

Those Who Serve

June 22

Opening Prayer

Charles Hall

Communion

Colin Morrison

Assist

Olan Bacon

Assist

Evan Hall

June 29

Evan Hall

Olan Bacon

Joe Burnsed

Joe Holloway

Dismiss Services

Joe Burnsed

Kwesi Garvin

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Thanks Kwesi Garvin for preaching today. It is wonderful to have such a man as you who will step in and do anything for the Church.

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent

Where The Bible Is Silent

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Greetings to all of you family and friends,

Can you believe it? It takes between \$186 and \$201 to fill up my car with gasoline right now in France, and since May 1st, natural gas prices went up another 11% so therefore our natural gas for heating, cooking and hot water went up by 44% since the first of the year. Our electricity bill went up by another 10% this month. No need to talk about food prices, they just keep on going up and up. I guess we should not complain but it is the same the world over. And what hurt us also it is the fact that the \$ is so low against the Euro that our support is almost cut in half.

The Lord's work is doing well. A lady that has been coming with one of the families of the Church, asked me if I could study the Bible with her, so of course I said "No problem, so she is supposed to start Monday afternoon. This month for the Wednesday Bible class, I started a study on Biblical interpretation, and everyone is enjoying it. The Sunday morning class I am finishing up the study of the "Sermon on the Mountain." My Tuesday studies with Franck and Liva are going good and Franck is really growing spiritually and I am very happy about it.

I finally finished preparing my lesson for the annual retreat of the Church of Christ, and out of seven speakers for the retreat, 3 of them come from our congregation.

The theme for this year is based on Mathieu 16:18 "**I will build My church**". On the last day I will be presenting the PowerPoint presentation that I realized "**The history of the church reformation and restoration**". I made a quick trip down to

Tournus, so I could record the sound for the presentation all the “Covenantants of the Bible,” with Brother Alain Herrou.

The 3rd of May 28 from the congregation travelled down to the central part of France for the annual retreat, since Rose could not come with me because she had to help our daughter Rosemary, because her pregnancy. Brother Tremont’s family came down with me. It took 8 ½ hours of driving to get there, and I was supposed to stop and pick up Brother Alain Herrou, he called me the night before to let me know that he got sick and could not come. That was a problem because he was supposed to speak and therefore I had no one to take his place with such so short warning, so therefore I took his place and spoke on the subject so this is the reason I spoke 3 times.

This month we had several visitors, Brother Warren Kirby from Tennessee, came and stayed with us, I even had him preach at our evening English worship. Since he is learning French he told us that next time he comes he will preach and translate in French himself. Wilfred and Joyce Deschamps from Mauritius island came to visit their daughter and family who lives in Southern France. They will be back on the 11th of June and stay with us till their return to Mauritius in June 24th. They are a wonderful Christian family and really involved with the church in Rose-Hill, with Sylvio Salomon. Since our Turkish brother Ilhan, left for Istanbul, he has found a job as captain on a ship and travels all over Asia and Africa, but this month he was able to be with us one Sunday, before he had to go back to work. We were sure happy to see him.

Next month we will have the wedding of Nathalie Vatin and it will be on June 14th. She came with her fiancé and I had counselling with them; it went well and I’m looking forward to the 14th. Another retreat we have to prepare, is the one of November 1st that is held every year in Lille. Good thing it is only a one day event but still takes preparation.

About 3 weeks before Rosa’s departure, she met Sister Rosita who is also from the Philippines but also a member of the Church, and she did not know that the Lord’s Church was present in Paris. Since she met Rosa and found out where the building was located, she has been coming very faithfully. We grateful unto God, for each one of you. Since Sister Rosa Anders from the Philippines was about to go back home and on her way to Canada to her new job, Paul and Edie Tews had a going away party for her at their apartment. It was wonderful even though we were sad to see her leave. Then for the last Sunday she was with us we offered her presents on behalf of the congregation and are thankful that Canada will benefit from this faithful Christian.

We are grateful unto God, for each one of you that makes it possible for us to continue to sow the seed of the Kingdom in the French world, and it is our prayers that our partnership will continue for years to come.

Roland.

Report from Simon Parfait Montaze in Cameroon

DEAREST BRETHERN,

May the glory be to God.

These are the activities at Nkoabang congregation in Cameroon.

Weekly Bible Lessons In The Assembly

The Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday morning lessons are going on as you all know the schedule. Just that this month we have many brethren going for holiday beginning next month so we try to see how they can go with hand out and read

while absent.

With The Prospects

We did not go further with the two groups these three past weeks, for Joseph and Tabi have found (parents of the family groups) jobs and they are carpenters and their schedule does not permit them to attend the class as they usually leave earlier and would be back by night. So please put them into your prayers. The other group was occupied as they are from Presbyterian denomination and they had many activities in their community.

The Ladies Meetings

It was not very exciting for the sisters as well as for the whole church to discover after test that one of the new sister in Christ (Agnes) has HIV and she has started developed the terminal part of that sickness. She is without work. So please keep the assembly into your prayers.

The sisters as well as brothers assist her in prayers and the best they can financially for the treatment is a bit expensive and long.

Thanksgiving And Others Prayer Requests

We thank you for your commitments as coworkers with us in the Lord’s vineyard. Your prayers and emails are an impact positively in the work of Nkoabang congregation. We are preparing a seminar in September in Younde the capital city of Cameroon that will be held by brother Jim Corner for three months in many others places within the country.

There is also a lectureship in Maroua, the northern part of Cameroon in July so please keep all those up coming activities into your prayers and continue also praying for sister Nadege (my wife) and me so that we should be in good health and be directed by God always in whatever we are involved in; pray also for the extension of our financial monthly support that ends by June 2008. May God almighty bless you more and more for his glory and the growth of his work.

In Him,

Simon

(Simon is not currently supported by Ellabell but his report is presented here for your information-Joe)

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- today. Ya’ll come

Meetings-our ladies and men will be meeting next week after evening services

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE TIME HAS CHANGED TO 7:00 – SEE YOU AT 7:00 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

Dear All, I, Rose, will not be writing a report with Roland’s this time. Since Rose Mary got out of the hospital I have constant care of 15 month old Lily Rose. Wilfred and Joyce Deschamps from Mauritius Island are staying with us and Saturday Wilfred had a stroke. Please pray for this Christian family and all the others. Hugs Rose and I will try to catch you all up on my news in the next letter. Hugs Rose