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Cash Flow Problem in Nigeria

This is not the kind of cash flow that we normally think of. **There is a shortage of physical paper money.** How can you pay your bills if there is no paper money with which to pay them? Part of this may be the trend to pay bills electronically. This may work in the big cities with internet services and electronic pay methods, but what about the rural areas where there is no internet and other infrastructures are not in place for electronic payments? Members are encouraged to make donations to their churches with farm produce and other valuable items since paper money is hard to find. This is taking us back to the original barter system when we traded goods for goods rather than money for goods. **Imagine what it would be like in our culture if suddenly there was no internet and no money!**

This reminds me of the time Connie and I lived in Nigeria and the government decided to change the currency. They allowed only two weeks for the exchange to take place. There was not enough printed new cash to replace the old cash in circulation. If you had a large amount of cash to exchange, you had to document in court the source of your cash. There were riots at the banks because of long lines. It provided opportunities for corruption. It was very difficult.

T.EE. classes to train leaders remotely are going well. There are currently ninety-three students. Some will be studying via internet or cell phone electronic means. Others will still need to have books where the internet is not available. The facilitators for the extension classes are being trained to use electronic gadgets that will make this work well.



The annual Children's Day was celebrated on February 12. The theme was "Obedience is Our True Identity in Christ."

This is election year in Nigeria. Pray for wise choice of elected officials. Pray for peaceful transition of power.

Two Young Men in training for Church Planting

James and Charles from the Chamba area of Ghana are being sent to a resident based Bible training school so they can be church planters to replace Kingsley Laryea who is retiring. The area churches are helping the families of the young men with donations of food from their farms while the mission pays for their training fees. Kingsley Laryea is supervising the construction of his retirement house in his home village. The structure will soon be ready for a roof.

Kintampo Area Churches Preparing for National Easter Convention

The National Easter Convention for our brotherhood of Ghana Christian Churches will be held at Kintampo. The area churches recently met to make plans for hosting the convention. They will be assisted by leaders of the fellowship of the Christian Churches in Ghana who plan the program. It would be great if the roof could be finished on the new church building at Kintampo. The steel for the rafters is ready to be assembled and placed on the building. Then roofing sheets will have to be installed. The problem is there are no funds to pay for the assembly of the rafters and pay for the roofing sheets. The convention starts on April 6 and goes through Sunday, April 9. Pray that God will send the funds for this roof to provide protection from sun and rain during the convention.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank God for those whom God is calling to lead in the building of his Kingdom.

- 2. Ask God to guide, encourage and mature those who are studying God's Word so they can lead in a Biblical way.**
- 3. Thank God for the service of Kingsley Laryea as he prepares for retirement from his work in the Chamba area.**
- 4. Ask God to prepare well James and Charles as they study to take his place as church planters in the Chamba area.**
- 5. Ask God to bless the preparations for the National Easter Convention in Ghana.**
- 6. Ask God for enable the roof to be put on the Kintampo church in time for the Easter Convention.**
- 7. Ask God to enable the problem of available cash to be solved in Nigeria.**