

*“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. What is desired in a man is steadfast love, and a poor man is better than a liar. The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.” (Prov 19:20–23; ESV)*

Dear Friends,

Grace and greetings in our Saviour’s name. A lot of people these days find it hard to take counsel talk less of seeking for it. However, Scripture says, “Plans are established by counsel” (Prov 20:18) So, our passage above urges us to “Listen to advice and accept instruction.” Notwithstanding, it gives a clue of to whom we are to listen: it is that person who manifests the God-kind of loyal covenant love. When we have that kind of person as a friend, we would richly blessed. Of that kind person’s advice, the wiseman writes, “As oil and perfume make the heart glad, so the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel (Prov 27:9). May God bless with such a friend, and may we also be such a friend to someone in our lives.

With the blessing of a growing student population, I have become more engaged with the administration of Hesed Academy and the discipleship of both the staff and students. The Lord is showing us his favor, as we have seen growth in the enrollment in the school. The Lord has rewarded our efforts with growing numbers of students. At the moment we have about 140 students, from under 90 last session, and about 40 staff members. We are anticipating continuing on the growth trajectory. Pray that the Lord will give us the capacity to manage it well.

I continue to teach in adjunct capacity at three theological institutions and take occasional preaching engagements including preaching at two major church denominational conferences (one national and the other regional), with thousands of participants. I still continue to engage in advocacy for the underprivileged on ad hoc basis. This has also led to electronic media appearances (two Radio live phone interviews and one public TV interview).

This year I started a social media ministry, with writing sermonettes and posting them on social media, which are having very positive reception. Many comments are indicative on how the readers are blessed. I am hoping to move into more of short audio and video messages in the near future.

In Nigeria, graduating high schoolers have to take external examinations, which they would use to gain college admissions. We are undergoing the accreditation processes for Hesed Academy to be approved as an examination center for the two exam bodies. We urgently (between now and end of August) need resources to meet up with some of the administrative and physical needs toward these accreditation processes. Here are the things needed:

S/N	ITEMS	COST/ITEM	TOTAL COST	REMARK
1	40 Desks & chairs	\$26/desk and chair	\$1040	Needed to be in place by the end of July
2	Accreditation Application fees		\$250	Needed by July
3	Accreditation Processing fees		\$250	Needed by August
4	Additional laboratory equipments and library books		\$157	Needed August
5	Printing of booklets for school records and operations		\$900	In the next 4 weeks.
6	TOTAL		2597	

Salome is currently doing internship with a popular private radio station in Jos. So she is at home with me now. She will be returning to school in September.

## PRAISE & PRAYERS

- a. *Praise the Lord for the numerical growth we are experiencing at Hesed Academy. Within this session, the school have grown by over 50% from a population of about 90 to now about 140 students, and we are hoping to continue on the same trajectory, all things been equal.*
- b. *Pray for the nearly 140 students at Hesed Academy: that they will be learning well (academically and spiritually).*
- c. *Pray for the safety of the children at Hesed Academy: that in spite of the spat of kidnapping in Nigeria, God will keep them safe, that none of them would fall prey to kidnappers whether in or out of school. r city to avoid the risk of any of the participants being kidnapped.*
- d. *Pray for the Lord's provision for the running of the school, particularly payment of staff remunerations. Our national currency has lost value by nearly 150%; inflation rises almost daily, an average working pay cannot buy them one food (item) like rice to last for me. We serve a low income community (though providing for their children high grade education), so we cannot raise fees commensurate running cost, else will lose most of the students and will be left with empty building.*
- e. *Pray for resources for us to boost the computer lab at Hesed Campus, we have only 8 computers and with a population 140 students these are grossly insufficient.*
- f. *Pray that Hesed Academy will be successful with its accreditaion for the external examinations.*
- g. *Pray for God's provision for the short all in our funding both for personal living costs and for ministry needs.*
- h. Please, continue to pray for God's ongoing work of grace and healing in the life. Pray for her to continue deepening her relationship with the Lord and to be more diligent with her studies.

*See the additional attached file for ministry in pictures*

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