

Those Who Serve

June 21

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



June 28

Joe Holloway
 John Story
 John Story
 Joe Burnsed
 Charles Hall
 Kwesi Garvin

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

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MAY REPORT FROM ABASIAMA IN CAMEROON



Greetings to everyone of you in the Lord. We thank God for your life and service. We in Mile One Church of Christ, Limbe have once again been thrown into another round of grief over the departure of one of our number. She died on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, after a protracted illness. It has not been easy trying to find comfort and healing to help an emotionally devastated family and church, both of which our late sister Florence Ntui was an integral part. In Dr Holloway's words, "It is difficult to baptize them and then bury them". It is really difficult although we know that death only brings about the loss of the physical presence of the deceased, not the end of hope or existence. We are consoled that the relationship in Christ has not been severed.

Sister Florence was baptized into Christ early last year, and she



was friendly to all who knew her. The trouble is that, unless time is allowed to naturally heal the scar on our hearts, it is unlikely that we can quickly get over mourning the death of one of our most committed new converts. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" in Psalm 116.15 readily reminds us that all is well that ends well. It is not how long but how well. Sister Florence whose baptism pictures are herein attached, did all she could to remain in the love of her Lord. There are only two ways to die: in Christ or outside Christ. By His grace, Florence is asleep in the One who first died for her to live. Amen.

In another development, I am glad to experience the steady growth of our brethren in the congregation. Perhaps the most exciting aspect is to watch a toddler in the faith shinning in the "first love" that the Ephesians were rebuked to restore in the Asia Minor. Brother Ojong Leo and Ambe Valentine are some of the new converts who are coming up powerfully in the fellowship. In one of the pictures attached here, Brother Leo and I are shown standing together after the Thursday men's class. Brother Valentine, the latest new believer, was baptized early in May, and has been committed to fellowship ever since.

Meanwhile, our evangelistic missions have been a great success because the Lord has been faithful in drawing the unsaved into the ever-increasing family of His. The relationship pattern of soul-winning seems to be more successful nowadays in Limbe and environs. We are using our radio preaching program announce the goodnews of the Lord while at the same time endearing the audience to ourselves by initiating contact even on air. Last Wednesday, a young man named Musi Emmanuel studied with us in the assembly as a result of the contact we initiated with him on radio the previous Sunday. We will continue to thank the Lord as we pray that He uses the message of Christ we preach everyday to change lives and bring them into the kingdom.

Still on evangelism, we appreciate God for sending a sister from the U.S to come and work as a missionary in Cameroon. Incidentally, or should I say providentially, she has decided to concentrate on evangelism, counseling, women seminars etc. in both Limbe and Buea majorly. Her name is Tamu Blakeney, a former (retired) U.S military woman born and raised in Hawaii. Her presence is really a blessing to women evangelism in Limbe. Next time I will send her picture in case you might be interested in knowing her. If she eventually find an apartment in Limbe, she is likely to place her membership in the Mile One congregation.

Let me now move out of the subject of evangelism into the orphanage which comprises a widow and her eight kids. Sister Elizabeth is doing her best possible to raise these children in the discipline and



admonition of the Lord. Thankfully, the children are responding to home and church parenting. I have given the money you sent for the widow and the children. You can see the event of handing the money to the Elizabeth depicted in the picture I took with her. Her word of appreciation will never lose

their sincerity and meaning. She is forever grateful to each of her donors and the entire system that operates to bring this monthly financial support to her and the kids.

I myself and the family are ever more thankful to every of our supporters even in a season of global financial foreclosure. We deeply thank all of you for helping us to do what we are made to do even if no one cared about us and our mission. But you, our donors, have never forsaken the mission even a recession of world economies. The background of your generous donations is an added motivational and inspirational tool for us to put more energy in serving as missionaries in Cameroon. Thank you and God bless you. God bless the West African Missions.

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.

Social-next week after morning services

Meetings-Next week after evening services

Mohsen's-will be here July 22

AGAPE-Doug Meade will be here July 26



HAPPY FATHERS DAY
DADS, YOU'RE DOING a
GREAT JOB!