

Those Who Serve

May 9

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

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

May 16

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Happy Mothers' Day

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where
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**REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010 –
TOM EKPO (JR)**

Greetings to all of God's chosen people, marked for eternity with Jesus. Grace and peace of God be with you. The month of April 2010 has passed by, ushering the month of May with great opportunities for propagating the gospel. It is the beginning of planting season in the Northern Nigeria. Rain fall is increasing and grasses are coming up. We have to take advantage of this blessing to tell people more about God and His salvation. My family and I are really grateful to God for all of you. Your prayers for us are answered daily. The problem in Jos had begun to calm down except the secret killings that are still on and sporadic attacks on people in the villages. But on the early morning of April 24th, fresh violence broke out in Jos. With the rapid intervention by heavily armed security men, the problem was only localized and was curtailed. However, several

people were killed. In Jos, there are places Christians cannot enter. If they do, they are immediately killed. This has posted some threat to movement of people. Of course you can imagine the effect it has on our evangelism program. To a great extent, our door knocking evangelism within Jos metropolis is hampered. We therefore concentrate effort for now on strengthening the Church. So many people have fled from Jos, because of fear of continuous attack. We believe this will equally help in spreading the gospel as they move. Throughout the month of April, I taught three Bible classes a week. In Mazah congregation, we are on the book of Daniel. The reason is to show them from the scriptures how faithful people were still holding unto God's unchanging hands even in the face of trials.

In a few days from today, I will be leaving for Benue State for nine day door knocking. A great door has been opened for the Gospel there. Our hopes are high. For sure my family will have to stay back because of the children school. Keep praying for us. Still coming on this May is our 19th graduation ceremony. We hope to increase the labor force as we will send some 22 preachers into the field to harvest souls for our Master. Thank you for your prayers. Our annual lectureship program for this year is suspended because of security threat. Even though we trust in God's providential care and protection, we felt it is wise not host that program at a time like this, when violence can break out without notice. And that will be difficult for our visitors who may not know where to run to when it happens. We pray the situation will improve next year so that we can host the program again. My father has been diagnosed of diabetes. He will be admitted for some days this week in the hospital. Please, do keep him in your prayers. Beloveds, thank you once again for all your assistance. The box of Bible shipped to us by a sister arrived safely. I have

distributed some of them to those who lost their homes during the Jos disaster. I will carry the rest with me as we leave for campaign for Christ come this Saturday God's willing. May God continue to bless you all in His special way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Social –this Wednesday, the 12th

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.

Today is Mothers' Day. I write it in that way knowing full well that it is not grammatically correct. It is, however, practically correct. The church is the beneficiary of a large amount of Mothers. They have taught all of us, helped each of us, and given all they had to every one of us. Mothers are the first we had. They are the first nurse, the first doctor, the first teacher, the first preacher, the first government, the first mechanic, the first cook, the first fashion designer, and ...I could go on but you see what I mean.

Sadly, we only hear of the infinitesimal few Moms who do not fulfill this great and arduous responsibility. The vast majority of Mothers serve quietly in the background not seeking or needing recognition. They bring children into this world and then send them out into the world prepared for the nightmare of daily living.

On behalf of the Lord's Church, we thank our Mothers in the Kingdom. You are doing a great job!

-Joe