

Those Who Serve

March 21

Opening Prayer Joe Holloway
Song Leader Joe Burnsed
Communion John Story
Assist Olan Bacon
Assist Joe Burnsed
Dismiss Services Kwesi Garvin



March 28

John Story
 Kwesi Garvin
 Olan Bacon
 Joe Burnsed
 Charles Hall
 Joe Holloway

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where
 The Bible Is Silent

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Dear Brethren and Co workers,

Grace and peace to you all from the Father above and may you all have a blessed year in 2010. Where has the time been going, as we are already in the second month of this New Year. Many things have happened since our last report, positive and negative.



Let me start with the good news; we had our first baptism for this New Year, on January 24th Méres Vixama twenty years old was baptized for the remission of his sins.

Brent and his wife Rachel MacFarland are planning to come and visit us from March 12 till 25th. Brent was an Aim student from the

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Sunset Bible International Institute who worked with Brother Daniel Frerot in Strasbourg for couple years and we hope will be able to come to work with us in the future.

During his two years in Strasbourg, he came on couple occasions to visit us and the Church and also worked with us when we organized a youth retreat. Since then, he went back to the states and got his Bachelor degree in Bible from Sunset. So we are looking forward to their visit and their move Lord willing if they can get a visa from the French government.

We have begun Bible studies with Sophie Wu the young



Chinese woman! Because she has to go to school and also work to pay her bills she does not have much time, so now she comes to Sunday morning worship and afterwards we study, so far we already had 3 Bible studies and they are going good. So let us pray that she will soon obey the gospel.

Next month I will start another Home Bible study with some of our members the Gauthierot family. They just had their third child, a beautiful little girl born February 15th. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 1/2 ozs and they named her Naelle. The family told me that they wanted to study more the Bible so they can grow and also wanted to help their children to learn more about the Bible. I am always happy when Christian families realize that they need to grow closer to God by studying the scripture.

Through the Church website in January we had more than 3,200 people visit the site and in February 2,844 visitors and what they watched the most, is still the History of the Church reformation and restoration presentation. It is wonderful for the Church to have such a tool.

With the Haiti earthquake, several of our member families have lost family and friend in this tragedy, and we are mobilizing the congregation to have a special contribution to help Haiti. We had one of our members and the father of another one, visiting there when it happened, we did not hear from them for two weeks but thank God they are safe and sound and they finally were able to come back to France.

Now I must report the sad news. Simon and Nadege Motaze in Cameroon are suffering. Nadege lost one of her brothers, and then their youngest child Jim, aged 10 months, died of a heart attack at the hospital. Our son in law Emmanuel lost one of his sisters last month. Brother John Ratovoherly from Madagascar who was one of our elders when they were living in Paris, passed away following a heart attack. He and his wife Esther were instrumental in establishing the Church of Christ there, also for starting an orphanage. After the visit of their children from the States they took their Mother back to the States where she will be staying for the present time. We also heard about the passing away of Brother S F Timmerman who was the first American Missionary to enter the French world in Belgium specifically in 1947. He was great man of God.

In regard to the PowerPoint presentation that I am working on, I have finished the one on The History of the Church through the Ages and have started the one on The Scheme of Redemption.

In regard to our financial situation, we just received a letter from our overseeing congregation stating that they have to cut all international support due to financial situation and loss of membership, so therefore that means another \$300.00 per month of our monthly support is lost! The good news is the fact that they will continue to be our overseeing congregation.

I know that globally the world situation is not good and many people are losing their jobs but we need to continue on trusting God because we know that everything will work for the best for His children.

Thanks to all of you who encourages us by your prayers and help and may God continue to richly bless you all.

In Christ's
Service and yours,
Roland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

Food Pantry-Our food pantry has been depleted. Please consider canned goods for the pantry as you shop this week.

Social – next week after morning services

Meetings – also next week after evening services

Work Day- Saturday, Mar 27, at 8:00