

Those Who Serve

August 10

Opening Prayer Joe Holloway

Communion

Joe Burnsed

Assist

Kwesi Garvin

Assist

Evan Hall

Dismiss Services Kwesi Garvin

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Colin Morrison

Kwesi Garvin

Charles Hall

Joe Holloway

Charles Hall



Sister Elizabeth receiving the support of her American Brethren



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

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JULY REPORT BY ABASIAMA IN CAMEROON PREVIEW

Our West African missionary journey in July was as adventurous as it successfully took Jesus to the jungle where sin has gone even at this time when controversy rages between the government and the churches on the thorny issue of religious authorization decree. Amidst the looming threats by government to impose a ban on many religious bodies, Church of Christ inclusive, our soul-winning endeavours rather yielded the biggest ever harvest of converts in a four-week time frame. Sadly in contrast with the delightful conversions of souls to Christ, a disfellowship of one sister in Mile One has taken us a step backward. Please read on to share our successes and setbacks; jubilatons and jeopardies of July.

SOUL-WINNING

Despite the adversative policies of government on religious affairs and freedom of worship, the Lord greatly blessed to improve on the methods and results of our evangelistic campaigns in the month under review. For the first time, our radio proclamation singlehandedly called out a soul to the Lord. Joseph Bate, the new convert who is nine days old in the Christian race, courageously walked up to the studios of the Eden Radio in search of the presenters of the reigning audience participatory program "Let the Bible Speak". When he found us, he drew close to me and asked, "Are you Abasiama?" With hesitation, I answered yes, suspecting the salvation- seeking Joseph of being a government agent hunting for pastors and leaders of churches labeled "illegitimate churches" by the governing authorities. At least, we are to be wise like serpent, says the Lord. The ensuing cautious conversation instead revealed the twenty-six year old Joseph to be someone desperate for salvation. Finishing touches were then added the aired message, and the following day he was baptized.





Eyong



Thompson



Regan

In addition, our house-to-house door knocking evangelism for Christ reigned supreme as it resulted in the new birth of

three brothers, namely: Eyong, Thompson and Regan. Their immersion pictures are attached herewith. I'm sorry that some of the baptism pictures are somewhat blurred because it was raining at the time (cf. the umbrellas over our heads **LEFT**). May God be exalted in the lives of our newly converted. **CHURCHES AND GOVERNMENT AT LOGGERHEADS**



The Cameroonian nation in July was plunged into conflict between the government and the "Christian" religious community. The controversy began with intimidating threats by government to the corporate existence of certain denominations, centered on the hyper-sensitive subject of the legitimacy or otherwise of some churches operating in the country. This issue of the authorization of churches' operation by means of a presidential decree assumed a controversial proportion as soon as the government released a list of "illegal Churches" selected for prohibition. Since it is always a dangerous chemistry to mix religion and politics, religious pundits speculatively theorized to the people that the ominous threat by the authorities was politically engineered to assassinate the churches that have been preaching messages that remotely indict the government of misrule. Whatever the case may be, it was laughable and utterly ridiculous for the government to announce that only mainline traditional denominations, namely, Catholic, Presbyterian and Baptist together with the idolatrous Bahai Faith has legal status in Limbe. The Church of Christ in Limbe was not mentioned in the list of authorized churches. Nevertheless, we are as bold as a lion and not the least afraid of this looming closure of churches because we have an authentic authorization by government. The only problem about which we should pray is the issue of converting school buildings into worship places. We are guilty of that one. Please we need your prayers in this regard.

DISFELLOWSHIP

With broken hearts but on the basis of biblical love, the Mile One Church announces the disfellowship of one of our number for forsaking the fellowship of the saints for 8 months without any godly reason. Before she backslided, she had a terrible attitude of being disruptive to our worship, usurpation of authority over men in addition to her expressed desire to go back to her former denomination. All efforts to recover her from her perpetual sins of pride, rebellion, deception, and blackmailing of the church in market places, proved abortive. It is sad indeed that this withdrawal of fellowship has come at a time when the church is working harder to bring the lost to Christ. We are praying for her to humble herself and repent to be restored.



AT THE WIDOW'S HOUSE

Sister Elizabeth, the widow was visited by the church last Sunday after worship. The condolence visit was timely as she has recently concluded the burial of her late daughter which took place in Nigeria. As she goes through the natural cycle of grief, we are prayerfully trying to bring comfort to her heavy heart by frequent visit and encouragement from God's own word. As indicated by the pictures, Lami, Nsikamima and I were with her two days ago to console her with songs and prayers. Sister Elizabeth and the orphans have asked me to convey their profound appreciation to you for have come to her aid financially. With tear-filled eyes she said, "Please thank Brother Holloway and the church for me."

MY OWN APPRECIATION

My family and I deeply thank every one of you so much for providing the needed financial support to effectively discharge this mission work. The Mile One Church heartily joins in this appreciation to all of our donors whose gifts have opened doors for souls to find refuge in God's kingdom. You will never lose your reward, dear partners. **DEDICATION**

Giving glory to the Almighty God and in constant recognition of your undaunted commitment and faithful service in helping to coordinate and promote the spread of the Gospel in Cameroon, the church and I hereby lovingly and prayerfully dedicate the monumental achievements of the month of July to you, Dr. Joseph Holloway Jr. Your life means so much to us in Cameroon. Without doubt, we cherish your undying love and diligence in ensuring the advancement of our fruit-bearing West African Mission vineyard. God bless you, as always. **Abasiama John Archibong**



Abasiama entering Sister Elizabeth's home

Sis Elizabeth with some of the children

Announcements

Labels-Remember the labels we are saving
Food Pantry-Remember the Pantry as you shop
Change Jar-proceeds go to the Thanksgiving Appeal for Georgia AGAPE
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.
Social- this Wednesday evening after Bible Study.