Beloved,

Two weeks ago, precisely on Saturday May 29th a simmering farm dispute exploded into a community class pitching two ethnic groups against each other. This took place three kilometers from my home village. The majority ethnic group burnt down all the houses belonging to people of the minority ethnic group. Then I was away in Gombe for a meeting but received calls that the Pero people had fled leaving the Shongom people with no resistance in their attacks. The following day which was Sunday, there was uneasy calm until news went around that the Pero people had mobilised support for a retaliatory attack. Before they could even arrive the Shongom hunters went on further burnings of of houses of Pero people in neighboring communities and that included a community half a kilometer away from my village. We were in church when we saw the community on fire and had to hurriedly conclude the worship.  Before we could eventually get there the hunters had done irreversible damage.

On behalf our good neighbors who lost their houses, foodstuff and other personal belongings, I am appealing for support. Some of them have started returning to their burnt down houses without the capacity to rebuild. In fact  most of them are concerned about what to eat as they they clean the ashes and find a place to lay their heads. I am attaching some pictures of some of the the burnt houses. You may send assistance to this First Bank of Nigeria account: No. 2003651407. Thanks for your support.

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