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For a number of years, I have been corresponding with people in the various parts of the world but more particularly to a number of people living in Nigeria, West Africa. Most of these people have become interested in the Church and because of their requests and interest in wanting missionaries to come to their country, the First Presidency asked me to make a visit to their country. I left on October 16, 1961, and was gone for six weeks.

During the past year they have continued to write requesting membership into the Church. On November 21, 1962, I was set apart as the first missionary to the colored people in Nigeria to assist Apostle N. Eldon Tanner preparatory to the establishment of the Nigerian Mission by President David O. McKay, President Henry D. Moyle, and President Hugh B. Brown. I was asked previously by President McKay to prepare to go for a period of not less than six months to baptize the worthy individuals into the Church and to organize them into branches.

After President McKay and the First Presidency set me apart as a missionary to Nigeria (November 21, 1962), I asked them concerning interested persons over there who desired to become baptized members and were living in polygamy. President McKay told me to baptize and admit them into the Church. They could keep their wives and families that they had at the time of baptism but were not to engage further into this practice.

I intended to leave on November 27, 1962, for London where I would be met by President Tanner and together we were to travel down to Lagos, Nigeria, to look over the situation in that country. However, my visa has not yet been approved, and I am waiting for word for passport papers to arrive so that I can leave immediately to begin our missionary work.

President McKay instructed me to organize the auxiliary