

# Those Who Serve

**Opening Prayer**     **August 3**  
Evan Hall

**August 10**  
Joe Holloway

**Communion Assist**  
Olan Bacon  
Joe Burnsed  
Charles Hall

Joe Burnsed  
Kwesi Garvin  
Evan Hall

**Dismiss Services**     Joe Burnsed

Kwesi Garvin



# Ellabell Church of Christ



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

August 3, 2008

### Brother Simon Parfait Motaze's Report from Cameroon

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Dearest Beloved in Christ,  
May the glory be to our Heavenly Lord.  
I am sorry for the lateness of the June report I hope all is well with you by the grace of God.  
Here are the news of Nkoabang congregation:  
**WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES**  
We are done with the theoretical aspect of the study on homiletic approach and are now dealing with the practice. Each member is doing its best to deliver a message and generally speaking all are almost doing well. Since this approach is not only a science but also an art, I am trying to make them be used with that exercise till the end of June.  
On Saturday afternoon schedule as you all know, we are towards the end of the first part of the course concerning leadership(A servant Christian who has visions, share , develop and makes the church move towards its accomplishment), the second part will concern the mission declaration as well as the creation of ministries. This is to be ended up by August;  
On Sunday morning class we go on with the letter of 1st Peter and this does help the congregation to stand firm despite the trials we are facing by the bad wind of false doctrine in our vicinity, the sicknesses and the likes.

## EVANGELISM

All the prospects are not available except one with whom I will start working with next month according to his proposal.

We are not ready to start with church evangelism until we are done with some basic training programs put in place already for, the whole church is almost made up of new converts coming from various denominational groups and still need to study more.

## OTHER MATTERS

As in each month, we had our fellowship meal at sister Gisele and brother Moses house and we had 3 visitors from others congregations with us; it was really great to discuss and share our lives around dishes coming from each member.

The church attendancy was around 15 for many brethren are on holidays with their children and because of that the children class is closed till September.

## THANKSGIVINGS AND PRAYERS

we cannot end up without expressing my family and I our gratitude towards all of you for your spiritual support through email and phone calls and most especially prayers, as well as the financial one. On behalf of the Church we thank you so much and if the work is growing and problems faced in Nkoabang congregation are being solving, it is because of your spiritual presence with us. God has made available monthly support for us and may he bless you as his instruments for his vineyards in with we have been called in. For any detail concerning our monthly support, kindly contact brother Jim Stamatias on his phone number:15012785340.

In Christ,  
Simon

(We receive periodically the following report from the Church in Dumas, TX which oversees the support of Roland and Rose in Paris. I have not included it before but thought you might be interested. There were several items I did not include because of space from the report as there was no data given.)

## June, 2008

### Memberships:

Total: 163

Number of families: 84

### Attendance (weekly):

Sunday AM Bible school: /79/91/

Sunday AM worship : 109/149/105/179

Sunday PM (English): 45/50/39/45/53

Midweek PM 10/7AVG:10.50

Contribution : ( weekly) 911.50€/551.50.€/440.60€/941.60€/551.50€ - AVG 699.32€

Special contribution to mission work in Cameroon Africa 50€

Weekly budget: 690€ (Euros)

0.59 Euros for \$1.00

### Addition this month: 1

Baptisms - 1

Placed membership- 1

### Members lost:

Moved away -0

Became unfaithful -0

### Evangelistic outreach: (check appropriate action)

Door to door- X

Neighbours and acquaintances -X

Relatives

Home Bible studies-X

Nursing homes

Hospital visitation -X

Mail-outs-X

Advertising-X

### Benevolent work : ( list or describe)

Keeping people in our home, giving clothes and food to people

Report completed by: Roland Mohsen.

## Why Go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

—Author Unknown

**"Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together ..." —Acts 20:7**

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