

ST. PIRAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, JOS
2023 GROUPS' REPORTS FOR VESTRY MEETING 2024

A. FELLOWSHIPS:

1. Men's Fellowship:

Bible Studies: This year, we studied Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, which could rightly be called a document of freedom. The simple gospel is that God graciously offers us eternal salvation from sin and death through Christ Jesus completed work of payment for sin, reversal of death, and the redemption of all who trust him. We are saved by faith in Christ, not by religious observances or activities or following any rules. When we come to faith, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us, and the more we yield every part of us to be occupied by him, the more we are transformed into the image of Christ. We occasionally split into small groups during Bible studies this year to facilitate more participation in the discussion of the passage under study.

Fasting and Prayers: We continued to meet in the homes of various members on the first Friday of most months to get to know one another better and pray for each other, and especially for our hosts. We generally break our fast together following prayers and enjoy relating to one another in a relaxed setting.

Visitation: The fellowship undertook to minister to our shepherds by paying a welcome visit to our new Curate, Rev. Canon Abishai Gaiya, and his family and also a visit to our Vicar, Ven. Austin Eboh, and his family. We also visited other members of the fellowship that were sick: Dr. Bitto, Mr. Akande, Mr. Okafor, Mr. Omiunu, and Prof. Akerele. We condoled with Rev. Ogochukwu on the loss of his mother and with the family of our late brother, Major Bala Gotom. The fellowship also participated in celebrating the marriages of Tochukwu Ikeh, Owen Greene, Dotun Fasanya, Kenedy Shaiyen, Mike Ruck, and others.

Combined Programs with the Women's Fellowship: It is encouraging to include spouse in some of our gatherings. Nearly every month this year the Men's and Women's fellowships had a combined program on one Friday evening. These included general prayer and praise; talks with discussion on the topics of cancer, showing affection to our spouses, parenting, ideals of a Christian home, facing current realities (fuel subsidy removal); and an End of year love feast.

Archdeaconry Men's Fellowship: St. Piran's men welcomed the men from the rest of the churches in the Jos South Archdeaconry to join us for fellowship one evening in the first quarter of the year. The evening included an exhortation by the Vicar, prayers for the gubernatorial elections, and light refreshment.

Diocesan Men's Fellowship: We received the Primate's announcement that the Christian Men's Fellowship uniform throughout the Church of Nigeria is now white on white. St. Piran's Men's Fellowship was privileged this year to have three of her members elected to the Diocesan Christian Men's Fellowship Exco: Barr. Kayode Ogundere, Vice President under the Bishop; Mr. Abayomi Odegbami, Financial Secretary; Mr. Uche Okpata, PRO. We also participated in several Diocesan CMF activities, hosting a health talk, and joining in other talks, a Bible quiz, the annual conference, and a mission outreach in Jos East.

Ministering to Orphans: This year we paid a visit to the Kids With a Vision orphanage in Zarmaganda. One member shared his testimony of salvation and getting to know God through the Scriptures and another shared a brief exhortation. We then fielded a

few questions from the children. We left the orphanage with a gift of some foodstuffs, toiletries, and cash, and followed up by purchasing NIV Bibles for the children who indicated they did not have one.

Father's Day Celebration: This year's celebration kicked off with a talk on Financial Management in the Christian Home by Mr. Williams Ukeh on Friday evening. The Saturday picnic at the church was blessed with dry weather and included a treasure hunt, a laughter-filled scoop hunt, a boisterous game of musical chairs, a drama and recitations by St. Piran's High School students, and a meal of jollof rice or semovita and *egusi* soup, beef or chicken, and *moimoi*. Mr. Abayomi Odegbami conducted the thanksgiving service on Sunday, while Ven. Dr. Eboh brought a sermon on the Love of the Father from the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-24. Thanks to the other groups in the Church, particularly the women and children, that played active roles in the celebration! We pray that God will continue to bless them.

Exco Elections: The current Executive Committee of the fellowship concludes its first tenure of two years in January 2024 is eligible for a final two-years term if reelected. The Exco will soon be dissolved to make way for elections in January.

Summary of 2023 Financial Report

Description	Amount (N)	Total (N)
Income		
Balance brought forward		792,644.41
Friday offerings (March – November)	105,350.00	
Annual Dues 2023	520,000.00	
Special support	537,000.00	
Other income	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total income	<u>1,172,350.00</u>	
Expenditure		
Ministry within St. Piran's Church	1,235,100.00	
Ministry within Church of Nigeria	162,800.00	
Ministry to Orphanage	171,000.00	
Bank charges	<u>4,197.44</u>	
Total Expenditure	<u>1,593,097.44</u>	
Excess of expenditure over income		(420,747.44)
Net Balance		371,896.97

Conclusion

We thank the Lord for the privilege of being able to gather together as Christian men for fellowship, mutual edification, and meaningful kingdom building activities in his year 2023.

President

Secretary

2. **Women's Fellowship**

SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023 (JANUARY – DECEMBER)

Total collection from Mothering Sunday both cash/bank (16/3/2023)

N465,000.00

Total Expenditure N350,250.00

Total balance N114,750.00

INCOME

Date (2023)	Detail	Amount (N)
December 2022	Balance brought forward	252,170.00
January	Dues	74,000.00
February	Offering and dues	92,420.00
March	Offering and dues	115,800.00
April	Offering and dues	32,000.00
May	Offering and dues	50,000.00
June	Offering and dues	34,748.00
July	Dues	37,000.00
August	Offering and dues	75,920.00
September	Offering and dues	38,250.00
October	Offering and dues	42,450.00
November	Offering and dues	26,000.00
December	Dues	7,000.00
	Brought forward Balance	<u>114,750.00</u>
	Total	<u>993,088.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

January	Nil	
February	Nil	
March	Nil	
April	Nil	
May		
	12 th May 2023 (Welcome Mrs. Abishai	20,000.00
	Sendforth (Mrs. Nwobi)	50,000.00
	Condolence (Mrs. Nwobi)	10,000.00
	Mama Bishop's charge Launching	150,000.00
	Feeding at conference	112,200.00
	Registration at conference	75,000.00
	Thanksgiving at conference	20,000.00
	Father's Day Souvenirs (mugs)	120,000.00
	Visitation (Baba Kwande and Mama Gomwalk) fruits	9,000.00
	Visitation (Chioma Ikeh Jnr.)	5,000.00
	Wedding gift Kennedy Shaiyen (wrapper)	10,000.00
June	Nil	
July	Nil	
August	Nil	
September	Nil	
October	Nil	
November		
	Harvest Thanksgiving, two wedding, wrappers	120,000.00
December		
	Visitation to Mrs. Okafor Fuel	10,000.00
	Support to Mrs. Okafor	<u>10,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>721,200.00</u>

Total Income from January to December 2023 N993,088.00

Total expenditure from January to December 2023 N721,200.00

Grant Total = 993,088.00 – 721,200.00 = **N271,138.00**

3. **Youth Fellowship:**

We, the youth fellowship, would like to start by expressing our utmost gratitude to God for a very outstanding year of 2023. We are grateful to God for his goodness and mercy that we enjoyed throughout this year, His Grace, joy, peace, love and hope we shared.

We would like to thank the leadership of the Church, our Vicar, the PCC and our Patron. We are also grateful to our parents and grandparents for their continuous support and guidance.

We are excited to share with you all the wonderful experiences, growth, and achievements we have had as a youth fellowship.

Our Goals were to:

- Rejuvenate the youth fellowship.
- Restore, revive and reequip our members with all they need to thrive in their faith and be ambassadors for Christ.
- Raise the new generation kingdom builders.

Some of the topics discussed during include:

- fruits of the spirit
- Business secrets from the Bible
- Poverty, God's will or not?
- Battle for the Young
- The Born Identity
- Why we must Go
- The God kind of love
- Forgiveness, Why you must let go
- A heart of thanksgiving. And many others.

Our Achievements include:

- Setting up of contact information which includes a dedicated phone number, email address and social pages for enhanced dissemination of information and communication, and a medium for daily inspiration.
- Holding regular weekly meetings with an average number of 15 members. We also recorded a peak of up to 25 people in attendance in our Saturday fellowship meetings.
- Setting up of an entirely new creative art department centered on evangelical content creation.
 - We produced our first Movie title; "The journey – A SPYFELL Movie" which premiered during the centenary celebration and has been made available on all steaming platforms.
 - Efforts are currently being made to subtitle it into local languages.
 - Alongside the movie, we made a documentary titled "The Making of the Journey" showcasing the behind-the-scenes and inspiring other fellowships and individuals to take up the challenge and opportunities available in the creative arts space. It is also available on all streaming platforms.
- Participated in various Church programs and played vital roles whenever we were called upon to serve in various capacities.
- Participated in various Diocesan and National youth programs.

Highlights

Some of our activities include:

- wedding ceremonies of some of our members
- Fellowship excursion to the renowned Ten Commandment prayer ground called New Jerusalem.
- Introduction of daily affirmation, verse of the day and worship songs of the week
- Interesting and interactive sport and game days.

Challenges

Some of the challenges encountered includes:

- Low turnout to the ratio of youth members in the church
- Insufficient database
- Lack of diocesan integration of various youth fellowship

Opportunities

Despite these challenges, there were opportunities for growth and improvement. Two key areas were:

- The inclusion and engagement of more teenagers in fellowship activities
- Mainstream and social media content evangelism through movies, spoken-words, music, dance.

Financials

We give glory to God for the provision of abundant resources to carry out all our various activities. A key testimony for the year is that all expenses for regular meetings and refreshments, as well as for our projects like the journey (our movie project), decoration of the sit-out with scriptures, end-of-year outing, visitations, and many more, were funded internally by the youth. We encourage your financial support in this New Year and trust that the Lord will use us for his kingdom advancement.

Projections

Looking ahead, we foresee that by encouraging more participation of youth members, utilizing existing communication channels effectively, and producing more creative-arts projects as a medium for evangelism with established evangelical content creation, we can overcome the challenge of low youth turnout.

In addition to the above, we believe that with effectual and fervent prayers, we will be able to expand our reach and impact more lives with the message of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we are grateful to God for the significant milestones recorded in achieving most of our set goals of raising the new generation of Kingdom Builders, equipping them for missions, and standing out as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

Timothy Adegbile, President

Ritnen Biska, Vice President

Chinaza Nnabugwu, Secretary

Bukunmi Olotu, Public Relations Officer

B. ACTIVITY GROUPS

1. Sunday School:

Financial Report for 2023

Balance brought forward

39,510.00

Income		
Dues	40,000	
Gift from Mrs. Hamman	10,000	
Gift from Mrs. Wright	5,000	
Conference Registration	21,000	
Total		76,000
Expenses		
Gift for Mothers	15,000	
Gift for Aunty Roseline	5,000	
Honorarium to Aunty Ihunnaya	5,000	
Gift for Fathers	15,000	
Microphone Repair	3,000	
Conference Registration	12,000	
Gift for Aunty Gana (wedding)	10,000	
Total	65,000	<u>11,000</u>
Balance		<u>50,510</u>

2. Praise Team

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God for the year 2023. It has been an amazing year filled with opportunities to praise the Lord Almighty.

We thank God, the clergy, the church and members of the choir for their commitment amidst their busy schedules at work and school. You have volunteered your time and talents to serve the Lord in 2023.

Our activities began in January through to December. Our usual practice were conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays (and on any other day as the need arose) and we were able to lead the church in praise and worship on Wednesday midweek services and Sunday services and also through special songs.

We are grateful to God for the privilege because not many in the world are privileged in this manner. The feedback in each and every program we participated in has been great. Taking stock of the highs, one of our members, Kennedy Shaiyen, got married in May, 2023 amidst other testimonies. We also welcomed new members from the teenage department into the praise team.

Some of our challenges were faced this year include the fact that some of our members are school-bound which impacts our numbers during practices and services. We also have few instrumentalists.

We want to appeal to the young ones in the church. There is plenty opportunity to join us and serve the Lord through singing and playing instruments.

Our yearly retreat and election was conducted on 6th of January, with the theme “Fan into Flame the Gift of God’ (2 Timothy 1:1-8) and new excos were elected.

Our vision for the New Year is to work together with the clergy in leading the church in worship to God.

Finance

Income	
Balance b/f from 2022	27,420

Cash from Church office	150,000
Cash gift from Praise team members	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>187,420</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Break fast	169,090
Replacement of drumface	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>172,090</u>
Summary	
Total income	187,420
Total Expenditure	<u>172,090</u>
Cash at hand as at 31/12/23	<u>15,330</u>

President – Ngozi Uwazoke
Secretary – Kelechi Agina

3. Media Team

In 2023, the media team made significant strides in aligning our efforts with the church’s theme, ‘Kingdom Builders’. Through various initiatives, we aimed to foster a deeper connection with the congregation and extend our reach beyond the physical walls of the church.

Achievements

We expanded our digital footprint by multiplying our presence across multiple social media platforms, resulting in increased online visibility and engagement with a wider audience.

Our team also worked diligently to enhance the quality and reliability of our livestreams, ensuring that members, both near and far, could participate in services and events virtually.

Challenges

Despite our successes, we encountered occasional technical challenges during livestreams. Most of these issues were promptly addressed, but we acknowledge the importance of ongoing improvement in this area to ensure a smooth online experience for viewers.

The team faced constraints in terms of equipment and personnel. These limitations need to be addressed as soon as possible to further enhance our capabilities.

Future Goals

- i. Training and Development: It is said that if you don’t train them, then you don’t blame them. There is a need for the church to commit to investing in training and development for our team members to enhance their technical skills, and stay abreast with emerging/evolving church media trends.
- ii. Infrastructure Overhaul/Upgrade: Exploring opportunities to upgrade our technical infrastructure should be a priority in 2024, to ensure a seamless and enhanced media experience for our congregation.
- iii. Collaboration with Activity Groups: Strengthening collaboration with other church activity groups to create integrated and impactful media campaigns that support the church theme of Building Together.

I extend my gratitude to each member of the media team for their tireless dedication, creativity, passion and sacrifice throughout 2023. Remember though that the reward

for good work is more work. My gratitude also goes to the church leadership for its unwavering support which played a vital role in the success of our initiatives.

As we look back on the accomplishments and challenges of 2023, we remain excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. With the continued support of the clergy and laity, we are confident in our ability to amplify the church's voice, the message of Christ, through the powerful medium of media. In 2024, help us to serve you better.

Thank you for entrusting us with this important responsibility.

Chu-Chu Ndubisi

4. Mission Team

The mission team held its first meeting for the year on 7th of February 2023. At its first meeting, the group agreed that we would have to invite the Vicar to tell us the area of interest of the Church so that the group would focus its evangelism activities on that area. The group was privileged to have the Vicar be in attendance at our meeting which was very encouraging to the group. The Vicar told the group that the church is focusing on Calvary Church Tudun Wada. Hence, we should focus our mission work on Calvary Church. The group then immediately got in touch with the Vicar of Calvary Church Tudun Wada to help fix a meeting for the Mission Team and the members of his church hence all members of the Mission Team will worship at his church on Sunday, so that the meeting will commence.

Outcome of the meeting

The summary of the observations made were as follows:

- i. Most members of the Church left the church after the collapse of the Church building.
- ii. Church services were held in a compacted class room, which was not conducive.
- iii. The building of the new church structure block work had been completed and remaining the decking of the altar area which the vicarage is to be built had put a lot of financial pressure on the members which further resulted to more members leaving the church.
- iv. The mission team proposed to the members of the church to work along with the group to commence door to door evangelism within the Tudun Wada general area.

Resolution

The following resolutions were made at the meeting:

- i. The Mission Team should help talk to St. Piran's Church for financial support towards the decking of the altar and the building of the Vicarage on it and the roofing of the entire building.
- ii. The meeting agreed that once door to door evangelism commences and people are brought to the church in its current situation the new members will be thinking that it's their finance that is our interest to finish the church structure. Hence, they will also leave the church. Hence, the need to roof the church before the commencement of the door to door evangelism.

The mission Team then sent a delegation to the Vicar to inform him of the challenges at hand at Calvary Church which will require the intervention of St. Piran's Church before any evangelism activities can commence in the area.

After our deliberation with Vicar he informed us of his observation that it was not proper to have the Vicarage built on top of the Altar and the estimate for the roofing using iron rafters was on the high side since wood could handle it. He then promised to discuss the issue with the Vicar of Calvary Church.

The mission team sent a delegation the second time to the Vicar to know what was happening and, if possible, the Vicar should inform members of St. Piran's Church for possible assistance towards the roofing of the church. Bringing this issue up will create a lot of burden on the members of the Church; hence we should give him some time to see when it's appropriate to bring up the issue with the church.

At this stage, the mission team could not continue with the evangelism work at Calvary Church. The leadership of the church had advised the mission team to reduce the frequency of our meeting from weekly to twice a month to make more members of the church participate in our activities. This advice was then implemented, and members of the mission team were encouraged to go on with their individual evangelism activities, and we met every two weeks to encourage one another in the Word and prayers. We also shared successes and challenges we faced. We also visited some of our out-station churches. Members carried out such visits with their personal vehicles. We are still trusting God for more members to join us.

It is our prayers that the church would look into the issue of the Calvary Church Tudun Wada building in the New Year to enable us commence our evangelism activities in the area and also to help the life of the church. The mission Team wants to go ahead with evangelism activities in the new year, we have two options to look for another mission field in the new year as the group wants to go out for evangelism in the new year but that would be a great regret for group to abandon what we have started in Calvary Church, it's our desire that a roof is put up on the church to enable us commence our evangelism work.

The Exco of the mission team proposed an election for the group, but the members turned it down and in a unanimous decision that the present Exco should continue as the Exco of the group.

The mission team is still trusting God for a bus. We appreciate members of the church who have donated towards this goal. May the Lord bless them in Jesus name.

Mission team is funded by members, donations from few church members, and friends.

Financial Report

Income

B/f from 2022	120,119.19
offering	52,000.00
Support from mission team members	50,000.00
Support from Church members	260,000.00
Interest on fix deposit	<u>60,256.45</u>
Total income	<u>543,225.64</u>

Expenditure

Tax paid on interest of fix deposit	6,025.67
New cheque book insurance	2,500.00
Vat on cheque book insurance	187.50
Bank charges	<u>882.78</u>
Total	<u>9,595.95</u>

Income 543,225.64
Expenditure - 9,595.95
 533,629.69

Bank balance as at 31/12/23 N533,629.69
Fix deposit N1,160,000.00

Y.B. Gotom

5. Bukuru Home Cell Fellowship

* The home cell meets for fellowship weekly on Tuesdays by 5pm at the residence of late Prof. Ifenkwe in Angwan Kare, off Bukuru Express Way

* Fellowship for the year started on the 16th January 2023

* The home cell currently has 13 members with Mrs. Victoria Ifenkwe as leader

* During the year the home cell witnessed the following events

- A member, Ogechi Okeke relocated to the UK in the month of March 2023, she was the secretary of the fellowship.

- The children of 2 members, Mrs. Gana and Mrs. Onyema got married. Matthew wedded on the 3rd of November in Niger State while Jenna Onyema was on the 16th December 2023 in Abuja.

* Names of members:

1. Mrs. Victoria Ifenkwe
2. Mrs. Onyema
3. Mrs. Christy Nwaosueke
4. Mr. P. Kukoyi
5. Dr. T. Bitto
6. Mrs. Esther Bitto
7. Mrs. F. Gana
8. Mrs. Jemima Pam Doyle
9. Nvou Dung
10. Faith Nwaosueke
11. Esther Nwaozueke
12. Samuel Dung

• The home cell closed with a thanksgiving and love feast fellowship on the 5th December 2023.

• Challenges – poor attendance of members to fellowship

• Recommendation – The church should keep reminding members of the importance of fellowshiping together.

Signed

Mrs. Jemima Pam-Doyle
Secretary

Mrs. Victoria Ifenkwe
Leader

6. Bachit Long Drive and Central Bank Road Axis

To God be the glory great things He has done for seeing us safely through the year 2023. The year under review was a year of many challenges in every area of our lives but God has been so faithful to see us through joyfully to a new year 2024.

The cell feared very well using the Bible study booklet of 2023 by the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) as our guide through the year. The theme of the book which is “God’s Children as Pilgrims to the Heavenly Kingdom” was very supportive

and helpful to the Cell particularly to the school children in our midst. The studies were thoroughly gone through, explained and expatiated to be a good spiritual development for all participants. We were able to diligently cover up to 45 studies of the booklet to our advantage. The weekly topics of the booklet together with St. Piran's Church activities, programmes and topical national issues were the subjects of our prayer points. The cell was greatly blessed by the booklet and very grateful to the church for the annual free provisions.

The membership of the cell right from the inception started and it continued to dwindle due to various factors. The main factor is the unavoidable relocation of members from place to place. Transfers of workers, duties outside station, Church activities such as Choir practice, Mission work are all part of the reasons. The number of households or families of the Cell has reduced from 9 to only 4 homes as at the time of reporting.

However, despite the drastic reduction in the number, the joy of the Cell prayer meeting remains intact and encouraging. There were times in the past when the Cell attracted some neighbourhood who were Children of God but of other denominations. Such is the importance of vibrant – Prayer Cells to encourage spiritual development together for the kingdom.

It is our prayer that the Church will continue to advocate for vibrant Prayer Cells and children of God to join hands for the common aim of spiritual development for the Church of God. Members of St. Piran's Church who for one reason or the other do not belong to any Prayer Cell should be told to locate a nearby Cell to them and join hands with the Cell. With this development, we will be truly joined together in love that cannot be broken.

S.S. Umaru
BLD & CBNR
Cell Co-ordinator

7. Lamingo Home Cell

The group continues to meet on Sunday at St. Piran's High School from 4.00 – 6.00pm. Meetings do not hold on first Sunday of the month and any Sundays when Church activities take precedence e.g. Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, Synod etc. In 2023 we had other activities such as the farewell service of the former Bishop of the Diocese of Jos.

There are 16 active members in the group with attendance fluctuating between 10 – 12. Two studies are taken at each meeting. Discussions are open, frank and participatory enabling experience sharing and allowing for additional questions for further insight into the topics.

Two planning meetings held in January and July allowed members to plan/agree on who facilitates the sessions. We were able to take study 1-49 before other church activities brought about a closure for the year on the 19th November. Members continue to find application and encouragement for day to day living from the studies and are appreciative of the effort/time and resources put into developing/producing the Bible study guide yearly.

Notable events

- Rev. Jerome & Mrs. Faith Tarbee were blessed with a baby girl on 22nd May 2023

- Wedding bells rang for Mr. Owen Greene & Miss Lois Dogo on Saturday 25th November 2023.
- Mummy Amy Johnson relocated from Haske/Gwafan community to Rayfield in March.
- Sadly, our mother, sister and friend, Mummy Amy Johnson passed on, on Wednesday 15th November after a brief illness.

Finance

We continue to take free will offerings at each meeting. From this we are able to support members for notable events such as child birth, wedding, death of a close relative (mother, father, child).

- Balance available at the end of December 2022: N83,985.00
- Total collection from 22nd January to 19th November (date of last study): N63,750.00
- Grand total i + ii = N147,735.00
- Disbursed as support to members: N30,000.00 (thirty thousand naira) only
- Balance by end December 2023 = N117,735.00

End of Year Get Together

Arising from the many competing activities scheduled in December the get together was stepped down. It will hold during our first meeting of year 2024 God willing.

Susan Ojomo
for Lamingo Home Cell

8. **Prayer Band**

This year has witnessed a general low turnout in attendance of our weekly Wednesday one hour prayer time of 4pm to 5pm. We need to work on this in the ensuing year. In the years past we used to plan and attend retreat programmes outside the church and at times a one day retreat in the church, this we also intend to intensify. The prayer band of a church is expected to be vibrant, active and effective in presenting the supplication of both the church and others to God, these we hope to achieve this year in Jesus mighty name. There is the need for more members to join the prayer band. Thank you sir.

9. **Church Compound Prayer Cell**

We appreciate the Almighty God for His faithfulness to us in year 2023

Meeting Days

Our prayer cell, for convenience, chose the Church compound as our meeting place and we have been doing so to the glory of God for over two decades. We meet every Tuesday, by 4pm – 5pm in the Church compound. In 2023, we held our meetings physically near the West Door of the church. In the previous year we even held meetings by zoom to accommodate a number of our members who travelled out of the Country. We often rotate among ourselves leadership in the sharing of God's Word. We identify with one another in times of joy and sorrow as a family of God's people.

Membership

The membership of the cell is made up of the following families in alphabetical order:

1. Adeluyi
2. Basse
3. Bewarang
4. Bonkat
5. Chuwang

6. Dimka Aisha
7. Egede
8. Ehimuan Kate
9. Ehindero Bose
10. Emmanuel Bala
11. Enyi
12. Ibrahim Esther
13. Ibrahim Mercy
14. Inienger
15. Johnson
16. Kwande
17. Miner Jessica
18. Miner Kaneng
19. Obi Victoria
20. Ogboli
21. Oguejiofor
22. Osimokun
23. Sanda
24. Shaiyen
25. Ilo
26. Okoh

End of Year

We had a get together at the end of the year.

Below is our financial record for the year.

Opening balance January 2023	N70,210
Total contribution in 2023	N65,380
Closing Balance as at 12/12/23	N42,190

C. COMMITTEES

1. Welfare Committee:

The Welfare Committee members are:

- i. Dr. Mrs. Patricia Eseigbe (Chairperson)
- ii. Mr. Aboyomi Odegbami
- iii. Ms Odessa Chuwang
- iv. Mrs. Afiniki Ibrahim
- v. Mr. Dotun Fasanya
- vi. Mr. William Ukeh
- vii. Mrs. Ogechi Ohia
- viii. Ms Bosede Ehindero (Secretary)

The Vicar, Ven. Dr. Austin C. Eboh approved the membership of Mr. W. Ukeh and Mrs. O. Ohia in May 2023.

Activities of the Committee

The members of the Committee usually go on visitations on the last Thursday of every month. Church members that required to be visited are identified by the members and clergy. Visitations are done with the church bus.

April 2023:

- A condolence message was sent to the Onime family on the passing unto glory of Mommy Oluyinka Onime, as they were unavailable to be visited.

- The Secretary visited Mr. Chinedu, as a follow-up to our visit last year due to a spinal injury following a road traffic accident.

June 2023:

- On 28th June, Mrs. B. Adeluyi was visited on the passing unto glory of a younger brother. The committee also felicitated with her on her 70th birthday.
- On 29th June, Prof. Akererele was visited at his home, due to an ailing health.
- Mommy Jawfu was also visited on the home call of a son and a younger brother.

August 2023: Newcomers to the church were given the visitor's card to be filled.

- Mr. Emeka Idoko Jnr, one of the newcomers, joined the church's Chancel Choir. He is a Corper who is serving in Jos.

October 2023: The following members were visited on 26th October;

- Mommy Dangana, an elderly widow, to encourage her and fellowship with her.
- Prof. M. Ibrahim, on the home call of his younger brother.

Those visited appreciated these visitations as we briefly shared the Word of God and prayed with them on every visit.

Conclusion

We give God all the glory and thank the Vicar and the Church leadership for their consistent support. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in God's vineyard.

We thank all the church members for their warm reception as we visited.

All glory to God for a successful 2023, looking forward to a blessed 2024, as we avail ourselves in 'Building Together' of God's Kingdom, in Jesus name. Amen. (Psalm 133:1).

Dr. (Mrs.) P. Esegbe
Chairperson

2. Security Committee (SPSC) 2023

The St. Piran's Security Committee (SPSC) was revised towards the end of 2022 and took off in January, 2023 with the following members:

- i. Col. S.S. Umaru (rtd) Chairman
- ii. Gp Capt. KET Oyerinde (rtd) Duty Chairman
- iii. CSP William Warfield Ops Offr.
- iv. Wing Comm. Jonah Gana (rtd) Training Offr.
- v. Mrs. Tamar Bewarang Ops Offr.
- vi. Mr. Godwin Darius Training Offr.
- vii. Miss Omotola Osimokun Admin. Offr.
- viii. Mr. Solomon Gokop CSO
- ix. Mr. Abayomi Odegbami Secretary

The inaugural meeting of the committee was held 26th June 2022 and activities of the SPSC were reviewed for operational efficiency to take the incessant pilfering and stealing within the Church premises and the Church schools. The Committee was further broken into sub-committees for specific roles to enable us perform effectively. Presently, the Security men numbering nine in all for the Church and School while the High School are five in numbers which were reduce due to lean Church finances as at then with the promises to reconsider increase in their numbers as and when necessary based on need and availability of funds; however, the number has continued to cope with the responsibilities and need. In addition to internal outfit on Sundays and at

special programmes in the Church more hands are always required from Nigerian Police on enumeration basis.

Achievement of the SPSC since last year include the improvement on the dilapidating perimeter fence at the eastern side of the Church premises from where intruders gain access has been blocked and more work for the Church is under way to block the rocky northern side that is also very open but has always been considered to be rugged and difficult to be accessed. By the time the work is completed the Church may have a fairly secure environment from trespasses while the security breaches will greatly reduce. Other achievement made was the items given to the Security men to facilitate their work are as follows:

- i. Reflection jackets by members of SPSC
- ii. Gate pass tags by Centenary Committee
- iii. Torches by member of SPSC

Training, the SPSC supervise and as well conduct training and retraining for the security men when necessary.

Already during the period covered by this report, security breaches have significantly reduced. The SPSC is grateful to the Church for the mutual cooperation for the perimeter fence improvements around the Church premises. However, more attention is still required on other areas for proper kitting of the Security men. Security items required are:

1. Uniforms
2. Boots
3. Rain boots
4. Rain coats
5. Umbrellas
6. Torches
7. Berets
8. Whistles
9. line yards

Finally, the need for more hands cannot be over emphasized as its very necessary to review the number of security men upwards to enable them have proper shift duties and off duties for efficiency at duty posts. This is very necessary at all duty posts in the church, vicarage, Day school and High school respectively.

Note: Security is everybody's business; our prayer is that may God continue to protect the church and everyone in Jesus Mighty name. amen.

Thanks

Mr. D.A. Odegbami
Secretary
SPSC

3. Harvest Committee

Members:

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| i. | Mr. John Enyi | Chairman |
| ii. | Mr. Uche Okpata | Vice Chairman |
| iii. | Mrs. Uzoamaka Emetarom | Member |
| iv. | Mrs. Abigail Dusu Dang | Member |
| v. | Mrs. Folasade Andeyaba | Member |
| vi. | Mr. Babafemi Omoniwa | Secretary |

Co-opted Members

- i. Mr. Sunday Dogara
- ii. Mr. Pam Doyle
- iii. Miss Blessing Umeh
- iv. Miss Chinelo Clement

v. Mr. Onyedikachi Eze

Inauguration: The Committee was inaugurated on Sunday 9th April 2023 by the Vicar, Ven. Dr. Austin Eboh, during the 10am service. Members were introduced to church and prayed for.

Thereafter the inaugural meeting of the committee held on Friday 21st April, 2023 in the office of the Vicar of which he charged members to be innovative in their approach and to mobilize the church to be thankful to God and respond in gratitude.

The Vicar gave the theme for the Harvest as ‘Harvest of Willing Heart’ and verse taken from the book of Genesis 25:1-2. Members adopted a sub-theme which was 100 years of Harvest and Thanksgiving in commemoration of the centenary of Church of St. Piran on the Plateau.

Fund Raising

In order to fund the lofty ideas of the committee, members resolved that the committee embark on extensive fund raising from members both home and abroad in addition to raising funds from advert placement in the church programme brochure for the harvest proper.

Therefore the committee raised funds as follows:

i.	Donations from Church members and the General Public	N1,888,000.00
ii.	Payment for Advert Placement	<u>N520,000.00</u>
iii.	Total	<u>N2,408,000.00</u>

Procedure

Members resolved that there was a need for proper and effective communication using the online communication to reach church members both home and abroad and also in reaching the general public.

Members resolved that the St. Piran’s Church being a Family Church that span generation should continue with its tradition of Family Thanksgiving and in addition Activity Groups in the Church will be encouraged to come forward and thank God for the success of their activities for the year. Therefore, these two Thanksgivings commenced in the 2nd week of July 2023.

For ease of planning, members resolved to divide the activities to Stage 1 and Stage 2.

Stage 1: Involved placement of written messages in the weekly bulletin, projection of messages on screen during church service, placement of posters on the church doors and online communication to church members, both home and abroad. It also involved the initial design of all communication print and electronic.

Stage 2: Stage two involved dividing all members into sub committees for effective planning and execution of the Harvest proper, slated for the 26th November 2023. The sub committees were as follows:

- i. Programme and Protocol: Uche Okpata and Pam Doyle
- ii. Entertainment: Uzoamaka Emetarom and all ladies in the committee
- iii. Marketing Contact and Mobilization: Babafemi Omoniwa and Abigail Dang
- iv. Media and Publicity: Pam Doyle and Sunday Dogara
- v. Environment/Sanitations: Shade Andeyaba and John Enyi

All sub committees had their job and activities spelt out minute by minute by the Chairman.

Harvest Day Proper Church Service

Harvest day, church service was held on Sunday, the 26th day of November 2023 at 9.00am. The sermon for the day was given by Canon (Prof) Ishmael Ogboru and he dwelt on the topic ‘The Benefits of Thanksgiving’.

There was songs of praise by Rev. Kem Yarnap all the way from Jalingo in Taraba State. Special song ministration also came from ECWA Church Zarmaganda Choir and COCIN Church Headquarters Choir. Also, the St. Piran’s Children and Chancel Choir concluded in icing the activities with their special ministrations.

Attendants were as follows:

a. Male	351
b. Female	392
c. Children	298
Total	1,041

Thanksgiving Offering

i. Harvest day Thanksgiving	N5,028,490
ii. Family Harvest Total	<u>N10,539,115</u>
Total	<u>N15,567,605</u>

Therefore, the sum total of fund raised for the 2023 Annual Harvest is N17,975,605.

Entertainment

Entertainment which involved proper lunch for a thousand people, all well seated was arranged. Nigerian food and Continental cuisine was served under well arrange canopies, assorted drinks served and a Disc Jokey provided background music. The lunch lasted until 5pm.

Conclusion

The year 2023 Harvest was well attended and well conducted, hitch free and smoothly to the glory of God.

Members of the 2023 Harvest Committee wish to sincerely thank the Vicar, the Clergy, the PCC and the entire Church members for nominating and entrusting us with the responsibility to serve in the Lord’s Vineyard.

Thank you so much and may God in his infinite mercies continue to bless us all in Jesus name!!!

Mr. John I. Enyi
Chairman
2023 Harvest Committee