

course of our efforts to persuade people to turn to the Lord, one person named Besem gave her life to Christ as she was baptized.

Still on evangelism, the church radio preaching which is broadcast every Sunday is gaining more success as listeners have not only been calling or sending text messages to ask their questions but also inviting us for home Bible study. We hope to meet these prospects as soon as the tension in Limbe subsides. We ask for your prayers for one outstanding Catholic prospect named Modest who has been regularly attending both Sunday and midweek studies with us but is yet to be saved. The effort we have spent in trying to lead him to the Lord has been enormous, and so we will be full of joy if this prospect eventually gives his life to Christ.

THE NATIONWIDE CRISIS

The past seven days have witnessed events that will certainly be recorded in the dark pages of Cameroon history books. The crisis which started like a joke in the commercial city of Douala escalated in less than 24 hours to other major cities including Limbe, Yaounde and Bamenda. It was reported on radio that more than 10 people were killed in the riot which is believed to have been precipitated by the hike in the pump price of petroleum products by the government. Several gunshots were frequently heard in our neighborhood in the night time. One married man in Limbe who curiously went out of his room to see what was happening was unexpectedly fired from behind by armed military men. He died after some minutes of bleeding helplessly that horrible night. The next day, protesters infuriated by the president's speech to the nation, stormed major streets with bonfires, destroying government vehicles and looting people's shops. Worse still, providers of essential services such as taxi drivers, traders, teachers, internet operators, etc. went on strike, leaving the poor masses hungry, angry and apprehensive. The situation of Limbe at the time of this report is a bit calm as normalcy is gradually returning to the city.

THE CHURCH IN MILE 1

The church members have suffered just like other citizens in many aspects:



highly increased prices of essential commodities especially food items, transportation difficulties, postponement of church programs of this month (e.g. the youth leaders conference scheduled to be hosted by the Mile one Church today). Notwithstanding the negative impact of the violent demonstration on the economic and social life of the brethren, the church as a body remain committed to prayer and other spiritually enriching activities. The youth class today had to be canceled because the Mile One area where the Church rented meeting place is located has been the concentration camp of the violent activists. The church is joyful in the Lord as depicted in the Photographs taken by a cross-section of the members wearing Sister Diana Moreland's T-shirts.

APPRECIATION

Speaking the minds of the entire congregation and my family, I hereby once again write to greatly appreciate the sacrificial commitment of the Ellabell Church of Christ and other churches and individuals in ensuring that we keep on serving the Lord in the West African mission environment. None of the above achievements could have been possible without your unbelievable generosity toward our mission work in Cameroon. Thank you for your donations to keep us and the work alive in His vineyard. Sister Diana Moreland, we thank you for your unique way of encouraging the Mile One congregation. We love you all.

Abasiama Archibong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social – not next Sunday as in the calendar. Our social will be the 30th ..two weeks from today. Postponed as next Sunday is Easter

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.

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

 mail from Cameroon (rec'd March 10, 2008)

Hello sir,

Thanks for the good job in updating the website and mailing the reports to our donors. I am equally encouraged by the comments of our readers who undoubtedly appreciate what the Lord is accomplishing through our agency. Christian love is just wonderful to experience.

I came back from Douala last Saturday evening after the burial of late brother Etthe Thoche Martin. The brother, whose life on earth started in 1930 and ended in 2008, was a rare breed in the Cameroon brotherhood. When he was alive he encouraged his children to serve the Lord. Three of his children are preachers of the gospel in various parts of Cameroon. Theirs is a wonderful family. Not many African brothers will enjoy having their children to grow up with the ambition of being preachers of the word. One of these three preachers of the Martin family is the one who brought his wife some time ago to Limbe for medical checkup before returning to Douala. Even as he has said good bye to his father, he is still grappling with the sickness of the wife.

Thank you.

 mail from Nigeria (rec'd March 10, 2008)

Hi brother Holloway,

Thanks for your mail. I travelled last week Friday to attend the meeting of Bible Schools administrator in one of the states in the Southern part of the Country. I represented our school president who could go there. I returned last night.

How are mom and dad doing? My love to them all. Our first rainfall came on Saturday 8th when I was away. I pray it continues to fall. Have a great week brother. I appreciate you so much.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

SOCIAL POSTPONED A WEEK, IT WILL BE THE 30th