

Those Who Serve:

Opening Prayer
 April 6 **Joe Burnsed**
 April 13 **Kwesi Garvin**

Communion
Assist **Charles Hall**
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent
 Where The Bible Is Silent
 April 6, 2008

MARCH REPORT (CAMEROON) INTRODUCTION

We give God the glory for our mission work in Limbe during the month of March. Preceded by a turbulent February, the period under review was accorded the necessary commitment to keep the faith in the midst of adverse developments in the country. As the government and people of Cameroon make efforts to settle their differences on issues of national importance, the Church in Mile One has remain undaunted in its quest to make a meaningful evangelistic impact on the lives of the Cameroonian citizens, especially those residing in Limbe. The congregation of the Lord in Mile One, together with the brethren of New Town Church of Christ(a sister congregation in Limbe) literally marched on the street (cf. picture) in the month of March to the burial occasion of a sister in New Town Church who has gone to be with the Lord after a protracted illness.



EVANGELISM

If it were possible to miraculously transform the number of people evangelized to the number of people baptized, the month of March would have been the greatest in the history of conversions recorded by the emerging gospel machinery known as the Church in Mile One. No thanks to the many self-acclaimed miracle performers who have recently discovered Limbe as a fertile ground for their deceptive activities. We came in contact with our prospects through our usual door-to-door evangelistic system. Although this system has it own limitations, we have reached

not less than 50 people with the gospel in March. One of the prospects we met during such a house-to-house preaching arrangement happily welcomed us but also immediately directed us by pointing his finger toward the house of his neighbor whom he said was a terrible pagan desperately in need of being evangelized by people like us. "As for me" he said with a beaming smile, "I became born again 43 years ago when I was baptized at the age of three by my pastor". While rejections like this are not unexpected, others have found with us something to learn for their salvation.

Yesterday, as always since December 2007, the three-man team of gospel teachers (myself leading in answering questions) proclaimed the message of salvation to the people of Limbe. We had 12 callers who spoke with us on phone to ask their religious questions. We pray the Lord to strengthen us the more for the giant evangelistic task ahead of us in Limbe and its environs. Meanwhile, the struggle to lead some souls to the Saviour continues.

THE NATION AFTER THE CRISIS

The needless crisis that brought Cameroon to a standstill in the second half of February is gradually being forgotten. Nevertheless, the people are still reaping the consequences of the conflict through extended high cost of living, pot-holes on the roads, and arbitrarily increased prices of essential goods and services which the Price Control Agency is now having a score to settle with the marketers. To many in the country, the post-crisis ripples of economic hardship and rise in criminal activities are not as worrisome as the alleged continued attempt by the government to amend article 6.2 of the Cameroonian constitution to give the president (who has ruled for the past 25 years) a legal permit to run for the presidential elections in 2011. Some politicians threatening war are now creating fear by their utterances to the people who are just recuperating from the nationwide unrest. Please, pray for Cameroon.



THE CHURCH IN MILE 1

The church is marching on. With the average membership of 50, the month of March recorded one of the highest attendances in worship and Bible studies. As you may observe from the pictures taken during our most recent worship, we are turning our worship into a celebration of the Christ. The spiritual vibrancy of the church has not been dampened by the debilitating illnesses like diabetes, asthma and the ever-present malaria which some of our brethren are suffering from. These sick ones need our collective supplications to God.

A FUNERAL

A sister named Jeanette passed on to eternity early in March. Before her death, she was a member of the Mile one church in the days of Richard before she transferred her membership to the New Town Congregation still in

Limbe. One of the pictures I have attached shows the two congregations in Limbe marching along the Mile One road to the residence of the deceased for the funeral service at which I was given an opportunity to tell the living about Christ and his victory over death. She was the only member of the church in her family.

INTER-CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The youth leaders conference which was postponed from February to March eventually took place at the meeting place of the Mile One Church. One of the pictures I have attached is that of the participants of the program. It was nice to have these leaders from various



congregations converge in Limbe to plan for the youth activities in the coming months. In two days time, I will be traveling to Bertoua for a 4-day youth forum. I hope to be back in Limbe by Sunday, April the 6th. Please, we need prayers for a safe ride. Bertoua is farther than Douala from Limbe.

APPRECIATION

I will not fail to thank you all for your support. Ours is such a great friendship and partnership in the work of the Lord. Sincerely, we cherish every bit of the contributions you have made to provide the needed funds for the mission work in Cameroon. Thank you beloved coworkers and brethren. Love.

Yours faithfully,

Abasiama Archibong

Email from Cameroon (Rec'd April 1, 2008)

Sir,

It is a pleasure to let you know that I have received the money. My gratitude goes to everyone who has been contributing financially and otherwise to provide for our needs. We are indeed very thankful to the brethren at Ellabell, not forgetting other congregations and individuals who have been our dependable donors. Please kindly accept my genuine appreciation for the increased support I have received this time. Greetings from all of us here to you and the brethren. Bye and be blessed.

Faithfully yours,

Abasiama Archibong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 6-we are meeting at 3:00 pm at the Bryan County Health Center
Cans-save cans – we are trying to buy bicycles for the missionaries in India
Medicine Bottles-Remember to save prescription bottles for African Christian Hospitals.
Labels-Remember the labels we are saving
Food Pantry-Remember the Pantry as you shop
Change Jar-proceeds go to the Mothers' Day Appeal for Raintree Village
Social-This Wednesday evening after Bible Study

IN MAY OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE TIME WILL CHANGE TO 7:00