

# Those Who Serve:

February 24      March 2  
 Joe Burnsed      Kwesi Garvin

Opening Prayer

Communion      Charles Hall      Joe Burnsed  
 Assist      Colin Morrison      Olan Bacon  
 Assist      Evan Hall      Joe Holloway

Dismiss Services      Olan Bacon      Charles Hall



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## Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent

### Where The Bible Is Silent

February 24, 2008

#### Report from the Mohsens in Paris

Dear Brethren,

On December 14<sup>th</sup> Rose and I, flew to the U.S.A. for the holidays. We were able to do so with frequent flyer mileage that had to be used before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, otherwise, we would lose it. We flew from Paris to Dallas and from there to Philadelphia, our oldest daughter Anna, picked us up and we stayed with her and our two oldest grandsons till December 21<sup>st</sup>. A family from the Newark Church where our daughter attends, was kind enough to let us use their family van; this way we had transportation to get around. The morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anna and our two grandsons and us headed south toward Savannah Georgia, where my sister lives. The traffic was so heavy, that we decided to call Bill and Jewell Snell from Mechanicsville to see if we could not spend the night with them. When we got there they had a spaghetti dinner waiting for us, normally it should only have taken 4 hours drive, but because the holidays it took us 9 hours. It was same thing the following day. We got at my sister's home very late the next day, but was happy because we had not celebrated the Christmas holidays together for more than 30 years, and we had a wonderful time together.

I had the opportunity to speak to the Ellabell congregation Sunday and Wednesday. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we returned to Newark, Delaware were our daughter lives, and the following day we drove to Hermitage, Pennsylvania visit for one day with Rose's sister Mary and her son then the next day headed to Clarion, Pa where we spent the New Year with her aunt and uncle. Sunday we drove to Hermitage and spoke to our home congregation and it was so wonderful to see everyone. On the fourth we headed back to Anna's place and flew back to Paris on the 8<sup>th</sup> and arrived on the morning of the ninth of January. That day we had several visits from members of the church and friends and even Regis my contact, and since that day Regis has been coming to Bible class and worship every Sunday morning! He told me "That he enjoyed very much the Bible class" It is my prayer that one of these days he will obey the Gospel. We had like 1200 e-mails waiting for us, without counting the regular mail.

As the result of the Bible Bowl and campaign in Mauritius Island, two precious souls were immersed into Christ, Brother Sylvio the Evangelist for the Rose Hill Church on Mauritius Island told me that on December 25<sup>th</sup> he immersed into Christ the Rose May who had came to the Bible Bowl and gospel meetings, but also to the Thursday night Bible study

at Sylvio place, and the other Lady is a cousin of Marianne's family and her name is Fleurette! She was there to help prepare the meals for us, and her religious background was Catholic, but after talking to her and showing her the truth from the scripture and the fact that Sylvio continued to study with her, she finally asked to be immersed into Christ on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we got a phone call from sister Helene Donchery , telling us of the passing away of Her mother, Sister Helene Billard at age 87. I left Friday morning to be there for the funeral. Sister Billard and her husband were faithful members of the Church until the Lord called them home.

I have started my Bible study with Franck and Liva on Tuesdays and also the Thursday Bible study with Guy and Roselyn Montoban. I started a Bible study on Saturday afternoon on Saturday with Marie Cirligne, the sister of Marie Claudette from our assembly. This month since I had finished my studies on the book of Timothy in Sunday morning Bible class, I have started the study on the Sermon on the Mountain. ON Wednesday I am close to finishing the Scheme of Redemption.

Since our return from the states, prices just keep on going up and up, and the worst is the fact that the dollar is very weak against the Euro and that hurts us. We are thankful for all the help we receive as we are blessed.

In regard to the Freedts that supposed to come and join us, they are still in Texas waiting for the Baton rouge congregation, to tell them to come and work with them for 4 to 6 months, then Lord willing they'll be with us, to help with the work.

We are so grateful into God and to each of you, for making it possible for us to continue to serve God's Kingdom in the French world. Since this year it is our congregation that is in charge of the program for the annual retreat of the churches of Christ, we decided to have for the theme Mathew 16:18 "I will build my Church". In this New Year, may God richly bless you.

Roland.

Dear Ladies,

Our trip for the holidays in the U.S.A. was wonderful where we saw family and relatives and some that were sick. They are doing better now and we are thankful for that. We have lost some dear brethren and brethren here have lost family too or have some really sick family.

My studies are going well with Natalie and Sylvie, Kadija, James, Pierre Paul, and Josiane. I will be having a new male student in his thirties starting in February.

It was wonderful to see our brethren in PA, GA and DE and to see how much our oldest grandchildren have grown. There are three boys and I gal Lily Rose and she is learning to walk, and keeps Grandma Mohsen hopping. Our other news is that we are going to be grandparents again due on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July! We are all delighted.

Sheila Levet's Dad is better and at home, and we ask you to pray for Franc and Liva. Our studies with them continue. They are looking for a new place to live so we are praying for them and Enyo also is looking for a place. We got to talk to the Pennington parents while in the U.S.A. and they are doing fine. We miss them. I'm teaching an Eng/French class on Sunday nights. That is going well. Roland was gone for a funeral as well as a couple of his studies out of town.

Photo is a group photo of ladies that were in Lausanne, Switzerland for the ladies meeting on the weekend of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. I had blood vessels to break in my right eye caused by blood pressure the doctor thinks so am being treated for that and going

every two day to have pressure monitored. I had a great time and made the trip with Enyo.

Love you all. Rose

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Email From Cameroon (Rec'd February 15, 2008)



Sir,

Greetings from Limbe. How are the brethren of Ellabell. Hope they are rejoicing in the Lord. as for us in Mile One, the joy of the Lord is our strength. The picture of the young man, Charles, who was baptized two weeks ago is forwarded along with this mail of greeting. Please extend my regards to the beloved brethren in Ellabell. we pray that you all will continue to sail on God's waves of grace.

Your grateful servant,  
Abasiama

(Rec'd February 18, 2008)

We are happy, just as the angels in heaven are, to tell the Church in Ellabell about the baptism of sister Besem who worship with us yesterday. After listening to the teaching I presented on: **Heaven: The Eternal Home for the Righteous**, she decided to be in Christ. Please pray for her to grow in His grace.



Email from Nigeria (rec'd February 18, 2008)

Hi brother Holloway,

Greetings from my family and the brethren at Bokkos. I was there yesterday, and the Church, though few in number was so glad. I went with two other brethren from Jos. A brother there needs our prayers seriously. He had tuberculosis before, later he was diagnosed of Diabetes. Now during the cold weather, he was warming himself by fire when his cloth got fire. He was burnt serious. Please, pray for him. His name is Savage. How is the Ellabell family doing? Express my love to them please. Tell mom and dad that I do miss them. My love to the Church at Booker if you get to them. Our evangelism outreach at Bokkos has been shifted because it coincided with the date of the postponed county election. We are trying to see which day is suitable now. Have a great day brother. Keep praying for us  
Grace and Peace,

Tom

## 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.

**Meetings**-our business and Ladies' meetings will be tonight after evening services  
**Social** – today after morning services

**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