

mean, that when you come out he himself will come to you to be baptised; and I tell him all what I know, and I say to him, It is very good, father, if you come to be baptised, and believe in the name of the Lord. But as for me to stop until Mr. Waddell come, I cannot do it, for all God's ministers are the same. And he say, But Mr. Waddell is first man that come here. I say, Yes, father, but I do not know if I live to see that time; and God's word tells us that when we hear his word, we must do it. My friend Eyo Hogan is in great trouble of mind, for when his father and his father's sister die, he have plenty palaver. I tell him to pray, and beg God to help him, and bring him to his family, for we cannot trust ourselves to any friend that we have on earth, but God is willing to be a father and best friend to all his people; and I think that Hogan will soon look for his life. Some of my father's boys want to join; and I speak all time with my wife, too, about the same things; so I think all we want you as soon as you can come.

Also, my dearly friend, I have other good news to tell you,—what goodness the Lord our Father has shown to me, that He has given me a fine little son, as He been do to Hannah, Elkanah's wife; and all I said and prayed is as what Hannah prayed in the 2nd chapter of the 1st Book of Samuel, and I was quite glad. But the same time I was very sorry, and vexed with my mother and my sister and doctor Eyo, for what they do; because, when the child was born it was Sunday, November 4; and when I speak God's word in Psalm cxv. to my people, and my mother's people at her plantation, she say to me, What make me speak God's word when I see that my wife, the daughter of another man, is in so much trouble; and I say to her, God tells us to call upon Him in the time of trouble, and to trust all ourselves to his cares, so I can't stop from speak his word; but I wish you, my mother, would do as I do, and not go to Abeaidiong, as you want to do, for they cannot do you any good, and it will make God angry. And I am very sorry, too, for what doctor Eyo and my mother and sister do. For when doctor Eyo come from his plantation to see the child, he bring a goat with him, and they go to the pot of water which they call after the name of my grandfather's face, and they kill the goat, and give thanks to their dead father that same day. Then they bring the goat's blood in, and put it upon my wife's face, and on the child's; so I get up vexed, and take it off from the child's face; and when my wife see me do so, she take it off her face too, and I say to her that I am glad to see her do so. And I tell my mother and my sister that what they do is very bad before God, because I been pray and beg God to give me this child, and out from his goodness He heard my prayer and answered me; and if they would give thanks to God for his love to me and to them, it will be better than what they do. So I tell my wife not to eat that goat-meat, but to put her trust in the Lord, and let me and her pray to God our Father, and give thanks to Him for his goodness to us. So I prayed with my heart full of thanks to our heavenly Father, and to the Lord by whose great name the Father heard our prayer; and I beg Him not to send his anger on the mother and the child, for we all are his; and I beg the Father to forgive the sin of our family. Then I write to tell my father at Town how God do with me, for he bring me here to plantation to live and see my son born; and he write me an answer which make me a little glad, for he say in his letter that he thank God for the child, and beg God to spare the child and his mother. I am glad to say that though doctor Eyo and my mother and my sister were so strong in their ways, my wife do all as I tell her, and her mother do also very good way with me, for she do not join with them when they do all the things, but she tells me that she believes what I say to them.

Eyo Hogan has also got his wife, and Henshaw Tom Forster has got his wife too. But I am sorry to say that we do not keep the Friday meeting since you go away, for all the young men don't come to it, and we have only