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From/To: Edward M. Allaputa (Chalk's reply filed first)

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July 26, 1966

Mr. Edward M. Allaputa  
c/o Mr. David Egento  
67 Tenant Road  
ABA, E. Nigeria  
Africa

Dear Brother Allaputa:

I have received your kind letter and your very urgent request for help in reaching the distant villages where you preach Christ. I am grateful for my knowledge of men like you, and I am so happy that you have written me concerning this problem. Unfortunately, I am in no position to help you because of having no knowledge of your situation other than your kind letter.

I would urge you to write Brother Leonard Johnson, Freed-Hardeman College, Henderson, Tennessee. Brother Johnson is a former missionary to Nigeria, and would have personal knowledge of situations there, and so would be moved to help you in a better way than I could. I might also suggest that you contact other Church of Christ missionaries in Nigeria, even though there may be none near you.

I send you my prayers and best wishes as you preach the Gospel of Christ. There is no other answer for the ills facing our world today than Christ. God help and strengthen you to do the task He has given all His children.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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From Edward M. Allaputa
Yo. Mr. David U. Ezeki,
67 Tenant Road,
P.R.A. E. Nigeria
12th July 1966

Dear Bro. in Christ,

You will be greatly surprised to receive such a letter (perhaps for the first time) from an unknown brother in Christ in the Eastern Provinces of Nigeria, humbly praying for your kindness; an assistance for helping to further on the Gospel of Christ to some of the many remote parts of this country where up to now spiritual darkness still prevails. May you please regard this letter as the Macedonian Call to Paul, "Come over and help us." I am a member of the Church of Christ at a village here named Ukhrul, this division and have been travelling to different distant villages preaching the Gospel, trying to establish the Church of Christ in those areas, but there is one great difficulty on my way which either yourself by personal efforts or your home congregation could come to me for Christ's sake.

This difficulty is that many times I find it hard for me to travel to long distances owing to no means of transport and sometimes I have to trek many miles for preaching and usually return home weary. May I humbly request you to be kind and sympathetic enough as to help me with one bicycle; a good bicycle alone will enable me to travel and reach home every Sunday. I know you could do it if you will, either personally through your congregation. May I implore you in Christ's name to reply me this letter favorably at your earliest convenience. You could remit money through Bank &

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Your Bro. in Christ,
Edward M. Allaputa
AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.