

Those Who Serve

July 6 Colin Morrison
Opening Prayer
July 13 Olan Bacon
Communion Joe Burnsed
Assist Kwesi Garvin
Assist Olan Bacon

Dismiss Services Charles Hall
 Evan Hall



Ellabell Church of Christ



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

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2008 – TOM EKPO (JR)

Greetings to you all in Jesus name.
 It is a pleasant time in Jos, as we are enjoying a wonderful weather condition. This is one of the best weather conditions we have in Jos. It rains regularly. This regular rainfall helps so much to control the hot weather and supply us water even if the water company is not giving us water. We appreciate God so much for this good



weather. This is not so with some places in the Northern Nigeria.

From 8th of June to 21st of June, one teacher from the Bible School in Jos and I went to Gombe State to teach some Church leaders, Bible teachers and some preachers who can't afford to leave their



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farming and family to come to the school in Jos. We taught four courses each day (Basic English Grammar, Islam Religion, Biblical Counseling, and Personal and Public Health). All these courses are part of the school curriculum. There were 8 people who attended the program, though only 6 were regular students. We had classes each day from 8.00am to 5.15pm. It was stressful, but very encouraging as we impart knowledge to those who are to teach others. The weather was not friendly at all. It rained only once since we went there. Beside this, there was scarcity of water. There is no single borehole in Gombe. The government in now laying pipes for portable drinking water. We don't know when that will be completed. We were compelled to drink water that we considered unsafe. We put our trust in the Lord for good health.

The Church at Toro is doing fine. After worship yesterday (29th), we sat back to discuss about the training of one of the brethren there, who will return to work with the Church after his graduation. The Church cannot pay a preacher for now, as their collection cannot even buy a bottle of communion wine. Their collection averages about \$1.00.



The brother coming to the School in Jos is a married man with kids. About 98% of his sponsorship will rest on my head. **Am attaching his picture left.** The name of the brother is Mohammed Ribina. Mohammed has to leave his farming to come to Bible School for the sake of the Church. It is a tough decision he has made at this time of food scarcity. But the load now rest on our heads to help him complete the program. Please, if anyone wants to help Mohammed, we will appreciate him. For now, his sponsorship is on me.

The congregations at Mazah and Foron are doing well. They all covet your individual and collective prayers. As food scarcity bits hard, it helps many people to realize the hand of God in Human affairs. This helps us to give thanks to God for every thing. Life situation is difficult in Africa, but God's grace is sufficient every day. The high cost of petroleum products coupled

with food scarcity are enough trouble. But our hope lies beyond here, where our Master stays; waiting for the day He will call us home. Until then, we will keep doing what He allows us to do. Thanks you so very much for your assistance in every way.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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.

The following are actual entries in Church Bulletins

- When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.
- The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.
- Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
- Hymn: "All people that on earth do swell"
- The lady at the Bible Study was tearful and crying constantly. She also appeared to be depressed.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our bell choir practice.
- For those who have children and don't know it, there is a nursery downstairs.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 P.M. Please use the back door.
- On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of a new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will please come forward to get a piece of paper.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.