

# Those Who Serve

## June 14

**Opening Prayer** Kwesi Garvin  
**Song Leader** John Story  
**Communion** Charles Hall  
**Assist** John Story  
**Assist** Joe Burnsed  
**Dismiss Services** Olan Bacon

## June 21

Charles Hall  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Joe Holloway  
 Olan Bacon  
 Kwesi Garvin  
 Joe Burnsed



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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

The Bible Is Silent

June 14, 2009

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2009 (TOM EKPO) JR)

Greetings to you all in Jesus name. I believe the grace of God is available to all in your joy and difficult situations. The month of May actually was a very busy month for me and may be many others. We really thank God for it, because it was such a rewarding month. During this month, we had our second Semester Exams in the School of Biblical Studies, after that went for campaign evangelism for Christ, came back and had graduation exercise, followed by a four day Gospel lectureship.

One of the my greatest excitements was my experience at Makurdi, a city about 400 kilometers away from Jos, where we spent 9 days knocking doors. The willingness of people to listen to the Gospel gave me great joy. Out of the series of lessons we taught publicly and privately, 6 people were baptized into the Church. The weather was very hot, and mosquitoes were so many and giant, but joy of sharing the gospel made us feel as if we should continue there for more days. About 8 students of the School of Biblical Studies and 2 staff including me left Jos to Makudi, Benue State on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. The Church was already waiting for us. We really

enjoyed the company of the Church. Each day, not less than ten members of the Church came out to knock doors with. At the end of the whole exercise, many of the members confessed that they now have more boldness to go out by themselves having learned the strategies of door knocking from us. Brethren, very interesting was one prospect who was so surprised that God will forgive if all his sins if he obey Christ in the water of Baptism.

As you can in the picture attached, we had another set of preachers sent to the field for harvest for Christ. Twenty-four able



body soldiers of Christ were armed with the gospel of peace, and sent to the world. This year marked the 17<sup>th</sup> graduation of the School. It is always sad to me when my beloved students are walking away.

On the other hand, it gives me joy, because they have been enlisted in the army of Christ, and more soul are on their ways into the kingdom. Please, keep these brethren in your prayers as they carry the gospel into the field.

Among these men was a brother whom I have told you several times about. He came from the village congregation of Foron Mission to learn and return to help the young congregation that we started. Actually, he had come to school before we started the congregation. Our plan was to started that very congregation after he finished the



school. Well, as God had it, the brother had an accident during his first year of admission while going for evangelism. During this period, we went ahead and started the congregation. He got well after some

month, by then he had lost one session of his academic work. Yet, he still came back to school. I am glad to mention here that he has graduated and is returning to continue with the work at Foron

Mission and the environs. Please, do keep him in prayers. His name is Goddey Sadoh. He is married with six children. We also had our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Gospel lectureship from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. This year's theme was building strong Christian families. We had a huge turn up. I was so glad to have some my former students come up and taught some of the classes. All these programs kept me really busy. I am glad God gave me the grace through every difficult situation. We are so grateful to you all for your kindness towards us. May God keep blessing you all.

## Announcements

**Save** –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

**Bulletin Board**-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long

**Church Directory**-The church directory is now online. You can access it from our website. See Joe for the password.

Raintree Village-letter from Raintree on the bulletin board.

**Sister Helen Henley sent me a note and part of what she told me was a great website where Brother Ralph Henley's works may be seen. As you know, Brother Ralph and Sister Helen are a large part of the reason why the Ellabell congregation is here today. I thought I would share this site as I have looked at it and enjoyed it immensely. Please look it over as you have opportunity. ~Joe**



*Ralph T. Henley*

His Life and Masterworks

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