

Those Who Serve

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| Opening Prayer | May 16 | May 23 |
| Song Leader | Joe Burnsed | Kwesi Garvin |
| Communion | Kwesi Garvin | Joe Burnsed |
| Assist | Charles Hall | Joe Holloway |
| Assist | Joe Holloway | John Story |
| Dismiss Services | John Story | Olan Bacon |
| | Olan Bacon | Joe Burnsed |



Your Brethren at Booker, TX

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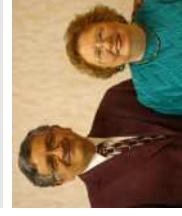
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where
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Hello everyone,

These last two months have been extremely busy with the Lord's work, but also have been very encouraging and rewarding. As I mentioned in my last report Brent MacFarland and his wife Rachel, were planning on coming to visit the Lord's work in Paris. Jason Kellar who also worked as an AIM student with the church in Strasbourg, planned to come along, since he was interested in coming back to France to work with the church. So both of them came, I went to pick them up at the airport and they stayed with us. We talked about their eventual coming to work with us and what the congregation expected for them to do. The men of the congregation met with Jason and Brent.. Brent preached twice at the English worship and Jason taught the Bible class. The visit went well, but since Jason has to

finish his schooling he will not be able to come for at least 3 years or more.

Having worked with Brent on several occasions and knowing his doctrinal points of view and seeing that he is mature, I am confident that he will be a good element for the congregation. Following a recent phone conversation with Brent he told me that he and his wife could not wait to come and work with us. Soon as he gets an overseeing congregation, the support and visa, he will be over, so we are praying that God will open the door for his family.

Pierre Giovally, the young man that I had been studying with every Saturday was baptized for the remission of his on Sunday 28th of March. We are continuing to study together; I really appreciate him, because he wants to grow spiritually and is always present for his Bible study. One of our website visitors was baptized two weeks ago in Belgium.

The website was visited by more than 3200 people from 23 countries in March, in April we had 2988 visitors from 28 countries but they downloaded twice more material than in March, the presentation on the History on the Restoration is still number one for the last 3 years.

In the book of Isaiah 55:11 "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." It all started with Florence Duval, a French young woman working presently in Milan, Italy, searching for God in her life. About six week after knocking on the door of the Catholic church she was baptized by sprinkling, and not satisfied with herself and the fact that she likes to read, she realized that she did not exactly what the Bible said, so in search for the truth she went on line to the Presbyterian, Baptist, then she came across a website of the Church and after examining the teaching and saw that it was in harmony with the Bible doctrine, she was baptized for the remission of her sins. Since she was planning on coming to Paris for her work and at the same time visiting and encouraging her sister, she first contacted me by e-mail, and told me that she was going to be at church and would bring her sister, so she came Friday and what was amazing is the fact that I had seen her, before in our neighborhood! It turned out that in fact she lived two minutes walk from the church building, so we visited for little while and said that she would bring her sister to visit the very next day, so the next morning she came with her sister and we studied and turned out to be that she was ready to change her life, she told Rose and I, that she saw her sister's life change completely and that she needed to be in Christ, so she was baptized that afternoon. Her mother came to be present for the baptism. It was on the afternoon of April 17th.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have another baptism, Richard a Haitian man that has been coming to church regularly will be baptized May the 2nd that will make our fifth baptism so far this year. My

study with the Chinese young woman Sophie Wu, are going good and I believe that she will soon obey the gospel. I am grateful unto God for all the blessings to give us the opportunity to teach all these people.

One more example Antoine Alfonso, a Portuguese man, raised a Catholic, was an altar boy, and five years ago, being dissatisfied with what was going on with the Catholic church, he began to search for the truth. Since then, he began to study the Bible two hours a day and come to the conclusion that he needed to be baptized for the remission of his sin. He found our website and started corresponding with me. He came with his wife two weeks ago and we had a study for close to 3 hours together I was able to clarify some questions he had, but presently he is mixed up with the false teaching of the millennium and the second coming of Christ. I will continue to pray and study with him. Through the years I find it to be so true, over and over I find people who are searching for God truth.

In regard to our support, we just received news that two of our supporting congregation are no longer supporting us since the first of the year. The Washington Church of Christ in Washington, PA, they supported us with \$150 per month, and the Western Avenue Church of Christ in Liberal Kansas that was sending us \$200 per month, so therefore it is \$350 less per month. We are thankful that they supported us.

Natural gas has increased by 10% this year and gasoline price has been heading up once again. Actually since the first of the year everything has been going up and up.

We are indeed grateful to all of you for your spiritual and financial help and the fact that you continue to help through the years. Thank you for your letters and messages of encouragement, they are great and we are always looking forward to receive them.

Until next month may God continue to richly bless you all.

Roland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Social –Next Sunday after Morning Services

Bulletin Board – letter from Raintree Village. Mothers' Day collection coming up next month

Calendar for May-on back pew. It is right this time, get a new one unless you really want to plan activities for 2009

Raintree Village Truck – coming soon. Needs on the back pew. **Meetings**-in two weeks