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Dear Special Friends,

Good evening from Nigeria, on Monday, May 8, 2017. I'm back home now in Lagos, where I've lived for many, many years. It was fifty-one years ago this month, when we resigned the church we were pasturing, and started preparing to come to Africa a year later in 1967, almost fifty years ago.

I've been away for two and a half months, ministering in India for four weeks, then in East Africa, in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia for six weeks. Thanks for praying for me!

Whenever you give offerings for the ministry, either regularly every month, or whenever you can, I'm really blessed. Sowing a seed brings a harvest!

We're working very hard this week, and also next week, as all the printed newsletters need to be sent out before I travel again, in the latter part of this month. I depend on volunteers to come in to help during these days, collating the letters, putting stamps on the envelopes (licking them all, one by one!), sealing them, and getting them to the Post Office. They go to friends in many, many countries.

A man has been folding all the calendar pages while I traveled, one at a time, passing every page through our little folding machine. Our faithful friend, Bro. Monday, is the printer who's done most of our printing for over twenty years now, including all the pages, envelopes, etc. It's really teamwork!

If you're not receiving my printed newsletters twice each year, please send me your postal address, and I'll try to mail a copy to you. If you don't have a very, reliable address, I'll try to send a copy of the newsletter to you in an E-mail, or by Whatsapp, if you let me know, please.

Our very good friend for over twenty years, Evangelist Shola Bello, has gone to be with the Lord a few days ago, while I was ministering in Ethiopia. I'll be in a small service tomorrow afternoon, to honor his life and ministry.

I've often shared his amazing testimony through the years, of how he was serving a thirty year prison sentence in Kano, northern Nigeria. He was a Muslim, and didn't have anything to read in the prison, and saw another man in the prison with a Bible, and the man never read it.

He actually traded a pack of cigarettes for the Bible, and began to read it, and read it! A deacon in a church where we had ministered in Kano, bought a copy of one of my books, and after reading it several times, he felt led of the Lord to take it to the prison the next time he went there to minister.

Somehow, in God's plan, it got into the hands of Shola Bello! He read it several times, and wrote to me in Lagos. I wrote back, telling him how to pray, and ask Jesus to come into his heart. His next letter said, "I've done it, and I'm saved!" He began preaching in the prison, and the men called him "Pastor."

He was later transferred to Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison in Lagos, and we went with the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) to minister in the prison. We met Shola Bello, and found out he was eligible to be released after serving ten years with good behavior.

We helped to connect him with a good Christian lawyer, who was also a Pastor, and we were overjoyed when he came to see us, free at last! Miraculously, he was reunited with his wife and two daughters, who were now teenagers. She, too, had become a Christian, and they got in a good church.

Since then, he's been a powerful evangelist, ministering in FGBMFI meetings, in prisons, etc., and saw many, many people saved in his ministry. He suffered with bad health for several years, lost one of his legs, and had three strokes. He went home to be with Jesus forever last week, and maybe he's with my beloved husband in heaven right now, whom he loved and admired. What a life, and what a testimony!

Pray for me, traveling again to the U.S. for six weeks, to minister there from the last week of May till the middle of June. Try to attend our big International Service and Supper on Friday, June 2, starting at 7:00 P.M. at Faith Assembly of God Church in Pasadena, Texas, if you live in that area.

My U.S. number is always 281-471-4109, so please plan to call me! I'll be spending a week with our son and his family, also ministering in many different places, sharing what God is doing in Africa.

Be blessed in this month of May! Remember, "**M**" is for **May**, but "**M**" is also for the word "**Miracle**," too. **Trust God for a Miracle in the month of May!** Your **test** will be turned into a **testimony!**

Love, Doris Hokett