

# Those Who Serve:

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent

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February 10, 2008

*Report from Cameroon - Alabama John Archibong*

## JANUARY REPORT

### Introduction

The Lord's work in Limbe and in the surrounding cities in Cameroon is growing in magnitude and direction. God is expanding His kingdom as days go by. Evangelism is gaining momentum especially at this time in which the church is demanded by societal and denominational trends to prove its relevance in the community. More people are responding to the soul-winning efforts of the church. Several phone calls have been received from listeners of our radio evangelism outreach, urging us to carry on the truth-revealing program. None of these giant strides could have been achieved without the undying love and partnership of the church in Ellabell and others who have been our supporters in profound ways. What a great opportunity to make a difference in our society !

### Evangelism

Right from the beginning of our mission work with the church in Limbe, the Lord has been wonderful in the way He uses our little efforts to accomplish His great aims. I am so happy to observe brethren co-operating in every of the church duties, especially that of saving the lost. As I insinuated in my previous report, the church is very eager to experience more spiritual and numerical growth. The massive contacts we make through our radio preaching are concretized by our house to house spreading of God's message in Limbe. A great number of people are becoming aware of the truth and its pillar (the church) in Limbe.

Our regular house-to-house door-knocking is yielding fruits as we welcome more and more invited visitors in our Sunday and Wednesday services. The Sunday before last, we baptize a young man named Charles into the body of Christ. He is now a member of the Mile One congregation. His picture was not ready at the time this report was composed. I hope to send it tomorrow or next when the

photographer will give it to me.

Last Saturday I came back to Limbe from Dibanda (Mile 14) where I had a very busy schedule at the monthly gospel lectureship organized by the church in that town. The 4-day lectureship ended in the salvation of two souls whom the church immersed into Christ.

#### **The church In Mile One**

It is a reassuring experience for me to observe the steady growth of new converts in the church. The brethren in general are having a great fellowship with one another. There is a sense of divine peace in the church. The brethren are just happy to serve God in Mile One assembly. Along with this numerical growth comes the increasing need of a meeting place of our own. The little space in which we have to worship at the moment is increasingly insufficient as more disciples are made. Recently, the Landlord has agreed to relocate us to a bigger classroom but with the undesirable condition of doubling the rent. We are considering the possibility of accepting the suggestion.

#### **Catherine Sickness**

Sister Catherine is the wife of the preacher of Bessengue congregation in Douala. She has been severely afflicted by a combination of ailments which began after the delivery of her baby nine months ago. Ever since the childbirth, this preacher's wife has not known good health. She had been transferred from one hospital to the other in search of a solution. Last month she was eventually brought to Limbe where my attention was greatly demanded. I had to frequent the Limbe provincial hospital because the preacher, Bro. Jean-Claude could not always stay with her as he needed to also be in Douala to take care of the newborn baby who has been deprived of a motherly care due to Catherine's cardiac and hepatic disorders. She has been transferred back to Douala from where she will be taken to Yaoundé for a cardio logical examination. Catherine's struggle to be alive continues as the churches in Cameroon unite in prayers. Please what this sister needs is nothing but prayers and fasting. Pray for this struggling man of God whose faith is under trial.

#### **A Funeral**

The exciting fellowship and the joy brought about by the church's evangelistic achievements of January were somehow affected by the death of Bro. Gedion's 18-year old daughter. Brother Gedion is a member of the church in Mile 4. Before her demise, the teenager who was said to have been baptized into Christ had long backslid into the Baptist Church with her mother. The family of the deceased needs our prayers for consolation. I preached at the funeral.

#### **Appreciation**

I have received the financial support transferred to me some days ago. I cannot but profoundly thank the Ellabell Church members and their minister and other Christians who have been instrumental to the progress and success of the mission activities in Limbe. We in Mile One greatly appreciate all of you. We are praying that the Lord reward all of you. Thank You!

✉ mail from Cameroon (Rec'd Feb 2, 2008)

Dear sir,

Thank you very much for your love and care and wonderful understanding of the nature of my work here in Limbe. I myself do not feel okay whenever it becomes impossible to maintain a regular emailing of you. I feel better when I know I have

given you a sense of assurance and peace of mind that I'm well and the brethren are working in love. Communication is life. Right now I'm on my way to Dibanda, Mile 14, to continue the four-day gospel meeting in which I've been immensely featured to present a number of messages. Two people have been saved through the program so far. The churches in Cameroon do not "allow me to rest". This is a happy "restlessness" because it gives me a sense of duty and accomplishment as a worker for the Lord. I hope to return to Limbe in the evening to send my monthly report of what the Lord has done in His vineyard in the month just ended.

Thank you very much for the transfer. I know my report ought to have preceded it but for the busy schedule of January. As always I'll give you the feedback on the transfer when the much appreciated increased financial support is in my hands. Thanks for always being there for me and us even when I seem to give you a reason to worry. I'm sorry for every inconvenience caused by the suspense in communication. I will say more in my report. Let me join the brethren at the campaign ground in Dibanda. God's blessings.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

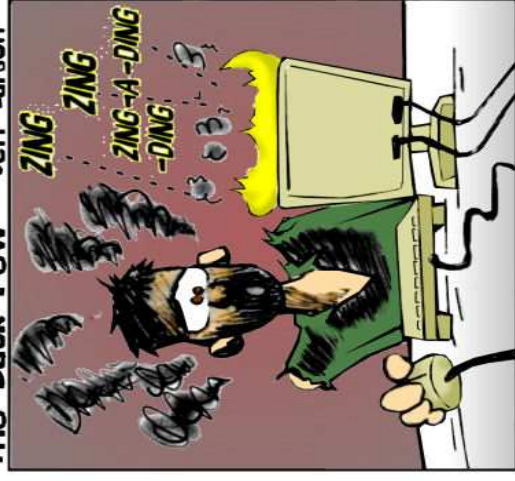
**Social** – Not this Wednesday evening but next Wednesday evening, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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

#### **The Back Pew – Jeff Larson**



And EMAIL is like a flame.. no one can stop an EMAIL.. it is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison.. and so BLESSING & CURSE come pouring out of the same email. **James 3:5-10**