

Those Who Serve

April 5

Opening Prayer Joe Holloway
Communion Colin Morrison
Assist John Story
Assist Olan Bacon
Dismiss Services Kwesi Garvin

April 12

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

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**REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 (TOM
EKPOT JR.)**



Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I believe the grace of God, through which we were called into God's eternal kingdom, is available to us all as we struggle to live Christian life. In Nigeria, God has continuously proven His existence and unfading

love for us. The weather condition has changed so much. The temperature is rising, water wells and dams are drying up. Yet God continues to provide us the basic things He promised us.

The month of March has just been wrapped up. It was a hectic month, but I must confess that, it was such a moment I learned to trust in God the more. I made several trips down south to see my sick father. I appreciate all of you, who have not relented in praying for him. Right now, he is feeling much better than he ever felt in the past three months. He can walk by himself without much aid except God who strengthens him. He has started eating food again though only very little. For the past two months, he has not eaten anything solid food. But for the first time, he ate solid food this week. There is much improvement in his health condition. I pray that he gets well soon, because much of my time was consumed trying to keep my dad comforted. It is one of Satan's strategies to get delay my work. But I know that God has a better plan for His children, and His banner must be kept flagging until every foe is conquered.

I have completed my 12 weeks lesson on the biblical foundation for marriage with the Ring Road congregation on Sundays. During the lessons, I learn so many things myself. I thank God for the opportunity to teach such a class of experienced people. My Zonal Tuesday class on Micah is ongoing. Last week Sunday, I was able to worship with Toro congregation. One good thing about this congregation is their love and zealotness for God. I have mentioned this before, the faith of some old women there, some of them over 70 years of age, walking over 5km to Church every Sunday. I told myself that I have no reason not doing what is right for God as I have opportunity. Please, keep praying for these people. At New Foron, come this weekend, we are having an evangelism outing whereby over 5 other congregations are coming to join hands with us to evangelize the area. The Devil is tricky and works harder than we do some time, it is therefore necessary we join efforts together to help people regain their freedom once again. We have several progressive Bible studies going on in this village. We pray God will make it possible for them to realize the truth. So please, don't forget to commit this program to God in prayers for His will to prevail. The congregation in Mazah is doing find, except that we have not been able to roof the building we erected over two years ago because of the rising cost of materials. We are more or less like a house church, where everybody knows one another, and anyone who is absence from worship is noticed immediately. We would not have been able to know anything without God who works through you all. Your prayers are ascending to God every day. Thank you so much. May God continue to bless you in the good work you are doing in Africa, Asia and beyond. My family sends greetings



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Rose:

Another precious soul added to the Kingdom of God this month!

Luke 15:10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

How someone went from a lost purse in the metro (subway) or (public transportation), to the Kingdom of God. Kwanjit Khammeethong, a young woman from Thailand, was travelling in the Parisian Metro, when she came out of it, she realized that she had left her purse on the train. It was too late, because the metro went on, and with 1, 5 million people using it daily, she says to herself "It is lost and I probably would never find it again". Her purse not only contained all of her papers, but also over 700 Euros in cash. Fortunately Sister Ann also from Thailand found her purse setting in the train: she took it, and saw everything inside, so Ann called her and told her "That she had found her purse with everything in it." At first her reaction was "Why did



you do this, and?" Why didn't you keep the money?" She replies to her "That she was a Christian and that's why she called her and wanted to give back to her."

Kwanjit was raised a Buddhist, so Ann invited her to come to her house to get her purse and had planned to invite me to begin a study with her, but since I could not make it because of other studies I had, I asked Brother Tremont from the congregation to study with them. He did and the result was that on the 22nd she obeyed the Gospel.

Alexandre Hauge and I almost every night have Bible discussions via Skype, and I send him bulletins and also Bible studies, via e mail. I am praying that we will soon be able to start something in that city, so let us pray for Rouen.

Brother Brent Murphy and his daughter Laura, from Morrilton, Arkansas, the Development Director for the Southern Christian Home, were planning to go to Madagascar to help the orphanage there, but because the instability with the government, he was advised not to go there. With the recommendation of the missionary in Madagascar he told came to work with us. They stayed with us for 2 weeks and Brent preached and taught for the English worship. Laura taught Rose's English classes! It was nice to have both of them with us.



Here is a picture of Rose, Brent, Emmanuel and Laura at Franc and Liva's apt for our Bible study with them. I am continuing my weekly Bible study with Franck and Liva and I must say that both are growing spiritually.

I have just finished our itinerary for our 10th furlough visit to the states this summer, and that means that we been in the mission field for 30 years! Good and fruitful years with it ups and downs, but we are always rejoicing to serve the Lord in the French world. Every one of you is being a part of it, by prayers and financial support for this work. We are indeed grateful for each and every one of you that has influenced our lives to serve the Lord on the mission field. I know that our God continues to richly bless you as you strive to serve him were you.

Until next month God bless Roland

Announcements

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

Social-this Wednesday evening after Bible Study 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 1, 2009)

Hello brother Holloway,

Greetings to you, mom, dad, and the entire brotherhood. We are doing fine. Sandra and the boys send their best regards. Thanks for the money. The sacrifices you people are making are overwhelming. I am so encouraged. I thought during this economic melt down, things will go really so down, that the Church may not be able to do this task again. Once again, I taught to trust in God all the time. Thanks for the bank balance you have sent. I know some other checks I signed have not been presented.

My dad's health has greatly improved. I owe this to the prayers saints across the globe are rendering to God on our behalf. I pray that this improvement should be consistent, so that he may be up again to his task. Please, tell the Church that I am so grateful for everything. Have a great day.