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

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NOVEMBER REPORT FROM CAMEROON

Preview

Greetings to every one of you who serves in way or another in our West African Missions' family. We in Limbe, Cameroon are faring pretty well as there is a relative peace in the country contrary to the politically chaotic and volatile city of Jos, Nigeria. Even as we join together in prayers for brother Tom and his family and other brethren in Jos, I am glad to report to you the progress made in November as we preach the gospel in Cameroon.

Evangelism

We continue to thank our loving God for His unlimited strength granted us to preach His message in Limbe and its neighboring towns. Our evangelistic efforts extended the opportunity to meet Christ to many people in Limbe during the month being reviewed. Always trying to encourage the

Mile One church members to take the work of soul-winning as a joyful responsibility, we collectively took the saving word to private home as we campaigned for Christ from door to door. In addition to going to people in the convenience of their own homes, I equally studied the Bible with those who rather preferred hearing from the Word at my house. Whichever venue, the gospel was intensely preached in November to the extent that the Lord added a middle aged woman by the name of Esther Ekoko Ayuk to the fold in Mile One. Our photographer could not



show up at the baptism site, so we had to get to the studio to take the post-baptism picture with Sister Esther wearing the blue dress of African design. Sister Celine Akeme, in white T-shirt, is a neighbor to Esther. The water was a bit deep, so it was needless for me to fold my pants or trousers which got wet as picture shows.

Still on evangelism, our radio preaching is a huge success not only in limbe but also in other towns as far as Eden Radio signal can go. The Sunday-Sunday gospel broadcast by means of which brother Rene Motto was brought to Christ a few months ago, is really helping the church to evangelize more effectively as it

makes us somewhat familiar to prospects whom we later meet in person after speaking to them on air. Since the 1-hour-15-minutes program affords the listeners the opportunity to ask their questions or participate in the Bible quiz competition, we had 10 callers last Sunday. It is always encouraging to receive telephone calls from individuals across denominational spectrum appreciating or abusing us for the proclamation.

My Trip to Maroua

It appears I will long remember the pleasures and perils of my missionary journey to the Far Northern region of Cameroon known as Maroua. The basic aim of the extremely long trip was to participate in the Annual Gospel Lectureship that took place there. From Limbe to Maroua is 2200 kilometers. It was undoubtedly an unprecedented travel in my experience in terms of stress and distance. It was a trip by road and rail. From Limbe to Yaounde by road, and then to Ngaoundere by rail. Then finally from Ngaoundere to Maroua by road again. 4 days in transit to and fro.

The attendance was said to have been unimpressive as only 106 participants showed up. The dismal attendance was blamed on the terribly long distance to travel by road. Among the 106 participants, only one preacher from Bafussam could afford to fly to Maroua. The rest including me had no option than to defy the distance and the dangers to be in Maroua for the national gospel convention. I was told that Maroua is not so far away from Plateau state in Nigeria where Jos is situated.



I thought it would be fun to send you some funny pictures taken in Maroua. One of the pictures shows me trying to cross a desert to get to some people on the other side while on evangelism. You can see some little children in the background playing while I stopped at the sight of a Cameroonian chameleon which I carried on a stick as I admired its changing colors. At least momentarily playing with the chameleon in the sandy dunes of

Maroua helped in diverting my attention from the extremely scorching effect of the tropical sun with a damaging impact on the skin greatest in Maroua. Because of the intensity of the heat, I suffered some nose bleeding for the first time in my life. Maroua is sizably populated by non-radical but evangelistically unresponsive Muslims and pagans and many francophones with one "Christian" denominational affiliation or the other. At the end of the four-day event, we could not celebrate any baptism. Nevertheless, we praise God even as we believe it was a successful lectureship because of the wonderful fellowship we experienced with brethren across the nation.

Appreciation

It feels good for me to once more thankfully acknowledge your kind financial support for me to carry on this mission in Cameroon. I am not in isolation in this appreciation because Sister Elizabeth, the widow is equally thanking all of you for your generous gifts unto us in Limbe. We thank you more than ever before for all your dedicated donations. God bless you, beloved brethren

-Love Always,
Abasiana

E-mail from Nigeria 12/8/08

Thanks for all your prayers. After one week and two days, we were able to return home for the first time last night. Your prayers have really an encouragement to us. It was as if we were separated for almost a year. My children were glad to be back home, even though we slept with one eye opened the other. We are really leaving in fear and trembling. I think it is time we start thinking of relocating to a safer area, but that will take some money. My wife wants us to move as I told you. I will start making some saving so that I can get a small place and move. So whatever help is available, we will appreciate. But we will work towards that in the next three months or four

Though the terror is less, we are receiving new threat every day. How eve, our trust is in God. Nothing can happen without His approval. Thanks for sending my account balance to me. I appreciate you and the Church so much. Say the Church that we are alright. Have a great day.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

E-mail from Nigeria 12/10/08

Dear brother Holloway,

Thank you so much for your kindness. We are so grateful to you and all the brethren who have continued to pray for us during this period of crises in Jos. Going through the little we went through, my heart goes to all the people suffering different hardship in other parts of Africa and beyond. I pray God will restore relative peace in those places as well. I am not sure I expect absolute peace here on earth as long everyone has not come to the obedience of the true and saving Gospel of Christ. Our prayer is that God will enable us the grace to bear whatever comes our way while we sojourn here on this temporal world. However, I appreciate all you for your unrelented effort in bringing us to Him in prayers. God has answered our prayers. Please, do keep praying for us, and the brethren in India.

Announcements

No Social-in December

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

New Year's Eve-Remember to come to the New Year's Eve get-together at the building