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**Joh 8:28,29** Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

**“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

### **Tales from a Proud Father**

Jesus was always speaking of the Father and His relationship with Him. Often as a matter of fact and some who do not know Him might say arrogantly. It is not arrogant if it is the truth. The Father was proud of Jesus. As Jesus said, I always do the things that are pleasing to Him. The Father confirmed this when Jesus was baptized by John and the Holy Spirit in the Jordan, (Matt 3:17), the Father said, “this is my beloved Son in whom (or with whom), I am well pleased”, and during the encounter called the transfiguration, (Matt 17:5), “this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him!”

The Father did not speak audibly often, at least that we know, but notice what He did say, not once but twice. He identified the Christ in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, “this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Just as Jesus said, He “always does the things that please Him.” Truth. I know the Father looked with adoration on His Son. He was and is a proud Father. Jesus also is enamored with the Father and His goodness, (John 3:35, Luke 15:22).

In like manner, I love it when I obey the Son and receive commendation from Him. And, although I am not a father of physical children, I love it when my intimate spiritual children, walk with the Lord and do things that please Him and myself. That brings me to a couple things I want to share in this newsletter, examples of how my men, and myself, have had some victories in pleasing the Holy Spirit of Jesus lately. Remember, without faith it is impossible to please Him, so any example of obedience that does not involve faith is probably an act of the flesh, not the Spirit (Heb 11:6).

First up is Prince in Jos, Nigeria. He, like the first Prince in the New Testament, has his ups and downs, thankfully, mostly ups. As you might expect, I have become accustomed to the men asking me for things, some reasonable, some ministry related, some neither. So when a son of God tries to accomplish a nearly impossible task without asking for financial assistance, I take note. During his quarterly report, Prince mentioned they had dug a “borehole” and put in a well, tank, tubing and faucets at the discipleship center. With further inquiry he said he had been saving up for a new vehicle for several years and took that money and instead drilled the well. The rough total cost was \$1,000. I was surprised and asked why he had not asked for help. He said, he did not want to add this request to the help we were already providing for both the discipleship center and bimonthly



**Prince’s water well with tank and faucets for filling buckets at the Discipleship Center in Jos, Nigeria.**

outreaches. Well, knowing you and myself, that we would want to have a piece of that good work, I told him so and sent him \$500 for the project that had already been completed. He was appreciative and I was proud of him and his faith.

We have also contributed \$500 for the well being dug in Pakistan in association with a minis-



**Men at discipleship center receiving clean, refreshing physical water in addition to the living water they have been consuming. God is good.**

try colleague. See the sign for the well on the reverse side. The actual construction of the well in progress, is probably finished by now. I will send a picture of the well when that comes to me. Thanks for your participation.

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If you have been listening to BBC Africa then you are probably aware of the flooding going on in the Borno state of Nigeria, specifically in Maidiguri where Muhammad bin Issa lives. He said even now 65% of the city is under water. There are 400,00 people who have been evacuated with nothing but the clothes on their back. A total of 2 million have been affected and IDP's have not distributed food equitably.

**Marble sign for the water well in progress in Pakistan.**

By the grace of God and consistent with the will of the Father, his home was not affected. Why not? Because the Father wants to use Muhammad bin Issa to be a light in the area and to provide relief to some of the victims. Which ones? Well Galatians 6:10 says "so then as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men and especially to those who are the household of faith." Therefore I told Muhammad bin Issa to begin with his family, church, and then expand to locals as he has opportunity. Because of the generosity of a local church we had \$3,000 to invest in this relief effort. I started with 1/2 of that which was sent it to Muhammad bin Issa and he retrieved it the next day and has al-



**Man from Muhammad bin Issa's church showing the bag of rice he received as part of our flood relief effort. These bags are 10kg of rice to assist with immediate**

ready purchased 1/2 ton of rice and some mats. He has gained some insight as to other needs and so when I sent the other half he plans to use that to purchase more food and water and perhaps clothes and blankets.

At the bottom right hand corner is a photo of Prince's team setting up for an outreach in the Borno state where they reached people from several different ethnic groups among the muslims there, over 300 were touched by the gospel. They were somewhat reticent about the conditions which led to some cancelations at night due to rain. I was quite proud of their effort however and I know the Lord was pleased as well. This was in August. Haadi also had a good outreach among some Manya villages in August reaching about 500 for Christ. He has some other responsibilities this month but through him we are sending a couple men to some Manya villages they were unable to reach thus far. In accordance with what I feel the spirit is leading us, he said independently that he is wanting to move toward the Guinea/Sierra Leone border. There are Lele



**Muhammad bin Issa, dressed in sky blue, organizing distribution of rice and mats on the first day of flood relief near his church. About 250-300 people received assistance**



people about 20 miles east of the border in Guinea and as soon as the Holy Spirit opens the door we will send him there. **October and November will be very busy months for us if the Lord provides the resources for missions, Lut in Labe', Guinea, Haadi reaching Lele in SE Guinea, Jaad reaching miners in Guinea, Mifta reaching Malinke in Keyes, Mali; Badr reaching Samago in Sikasso area of Mali, and finally, Cahil doing recon trip to the Sao Domingo area of Guinea Bissau. Whew!**

May the Lord open all these doors according to the power at work within each of us. I am anxious to return to evangelism after these humanitarian needs have largely passed. Thanks for helping us. Without you there is no us.

**About 1/2 ton of rice was purchased initially and distributed. Another 1/2 ton will be purchased during the second distribution coming just days after the**

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