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Greetings in the love of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Following the e mail from my brother in Christ in the mission department of All Saints Liverpool Mr. JimHuthwaite on the mission between Awobia church in Adusi Parish and All Saints Liverpool, I have compiled this report to give.

In the report I would like to thank All Saints Liverpool for preaching a touching gospel to our congregations in the different churches, to the patients at the health centre and our communities. This has left a legacy for All Saints to date and our people are eager to receive YOU back here again.

My brother in the Lord JimHuthwaite in his e mail made some concerns on issues that may require prayer. They included;

1. Brief information about my family and I. I am Rev. Alex Opio a minister in Adusi parish and am married to one Liberty Opio. We have five children – three boys and two girls. Their names in the line of birth; Genrwoth Larry, Yioyic Shiphrah, Beroparwoth Devote, Yonikristo Epiphany and Waculango Jalar Ethan. The latest born was named Ethan by Rev. Philip Saltmarsh and Ethan is attached to Rev. Phil's family. Four of them are already school going children apart from Ethan. In the attachments are photos of the family.





2. Information about the construction of the church at Awobia. I believe he needs to know the far we have gone with it. I would like to thank All Saints Liverpool for the support they gave us in holding our hands. Together we have gone the far you see in the photos below. We are looking forward to starting putting the shutters and wall plastering. The budget for these shall be forwarded to All Saints Liverpool for prayer.



3. Information about the school at Awobia church Adusi Parish Zeu. Surely due to low level of education among our people and the high drop out rate of our children especially girl child from primary schools, we saw the need to start up a secondary school to encourage our children take education beyond primary level. Our research confirmed that lack of a nearby secondary school has stopped our children to see the beauty of education beyond primary level. We are sure as the school is taking a reality direction our children shall see light in education. In attachments below are the far we have gone with the temporary school construction.



My brother JimHuthwaite did ask me of what my needs are in the ministry while All Saints look forward to supporting me in the ministry. He also asked me weather we still need money, yes we do. Surely, whatever help All Saints gives to support me in ministry I greatly appreciate. We still need the money in line with the prayer requests below;

1. The church construction is yet incomplete and we are not sitting down here to see the work goes to completion. I request All Saints to continue to stand with us in prayer as you have been doing towards the construction work.
2. The school project is very essential and we only have a temporary structure for the school. Pray with us for a permanent structure. The extent the Lord shall do through your hand, we will appreciate.
3. Thirdly is prayer for my family sustainability that divides me between ministry and family needs especially fees of my children. Pray the Lord blesses me in the struggle for fees for my children.

The above are the prayer requests I have seen All Saints church can continue to put to our God for fulfilment. I believe the Lord shall answer us as we pray in truth.

These prayer requests shall address the challenges I have in my ministry. The challenges are listed below;

1. Failure of Awobia church to embark on other construction projects such as permanent houses for the lay reader, guest houses, kitchens and toilets. There are people around Awobia church who do not pray. Many people shall love to worship in the church due to its beauty. Many people can get evangelised due to the beauty of the locality of Awobia.
2. The school shall gain ground for existence. The low education level of our people shall be improved by encouraging our children to acquire education beyond now. High drop out from schools shall reduce. Teen age pregnancies shall reduce and more girls shall remain at school.
3. Struggling with family needs especially fees for my children has always created imbalance in my duties. This (my sustainability) if answered by God shall make me stable in ministry.

Rev. Bob asked me to compile a report about covid – 19 and its impacts on the ministry we do here. Well I have this brief to

COVID– 19 VERSES CHRISTIANITY IN ADUSI PARISH mention about covid – 19.

Covid – 19 is a pandemic that came to the world through sources we are not sure of in Africa. We started to hear about the disease in December 2019 from the republic of China. We realised the pandemic is a world problem on 18 March, 2020 when the President of the republic of Uganda declared total lockdown of the nation in which schools, churches, markets, arcades, public transport, sports, bars, funerals and others were either closed completely or restricted to few people. Here in Adusi Christians did not see any problem in the lockdown until its effects started to bite them. They felt the pandemic in many ways that is they were not infected but affected then Covid – 19. Covid – 19 pandemic affected our people physically, socially, economically and above spiritually.

THE PHYSICAL RELATED PROBLEMS OF COVID – 19 PANDEMIC.

The physical problems of covid – 19 were derived from the social, economic and spiritual aspects of the lockdown but mainly the economic aspect.

Economically, when boarders, markets and other businesses were closed people lost domestic income while prices slightly hiked up. This brought in stress, poor feeding and eventually poor health in many homes especially with lactating mothers and children.

There were starvations in many homes where the members depended mainly on market income.

THE SOCIAL RELATED PROBLEMS OF COVID – 19 PANDEMIC.

Socially, our people very much desire to live together for sharing plans, work and support themselves during problems. This was however changed by covid – 19 when people were instructed to live as individual homes. They became poor and started to starve. Stigma took over in the lives of many people who could not survive as they used to and as were known by many people of them.

Social sharing and gathering were stopped and scenarios like death cases became a real stress for people who faced them.

Domestic violence became a real tragedy as demand of household members could not be met at the end of the day. This damaged marriages – separations and divorces became eminent in homes. This finally subjected children to damages such as child headed homes and child labour.

THE ECONOMIC RELATED PROBLEMS OF COVID – 19 PANDEMIC

The lockdown had serious economic problems in the lives of our people. Businesses were disabled for our people and family survival became difficult for families. People survived minus some essential necessities due high prices.

Lack of stable finances in homes over the lockdown period was the basis for violence, separations, divorces, child labour and child headed homes.

The most vulnerable ones were thought of and some reliefs were given to them as in attachments.

However too many homes who deserved it were not covered due to shortage of foodstuffs.

Offertory in churches reduced drastically and yet servants would get some soap over the month from offertory. This means servants will have to work with any penny to survive on soon. Some Christians do not understand why they should give anything to the church over the lockdown.

THE SPIRITUAL RELATED PROBLEMS OF COVID – 19 PANDEMIC

This is the worst affected aspect of life by covid – 19. Here in Adusi we say covid – 19 though killing believers and nonbelievers of Jesus Christ is a direct attack planned by the devil on the church. This is the period the devil raised his banner high. So many unbecoming immoral behaviours shot up over this period. They included the following;

1. High level of teen age prignancies and marriages. Many girls who were of school going age will not return to schools after the lockdown is lifted. Parents are nursing failures of their daughters since girls are better kept by teachers at schools.
2. Too many conflicts in homes which resulted into breakages of marriages. Wives demanded for normal upkeep of family affairs from their husbands who were not at work. The constant demands would always result into violence at homes.
3. Thefts in homes and gardens were seen due to lockdown. People who could not survive resorted to stealing from available chances of materials.
4. Ministry became difficult for me as churches were deployed in homes. It was hard and hectic to determine the spiritual level of Christians in all homes. Support to church programs were all weakened and stalled.
5. Many Christians took to the gardens to work even on Sundays because they were unable to lead services on their own or they lack radios. Others went because their faith was fading very fast as there was no fellowship to strengthen them in spirit.

I therefore confirm there were problem encountered with covid – 19 pandemic among Christians.

Friends, these are some of the information I can give about the ministry am doing in Adusi especially Awobia church. Praying for everyone at All Saints and greetings.

May the Lord bless everyone at All Saints Liverpool.

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