LUX IN TENEBRIS

NIGERIA MISSION TRIP REPORT

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THANK YOU!

Our commitment to supporting the preaching of the true gospel in Nigeria by providing sound biblical resources is a reality every step of the way thanks to your partnership.

One of the steps we took this year towards an effective ministry in Nigeria was to hire our first staff, a country director in Nigeria who will be coordinate all our work on the ground. Though his start date is January 2023, he has been a volunteer staff member for LIT helping with logistics and distribution which has helped us greatly to reach more pastors and believers in Nigeria. He will also work to get written feedback from the pastors who received the Global Pastor Book set and conduct interviews with as many as are available. Their feedback will be sent to you our partners as soon as we have them.

In addition, we now have a small storage facility in Lagos, Nigeria, thanks to our Country Director. This will allow us to store, sort, and plan distributions across Nigeria for shipments received in Lagos.

Finally, we have plans on the way to set up a printing press in Nigeria to print sound biblical literature. This will reduce the expensive cost of shipping books yearly. We will be sharing more on this with you. We are praying and trusting the Lord for funds & support for this project.

Thank you for trusting this very young ministry, and we look forward to what the Lord will have us do together in 2023 and beyond.

LAGOS - SOVEREIGN GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

The most populous city in Africa, home to Sovereign Grace Bible Church a 1689 reformed Baptist church, was my first stop. I preached on the Lord's Day from the book of Jonah in a sermon titled "Jonah – A lesson on the Sovereign Grace of God". This was well received, with feedback from members of the church on how the sermon helped them to see Christ in the book of Jonah.

GRACE AND TRUTH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Lux In Tenebris has been supporting the seminary for almost a year with both financial and material resources. I also had the opportunity to teach an Introduction to Biblical Theology course to first- and second-year students during my visit. It sought to help the students provide an introductory understanding of the overarching message of the bible and its application to pastoral ministry and church life.

YOUNG PEOPLE CONFERENCE

I was invited as a guest speaker to the first Reformed Conference for young people with the theme "**Doctrines of Grace for Life**". I was asked to speak on how a proper understanding of the doctrines of Grace is essential to our prayer life. My goal was to help these young university students see prayer, not as a ritual but as a duty they should delight in before the Lord. I also answered the question "If God is sovereign, why should I pray?".

Please pray for these students, that their faith will be unwavering and that they will seek to proclaim the truth of the gospel in grace. Some have been excommunicated from their home churches for their stance on scripture alone and for espousing reformed theology.

In addition, a fellow brother named Pastor Malamundo of Antioch Baptist Church of Malawi and I met with about twenty (20) young men who have a desire for Pastoral Ministry, about which we encouraged and prayed with them. We also plan to work with an Elder at Sovereign Grace Bible Church, Lagos, to set up a monthly Biblical Stewardship meeting with them. Please pray that we will follow through and that the effort will bear much fruit.

Finally, due to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to purchase and hand out free copies of Ligonier's "**A Field Guide on False Teaching**" to these university students. Please pray it would help them further in their pilgrimage as Christians as they navigate competing false theologies around them.

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We Exist to Support True Gospel Work in Nigeria
We envision the church in Nigeria and Africa transformed by the work of faithful gospel ministers who are passionate about Christ and his word.
Our mission is to help spread the preaching of the true gospel of Christ in Nigeria by facilitating the provision of financial support to reformed churches, theological outreaches such as seminaries, pastoral training, and all efforts that are aimed at Sound Biblical Education.
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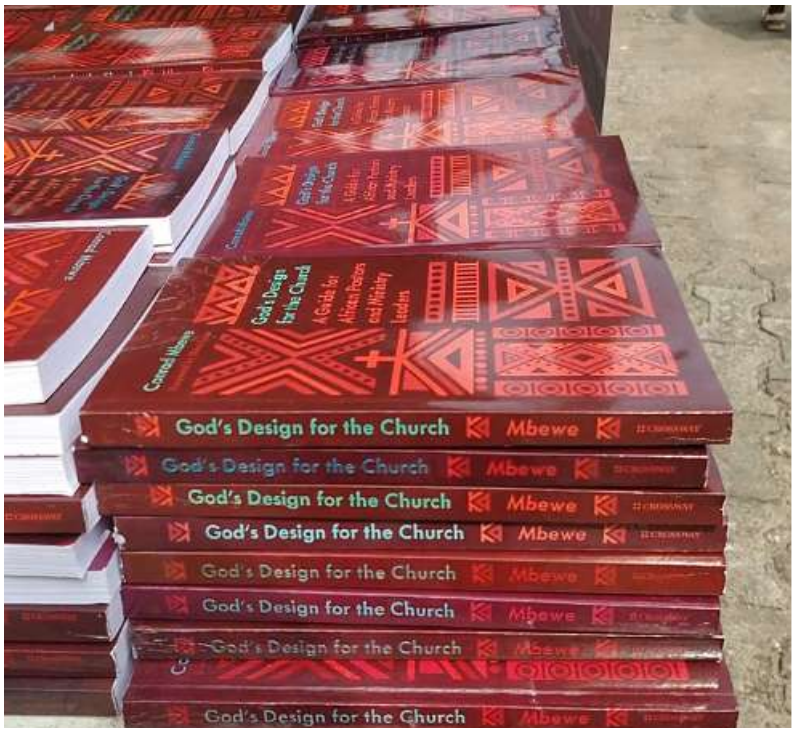
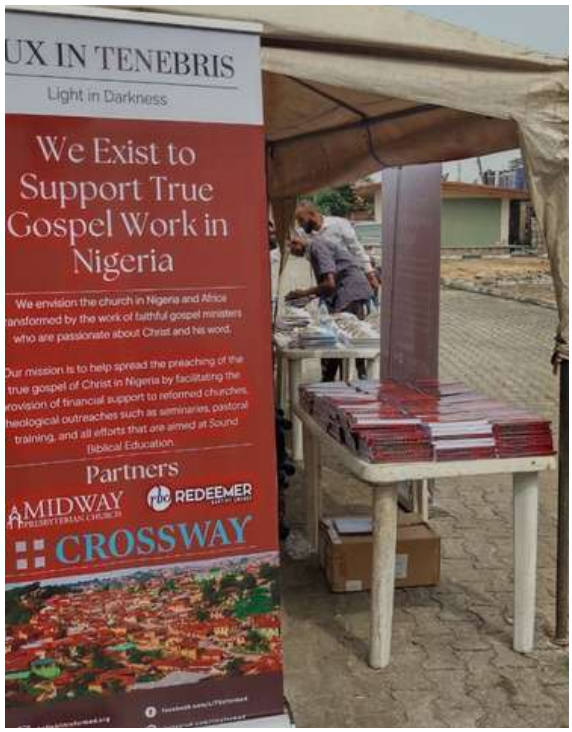
LAGOS BIBLE CONFERENCE

This is the annual reformed conference in Lagos Nigeria. LIT supported the conference financially by paying for the conference space and donated copies of Conrad Mbewe's book "**God's Design for the Church**" courtesy of our partner, Crossway Publishing, each attendee got a free copy of the book. 150 copies of the book were also shipped to Trinity Baptist Church Abuja for the Abuja Bible Conference scheduled for December.





INTERVIEW AT THE BIBLICALLY SPEAKING SHOW

I was invited as a guest on the Biblically Speaking Show, a Nigerian YouTube Channel devoted to discussing topical issues on the Christian faith from the lens of scripture. In this two-session episode of 30 minutes per each, we discussed questions such as "Why grace?", "How do we enjoy the grace of God?", "If God is loving, why is there evil?" and "How can we love like God?". Please pray that all who listen to these answers would be edified and know God's grace abundantly. Please also pray for the hosts at the Biblical Speaking Show for God to continue to bless their efforts as they combat false teachings in Nigeria and proclaim the true Gospel of Christ via their YouTube channel.

FIRSTLOVE MISSIONS ON EKO FM RADIO

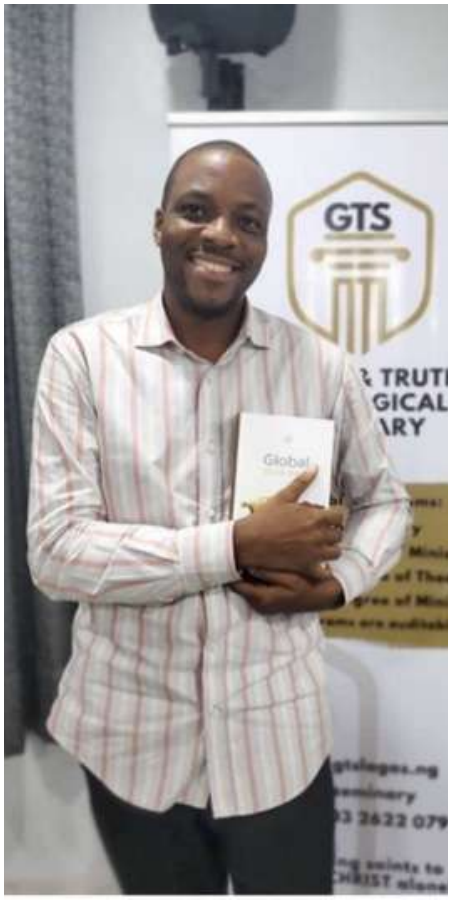
I was invited to a moderated panel discussion by FirstLove Missions, an organization based in Bagdad, Florida which has been supporting solid gospel work in Nigeria since 2017. We spent an hour on live Radio at EKO FM in Lagos ministering the gospel and discussing other biblical relevant topics such as “Who is a Pastor?”, and “What is the role of the church in human governance?”.

ABUJA - SOVEREIGN GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH & TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

I was invited to preach at the Lord's Day service of Sovereign Grace Community Church and the evening service of Trinity Baptist Church, the two 1689 reformed Baptist churches in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria. I also met with the leadership of these churches, and I was encouraged by what the Lord is doing in their midst with little to no resources. At the end of my visit, I learned how LIT can come alongside these churches in the preaching of the true gospel in Nigeria.

DISTRIBUTION OF CROSSWAY'S GLOBAL ESV BIBLES

Students at the Grace and Truth Theological Seminary (GTS) in Lagos, Nigeria, now have a study bible as an accompanying text to help with their study. 30 students were given the study bible with only about 26 students shown in the images below. 10 bibles were shipped to Trinity Baptist Church in Abuja, Nigeria, and the remaining 8 bibles will be given to students at the University Campus Ministry of Sovereign Grace Bible Church, Lagos.



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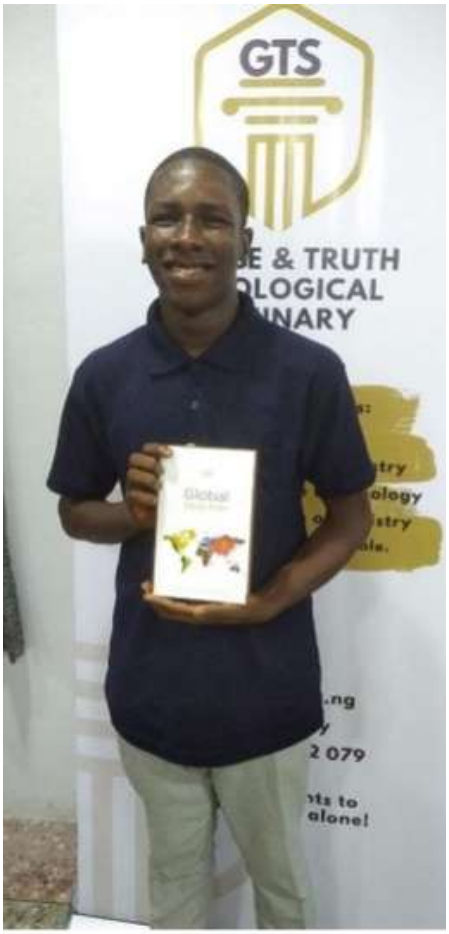
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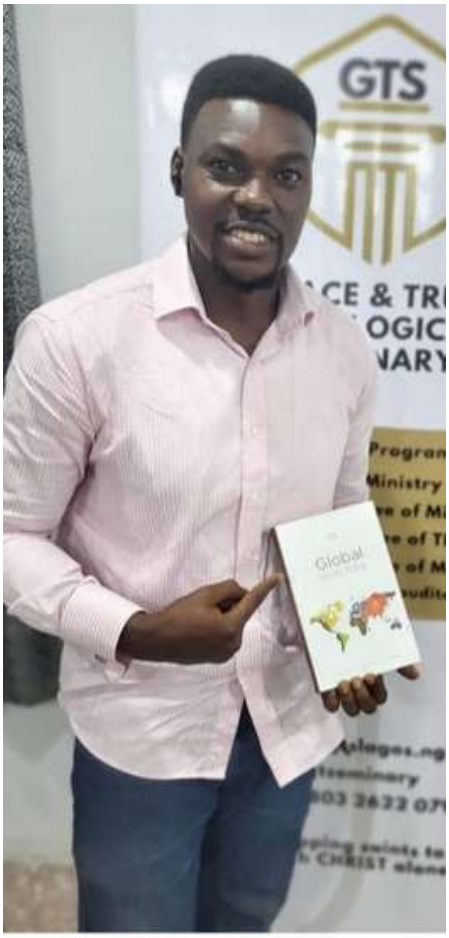
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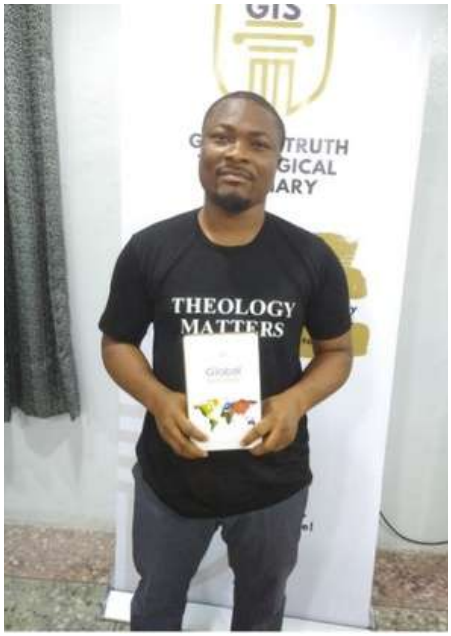
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DISTRIBUTION OF CROSSWAY'S GLOBAL PASTOR BOOK SET

This 15-volume collection of resources aimed at providing pastors with the biblical and theological foundation necessary for a lifetime of ministry faithfulness was donated to us by Crossway. We distributed each set to local church pastors, church planters, and pastoral interns and the books cover a host of topics crucial to pastoral ministry, from Biblical Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Expositional Preaching, Systematic Theology, Evangelism, Preaching, Ecclesiology, Eldership, Pastoral Care, Hermeneutics, Marriage & Family, Conversion, Christology, Discipleship, The Gospel, to Biblical Counseling. We are very grateful to our partners at Crossway for making this possible.

In the picture from Left:
Rev. Theo Ngele, a Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, and the current Rector of Hugh Goldie Theological Seminar in South-East Nigeria. He flew to Lagos to discuss how Lux In Tenebris can partner with him to return the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria to its roots in reformed theology and how materials like this will immensely benefit their current Pastors and Seminary Students.

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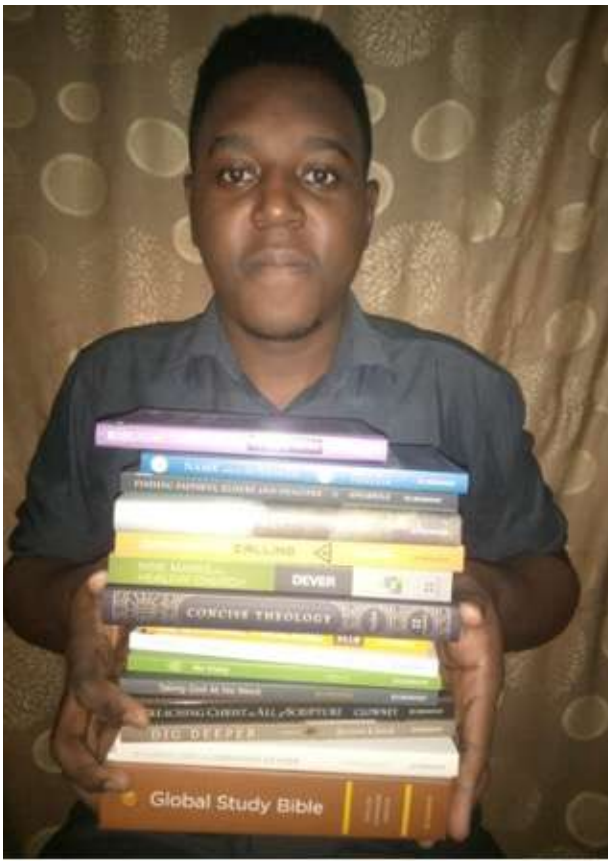
Olugbenga Otu just completed his internship at Kabwata Baptist Church in Zambia (Conrad Mbewe's Church) and is now pastoring a new church plant in South-West Nigeria.

Rukevwe Idenedo also completed his internship at Kabwata Baptist Church in Zambia (Conrad Mbewe's Church) and is now pastoring a new church plant – Christ Bible Church in Lagos Nigeria, a 1689 reformed Baptist church.

Louis Akporiaye is a bi-vocational church planter in one of Nigeria's cities in the South-South geopolitical region, the city of Benin to be precise. He started the Pilgrims Reformed Baptist Fellowship, praying and trusting the Lord to use him to plant more reformed churches in that region.

Alaba Ajileye is leading a new Church plant in Mowe town, Ogun State South-West Nigeria. He was sent out to start the work in that community by Sovereign Grace Bible Church.

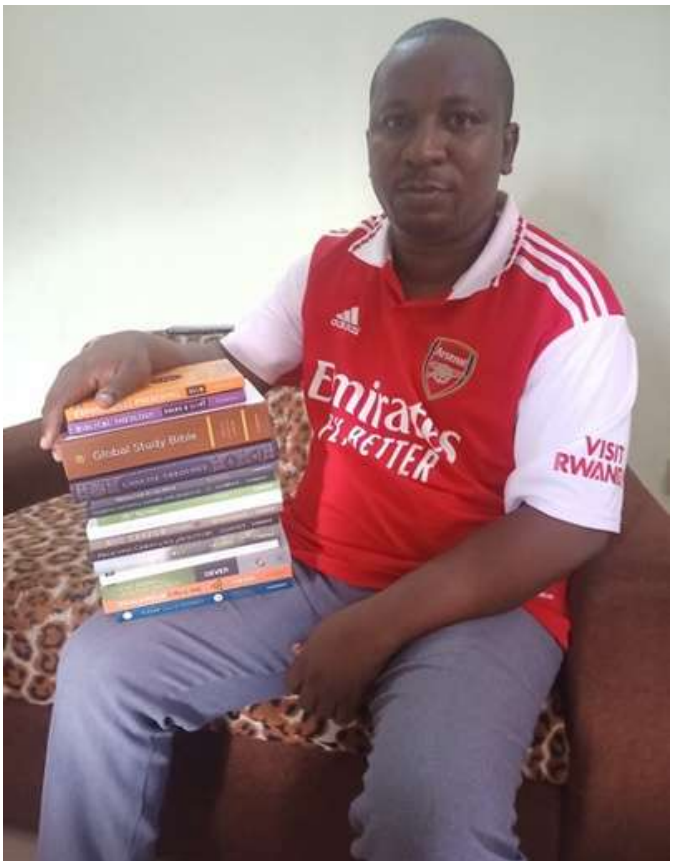
Joshua Abutu, Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church Abuja, a 1689 reformed Baptist church.



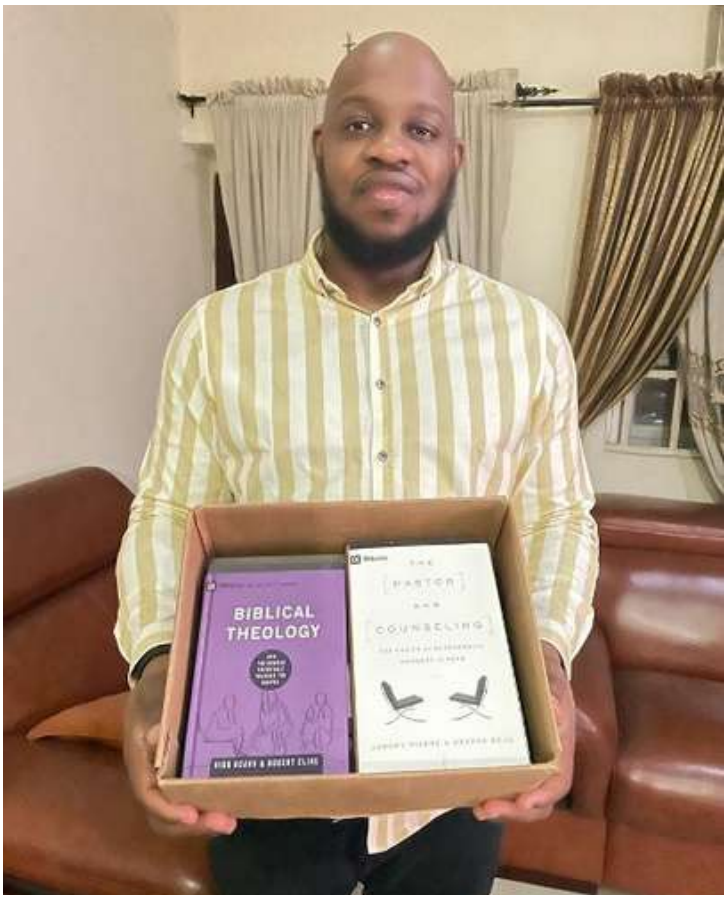
Eleazar Maduka, Pastoral Intern at Trinity Baptist Church Abuja, a 1689 reformed Baptist church

Pictured here with me is **Abimbola Abiodun**, until recently he was an Associate Pastor of Global Harvest Church a charismatic church in Nigeria. He's about to embark on a church plant work and these resources are a treasure to him during this period.

Osinachi Nwoko, Pastor at Sovereign Grace Bible Church Lagos, a 1689 reformed Baptist church.



Adelodun Bello is a Pastor at one of the branches of Upper Room Baptist Church, a Pentecostal church in Nigeria. He's a first-year student at the Institute of Pastoral and Theological Training, a reformed seminary in Northern Nigeria.



Adeola Ogundele is an Elder at Sovereign Grace Community Church Abuja.

J**oel Uzamere** is the missions coordinator of Sovereign Grace Bible Church and oversees their campus outreach.

CONCLUSION

After visiting the churches and meeting with Pastors, seminary students, and university students, I see there's a great need for faithful men who will preach the true gospel of Christ, with lots of opportunities for reformed church plants, conferences, workshops, and the training of God's people in sound doctrine.

There are also great opportunities in Eastern Nigeria, an area we are beginning to explore. I had the opportunity to meet with the Rector of a Presbyterian Seminary there who flew out to Lagos, Nigeria in the west to see me, to discuss the need to reform The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria & their Seminary as they are far removed from their reformed roots. The South-East region of Nigeria makes up 10% of Nigeria's population, that's 22 million people.

Currently, we have four (4) 1689 reformed Baptist churches, two new church plants, and three reformed Baptist fellowships working towards a church plant in the most populous black nation in the world with a population of about 220 million people. However, you will find the prosperity gospel and the Word of Faith church in almost every neighborhood in Nigeria, especially in the South, East, and West.

Based on the above, Lux In Tenebris has put together a budget of about $242,000 for 2023 to support the Gospel work in Nigeria and to help grow reformed theology. We will be supporting Missionary Pastors, Pastoral Interns, Missions Outreach, and Reformed Conferences, in addition to providing bibles, sound biblical literature, translation projects, and God willing setting up a printing press to print biblical literature in Nigeria. The breakdown of this budget will be sent in the upcoming newsletter.

Please keep us in your prayers and we kindly ask that you partner with us financially to fulfill this vision of reforming the church in Nigeria.