror for us to look and redress ourselves.

There were so many beautiful women in those days but He remained single so that He may be able to redeem you and I. He washed the feet of the disciples the dirtiest part of a human body and left an example for us to follow.

So Brethren let us now preach about Jesus and the Cross, for Jesus is the Cross and is the Power that we see in Brotherhood today.

Those who have ears to hear let them hear, may the Lord bless the preaching of His holy word. Amen!

It was an uncommon sight for a man to be nailed on the Cross as this was the worst form of death and a typical disgrace. If someone accuses you falsely remember our Lord Jesus Christ who was holy and righteous had agreed to suffer shame on the Cross.

If someone that

# BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

LEADER'S OFFICE, 34 AMBO STREET, P.O. BOX 49, CALABAR.

Circular to All Members, Bethels, And the Entire Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the World

Dear Brethren,

## NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO PEACE BOARD FOR FULL-TIME WORKERS

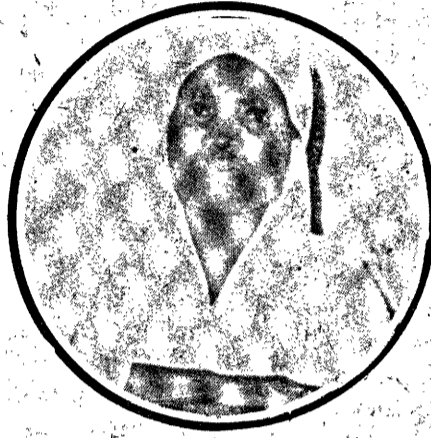
This is to inform all of you that I have set up a Peace Board as from today September 5, 1984 with the following as members,



Sir. Pastor O. Ebongo  
Leader's Representative



C/Student U.U. Ekpenyong  
Chairman



C/Student J.O. Arikpo  
Secretary



C/Student I. Akpakpan  
Executive Member



C/Servant E.E. Emah  
Vice Chairman/Asst. Secretary



Leader O.O. Obu  
Sole Spiritual Head of B.C.S.



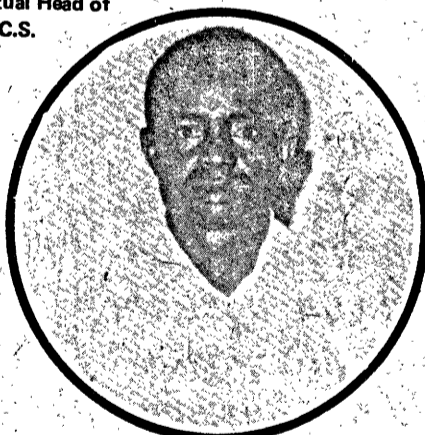
C/Student E. Olugbemi  
Executive Member



C/Student O.T. Okon  
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C/Servant S.N. Orim  
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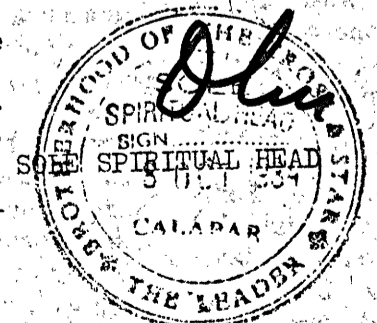
### FUNCTIONS:

To monitor the affairs of Christ's Students, Christ's Servants and other full-time workers in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

To handle all reports concerning these categories of workers. Therefore all complaints affecting them should be forwarded to this Board, first before they go to the Father.

I, once again, wish to warn bethels against picking up people on the road and employing them as preachers for themselves. Send away anybody who comes to you as a full-time worker without the current year's preaching authority from the Leader's office.

May the Grace of Our Lord remain and abide with you all. Amen.



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**WHAT IS CROSS ?**



*Leader O. O. Obu*

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Some people think that to give alms means carrying the Cross; others think that to heal the sick by praying means carrying the Cross. Many others think that to pray for yourself three times a day means carrying the Cross; yet another class of people think that to

pay tithes, freewill offering and charity means carrying the Cross. Cross has been made into different forms. Some hang it around their necks, some hang it on their doors. Do all these make up the Cross that Christ says we should carry?

We all know that Christ fell down with the Cross as he was carrying it to Calvary. Does carrying the Cross then mean that piece of wood that He carried. Without the Cross the world would not have been saved. The Cross is light and it also heavy. For the world to be in perfect peace, each of us should agree to carry the Cross.

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By what means does one convert a smoker, a snuffer, a fornicator, a thief, a murderer, a back-biter, or a liar? It is by carrying the Cross. If we all should decide today to take up the Cross, the sins of the world

would vanish immediately.

Then what is the Cross? Is it vision and prophecy; building of houses for people; giving food to people; buying dresses for people?

If Jesus had only healed and prophesied without carrying the Cross His work could have come to nothing.

**IT MEANS BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDEN**

If you hire bicycles for brethren going on Ministry work to make their job less difficult you are not carrying the Cross. Cross is not huge as you might have imagined. It is very small; it is light but it is very heavy.

What is the Cross? Cross means bearing another man's burden without complaining; tolerating all kinds of sinners the murderers, the thieves, the back-biters etc.

If you stand firm with Christ without fighting back your accusers whenever you are accused falsely or being spat

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If you move with a cunning man without hurting his feelings for being tricky and crafty; if you can stay with a notorious liar very happily without stiring up his anger when he tells you a lie; when one persecutes you falsely and seeks to destroy your life by all means yet you tolerate him wholeheartedly, you are carrying the real Cross.

**The Turning Point In Saul's Life**

Saul was the greatest enemy of Christ. He travelled from place to place, intimidating the Christians. He took permission from the high priest to go from Church to

Church to arrest, imprison and to kill Christ's followers. He witnessed the stoning to death of Stephen and took custody of his garments.

But on that fateful day, on his way to Damascus, Christ knocked him cold on the ground. He was flat on his face and could not move an inch when he heard a voice saying "Saul, Saul, why persecuted thou me?"

He answered, "who art thou Lord." And the voice said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest". He trembled and asked Jesus what He would want him do. The Lord told him to rise and go into the city. There he would be told what to do. Those who travelled with him to Damascus were shocked for hearing only a voice without seeing anybody. Saul rose from the ground a completely blind man. He was led by hand into the city of Damascus.

There, Jesus told one Ananias, a disciple, to go into the street called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus. But Ananias told Jesus that Saul had been very much against Christ, especially his Saints. Ananias told Jesus that Saul had authority from the Chief priest to have all those who call on the name of Jesus bound.

What did Jesus tell Ananias? He told him to go his way for He had chosen Saul as a vessel unto Himself to bear His name before the Gentiles and Kings and the children of Israel.

If Saul had seen Jesus face to face he could have killed him if it were possible. Jesus caught him red handed and did not kill him but made him a vessel unto himself.

When you stay with a wicked person, allow him to fi-

nish playing his wickedness because if you stop him when he has not yet finished it, you are blocking his salvation. That cunning man who tricks you daily must be allowed to continue in his profession until he comes to his wits-end.

That liar who lies to you everyday must not be forced to stop lying until he does so by himself or how can he be saved? You have to tolerate them all. This is what is meant by carrying the Cross.

If you can rejoice in tribulation and humiliation; if you can tolerate abuses from people, be they young or old, then you are carrying the Cross. When people have bargained to get you involved in any trouble, yet you continue to treat each of them as your friend, rendering to them any necessary help that each may demand; continue to bring them nearer and nearer to yourself; this is Cross bearing.

Though you may know that nearer you go the more death stares at you, yet you are giving them life. Finally, the power of life in you will kill the evil ways in them and you will have given them life. This is carrying the Cross.

If you cannot carry the Cross you cannot convert an evil doer. If you get annoyed with him you have failed in your duty as a Cross bearer. It requires determination and endurance without complaining. As a

Cross bearer, you must always be prepared for the worst, all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Lesson 1 Cor. 4:12

*"And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless, being persecuted, we suffer it."*

When you are accused falsely and you bless such a person; when one assassinates your character and you bless him; when one hates you without reason and you bless him; when you do not complain for being painted black; when you go on your knees to ask God to forgive your enemies wholeheartedly, you are carrying the Cross.

When one wrongs you and you see that because of his pride you may fall apart, you go to him and tell him that you have offended him instead and

ask for forgiveness, you are carrying the Cross of Christ. You can now understand what the Cross means. Without this kind of Cross you cannot convert a single Soul. This is the Cross I am asked to preach to you.

When you smile at every persecution, smile at false accusations; when you continue to do good in the midst of strong temptations; When you are hated because of the good things you have done, yet you are not discouraged, you are carrying the Cross.

**THE SENTENCE.**

If you built a house for a man and instead of him being appreciative of it he turns round to abuse you. If you repay him in the same disgraceful way, you have willfully dropped your Cross. If you drive him away from the

house, your sin becomes greater than his. If you give out your house for rent and because your tenant does not pay his rent, you eject him from the house, you have not even lifted up the Cross.

If you see a thief in your house, and you shout thief, thief, without allowing him to achieve his objective, you are not carrying the Cross. You may say that this is humanly impossible. But I tell you that it is humanly possible. This is the only way you can carry the Cross. When you have him arrested and imprisoned have you stopped him from stealing? This method in the end will make him a hardened criminal. You have not changed him.

**ARGUMENT THAT WILL NOT HELP**

If somebody comes to you with one naira and tells you that it is only thirty kobo, do not start any argument with him. Agree that it is only thirty kobo, even when you know it is one Naira. You do not gain anything through argument. In the end you will still be wiser. Because after some time, he would get at his wit-end. It is there that he would know that he had been making a fool of himself.

If someone comes to tell you that he has refrained from all manner of sins, don't ask him any question, just agree, for sooner or later you will know whether he had refrained from sin without any loss of face. Do not say that you are good when you are not. This may make your

cross burdensome. Do not look for life for you may lose it. Allow yourself to be persecuted, accused falsely or disgraced. The more you suffer these things the more you see the glory of God in you.

Supposing by shouting thief thief, he cuts off your head or have you completely maimed, who is at a loss?

By simply asking him to steal what he wanted you have set his mind thinking; moreso when you tell him that you are prepared to help him carry the stolen load out. He may come to his senses and may be ashamed of himself; he may even confess to you why he had come to steal; he may become converted because you have not wounded his pride. From that simple but unbelievable sentence, "Steal what you want to steal" you have done the greatest work in the sight of God.

**2ND LESSON: 1 COR. 4:10**

*"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body"*

**"WHY NOT DEFEND YOURSELF" SAID PILATE.**

Pilate said to Jesus: "have you nothing to say in defence against the accusations heaped on you?" Jesus did not do anything that to take up the Cross and resign Himself completely to Providence. This put an end to the unnecessary struggle to save His life. When you witness false accusations, false persecutions and disgrace, do not apply world-

ly wisdom. Because by struggling to save your life you may lose it.

It requires complete resignation to God for by counting your life as lost will you regain it. That is God's wonderful way. Your faith in carrying the Cross will reveal the Christ in you to your persecutors and false-accusers. If you can endure false allegations and put up bright countenance both within and without don't you think people will call you Jesus?

There is no other Christ apart from enduring evil, tolerating fornicators, adulterers, back-bi-

ters, murderers, thieves etc., and you have won their souls. Though it is not a simple thing to do carnally, with complete resignation to God you have nothing to worry about. You gain nothing by driving them away, they gain nothing by being separated from you; you cannot stay alone for a tree cannot make a forest, but you gain everything by accommodating them. Put on the life of Jesus Christ

**JUDAS BEING REPORTED TO JESUS**

and you can do everything you want to do. What kind of Cross are you carrying when you get flared up by the slightest provocation. When Peter, James and John told Jesus that Judas Iscariot was keeping the harlots happy with the money from their common purse, Jesus did not flare up. Before he was made the treasurer, Christ had known Judas well because Jesus had the power of reading the heart of all human beings. If Jesus had decided on any line of

today can carry the Cross? If we cannot carry the Cross how can we promote the work of God?

Jesus knew before Judas decided to betray Him. To prove it He told His disciples that one of them would betray Him. If it were you, you would have sought for a way to kill Judas. But for the sake of the Cross, Jesus allowed Judas to accomplish his aim.

When you see a thief coming to steal your clothes and you allow him to steal them you are carrying the Cross. If you chase him out you are ob-

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GOLDEN TEXT: 1COR. 9:19  
*"For, though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more"*

BE SERVANTS UNTO OTHERS

The main reason why we should

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