

Those Who Serve

April 12

Opening Prayer Colin Morrison
Song Leader Colin Morrison
Communion Olan Bacon
Assist Charles Hall
Assist Kwesi Garvin
Dismiss Services John Story

April 19

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



Best Wishes Colin! Know you always have a home in Ellabell. You made a big difference in our congregation. More than you may know. May God keep you safe always. Walk back to us one day.

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

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MARCH REPORT FROM CAMEROON BY ABASIAMA

Preview

It is often said that nothing is constant except change. The truth of this paradoxical statement is visible if one has the time to draw up a comparative analysis of the events and achievements recorded in the Cameroon missions report of March 2008 and that of March 2009. Here come a few of the changes in the records:

March 2008

1. Baptism = 0
2. Church attendance= 50
3. Death of sister Jeanette
4. Cameroon in economic crisis
5. My report with photos

March 2009

- Baptism = 2
- Church attendance 75
- Death of my father-in-law
- Cameroon in rumors of war
- Report accompanied by videos

The above statistics are intended to serve as highlights of the report you are about to read. At least the preview format already suggests that a change has occurred, some positive, others negative. Now let's return to the usual pattern as we talk about evangelism first..

Evangelism

We thank God for the great opportunity we had to preach His word in the month of March. As a result, two able-bodied young men have had their names registered in God's kingdom. Their baptismal events have been video-taped and the CD's will prove a great delight to watch. It will be all yours in a couple of days. Brother Ojong Leo and Brother Elvis Leku are the two new converts brought to the savior in the month under

assessment. The Videos will say more on the joy ignited by these conversions in the church at Mile One. Meanwhile, our radio evangelism remains effective even as Brother Rene Motto, a convert by means of the broadcast, is committed to fellowship.

The congregation

The Mile One Church is a blessing to many lives in Limbe, and that, by the grace of God. The resilient church that began with 6 members in 2002 has grown to 50 members in 2009. In our Sunday service the attendance is fluctuating between 65 and 75 with the inclusion of children and visitors. As more and more people are coming to the Lord, we are projecting toward a membership of 100 between now and next year. The fairly steady addition of new converts to the church is certainly indicative of the peace and co-operation currently characterizing the Mile One brotherhood.

The orphanage

With God's help and your continued assistance to the widow and the orphans, the young orphanage is doing well. At least none of the children is sick. Elizabeth Jr., one of the orphans who was having frequent stomach upset has recovered and she is actively preparing to participate in the forthcoming youth forum which begins this Thursday in Banga Bakundu.

Sister Elizabeth, the widow, has sent in her verbal appreciation by means of the video that I am sending to you in a few days. One of the orphans is also thanking you on behalf of the others.

Obituary

We are still mourning the death of Lami's father who died last Saturday, March 28, 2009. The 50-year old man was buried that same day. He was a primary school teacher. Sister Lami and I struggled to lead him to the Lord but to no avail. Your prayerful condolences will be a welcome relief.

Cameroon Socio-political climate

In March 2008, the nation of Cameroon was suffering the economic consequences of the unfortunate civil unrest that claimed the lives of many innocent victims. In March 2009, the despondent masses in the country are now being thrown into another round of fear as one notorious false prophet of the so-called Synagogue Church of all Nations in Lagos, Nigeria, has prophesied doom for Cameroon expected to take place in no distant future. This "prophet" of hypnosis, who has led many into error, now feels it is time to pronounce bad omens on Cameroon. We in the Church of Christ in Cameroon know by means of the Bible that this religious magician who seems to enjoy global influence and recognition is actually a liar and that if another politically motivated mayhem is unleashed on Cameroon, it will be that the people are naturally clamoring for a change in the government that has been in power for over two

decades. In the meantime, widespread fear looms in the nation's socio-political terrain. Please pray for Cameroon, for even the blind can sense that the nation is sitting on a timed bomb due to political discontent.

Appreciation

More than as always, I am thanking you in Ellabell, Grapeland, Adamsville churches and individuals for your continued monetary and morale supports to us in Cameroon. Your support has been tremendously helpful in the growth and progress of our missions. I will allow Sister Elizabeth to say her thanks in the video tape that has been designed for this purpose of appreciation to all of you. Special thanks to Dr. Joe Holloway for his special role in being a bridge of hope between Cameroon and America in this vital West African missionary endeavors. Until next month, it has been your servant and co-worker in the kingdom, Abasiama John, saying God bless you.

Announcements

Social – in two weeks, the 26th

Meetings – in two weeks after evening services, the 26th

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

Thank you- from the family of Ann DeLoach on bulletin board
Bulletin Board-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long

E-mail from Nigeria (Rec'd April 8, 2009)

Hello brother Holloway,

Thanks so much for your endless love. We are doing fine. I could not write because our power went off in day and comes in the night. Since we don't have internet at home, it becomes difficult to get to town in the night for email. My dad is getting better. I pray that the improvement will be consistent. I am preparing for our lectureship in May. Some of the people I extended invitation to come and speak have turned down the invitation. I am going around looking for fresh people.

Out evangelism last weekend at Foron was cut short by the first down pour of rain. I was such and heavy rain that we could not move around knocking doors. We are going there again this week end God's willing. Please, keep praying for us that door will be opened for us to preach the Gospel of Christ to as many as the Lord will give us grace. How about mom and dad? Please, do express my love to them and to the Church. I appreciate all your love.

Grace and Peace,

Tom