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Bridging the Gap with Delight, Florence and Ezechi Iwuagwu

Reflections: *So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Cor 4:1-2*

Dear Friends,

Greetings of God's peace and grace to you, and more especially to you in Nigeria who are experiencing troubles on many fronts and as Nigeria recently slipped into recession. God is faithful and He is in absolute control. I want to say a very big "thank you" for your prayers for us, your love and partnership, as we labour together to train ministers in faithful bible preaching through Expository Preaching training.

Over this summer, I was away on ministry visits to the UK and South Africa, while Florence and Delight ceased the opportunity to travel to visit some family members in Aba, in the eastern part of Nigeria. They are doing well. Delight did very well in her term class exams and would be going to Primary 2 as they resume sometime in September. She is looking forward to it.

Florence has been working hard on the practical sides regarding the College's resumption for the 2016/2017 College session on September 19th. It has been slow, but steady progress.

My trip to the UK was very fruitful as I began with attending the Evangelical Ministries Assembly (EMA) at the Barbican, in central London. The central emphasis this year was to encourage ministers to persevere in faithful service to the LORD amidst challenges and mixed ministry results and expectations. I was graciously hosted by a Nigerian family friend in their home and I am very grateful to them.

I had the opportunity of visiting some of our partner Churches and where it was not possible for me to visit some churches because of time constraints; I met up with the ministers, over meals. It was a time to share the progress of the work, testify to God's graciousness, the joys and challenges and most importantly, to thank them for their support and partnership with us through these years. We also shared the joys and

challenges of faithful gospel ministry in an increasingly liberal Church environment in the UK. We had time to pray for each other.

One truth that continued to ring out throughout, is found in 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2, that God has called us to faithfulness in life and ministry as we trust Him with our lives, our concerns and the results. What an encouragement this is! I pray that you all, our friends would take this reminder to heart and be encouraged too.

I moved from the UK to South Africa to visit the Johannesburg Bible College. The family of Dr Nat Schluter (Principal), the staff and the students made me feel very welcome and hosted me graciously. It was a huge blessing as there were lots of lessons I learned from them- their experiences, the College and ministry in South Africa. Some of these lessons I hope to implement as we resume for the 2016/2017 session. We pray that our friendship and partnership would continue to grow and flourish. Hopefully, we would be having a JBC staff visit our College (ABC) sometime within the College year.

Pray for all it would require for this to happen. Though the trip was hectic, I was well looked after by my kind hosts and I had a bit of time to "rest".

We already have 12 students signed up for the next session which is great!

Labouring with you in Christ' Service,

Delight, Florence & Ezechi Iwuagwu

PRAYER POINTS

Praise God with us for the following:

- ❖ For the successful completion of the 2015/2016 session
- ❖ For the 12 students who have signed up for the session
- ❖ For health, protection, strength and travelling mercies for Florence, Delight and Ezechi
- ❖ For all the guest lecturers who were able to come out to teach for us

Please pray for these:

- ❖ For peace and security in Nigeria.
- ❖ For Christians who are persecuted by Muslims in Northern Nigeria
- ❖ For safety as the students travel to resume for the ABC course this year.
- ❖ For visas for our International students, especially, for Eric Onyango (Kenya) and Adriano Mbeckah (Gambia).
- ❖ For wisdom for me as I try to put to work some of the lessons I learnt from my visit to JBC.
- ❖ For wisdom, grace and greater commitment for our guest Lecturers.
- ❖ Pray for financial resources for the students who may be struggling with funds as a result of the recession.
- ❖ For sincerity and wisdom for Nigeria's leadership in their efforts to cushion the impact of the recent recession and quickly move Nigeria to health and economic prosperity. Thank you again for being there.

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