

Those Who Serve:

May 11

Opening Prayer

Kwesi Garvin

May 18

Charles Hall

Communion

Charles Hall

Olan Bacon

Assist

Aaron Burnsed

Charles Hall

Assist

Joe Burnsed

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent

Where The Bible Is Silent

May 11, 2008

Report For The Month Of April 2008 - Tom And Sandra Ekpot

Greeting to you all from my family and Christians in the northern part of Nigeria . Thanks for your continuous love which continue to demonstrate itself in your prayers for us and contribution to see the work in Nigeria and Cameroon going. We will remain grateful to you and thankful to God for ever. Last April, was a fruitful month. We thank God for what He enabled us to accomplish for Him.

Over the month, we made some contacts, which lead some to Christ. We mentioned to you in our last report that we were going to Bokkos for four days. The program was successful. We knocked doors for three days, and some

of us worshipped with the congregation. Three people were baptized (attached is cross section of us having our lunch at Bokkos). The Church was encouraged, I hope they are doing fine I have not been there again to see them. Am teaching in one of the congregations in Jos for this quarter. The congregation asked



me to handle 1 Corinthians 5-8. I hope after that I will have opportunity to worship with some of these young congregations. Please, keep Bokkos congregation in your prayers. The Church at Foron mission is doing great. We had another baptism last week. This man who was baptized is a family man. His wife is not yet baptized, we are still working with her.

The Church at Mazah is doing fine. They are now stabilized as we took right action against the wrong teaching that came into that congregation. We thank God for that. Our class on Friday continues as we learn from Matthew 5-7 (Jesus' sermon on the mount).

At the School of Biblical Studies, we completed our final exams for this year. In the next few days, we are leaving for nine days to knock doors. We will be back in the mid of May. Please, keep us in prayers. Our graduation is scheduled for 23 May, and our annual lecture comes up from 26th 29th of May. All these programs are very hectic one. We believe the Lord will see us through.

We thank God as the long strike action embarked by the Plateau State workers came to an end last Monday (28th April). It did bring an untold hardship on us. We really suffered to get water to drink. Thanks for your prayers. Right now, we are experiencing food shortage, which has caused the prices of food item to double. This shortage, we understand will be severe because of the draught we had last year in some part of Nigeria. On the whole, it is global problem, but the News says that Africa will be affected badly. Already, the food crisis is here. All of these things help us to keep our faith in Him. If we are to store food, how long will that be? Will that not also contribute to price hike to the end that even the poor won't be able to afford a cup of grain? We have surrendered all to God. He cares more for us. Your prayers will help us manage whatever difficult situation that may arise. May God bless you all in your individual and collective sacrifices.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

E-mail from Cameroon (Rec'd May 1, 2008)

Sir,

Thank you. How I wish it were possible to for you to catch a glimpse of my facial expression (right now) which is actually a reflection of my hearty thankfulness to you and the entire network of our mission team in the U.S and Nigeria. I am strongly persuaded that you have given your all to the success of our West African Missions. I think the best way I can repay you and others for creating this amazing opportunity for us to serve Christ is by ensuring that your goals and dreams for the church in Cameroon are fulfilled. What shall it profit me if I gain the whole world but shatter the sacred trust of preaching the gospel in my generation? I'm boundlessly grateful for all that the Lord has been doing through you and the Ellabell family in my ministry. Money is necessary but it is secondary to sincere love for the Lord's cause and faithfulness in advancing it. Help me thank the church for this landslide financial support given in love. "Thank you" and other verbal expressions of gratitude have never been more insufficient than this time. There is no need for me to entertain the worst fear of letting you down because by His grace and my sheer determination, it will not be allowed to happen. Let's continue to love and trust one another and pray for one another that the tempters power will be foiled in the present dispensation our West African Missions. God bless you and the church in Ellabell. Amen.



Remember that today is the day of the Mothers'
Day Collection for Raintree Village

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-in two weeks, the 25th after morning services

Meetings-in two weeks after evening services

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

Social-This Wednesday after Bible Study

Truck from Raintree will be here next month. The list of needs is on the back
pew

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

E-mail from Nigeria (Rec'd May 6, 2008)

Hi brother Holloway,

I am grateful that I was not come behind the printing. I can imagine how mom will feel about the dog. I have a dog like that. It escorts visitors into the house. But we take it as a pet only since it plays with every body.

Last Sunday, one of my prospects I have been studying with for over a year now, walked into the Church, and came out during invitation song that she wants to be baptized. Brother, I was glad. It reminds me once again that I need to be patience with everybody. At the right time, God will do His will. Come this Saturday (May 10), I will be leaving with nine students to Gombe town for nine days evangelism campaign for Christ. Gombe town is dominated by

moslems. Please, keep us in prayers as we study the Bible with some people there for this period. I will be returning to this same place in June for two weeks for our extension program. It is very hot there compared to Jos. I appreciate everything you and the Church is doing for us. May God keep blessing everyone of you who has sacrificed a lot to preach the Gospel in Africa.

Grace and Peace,

Tom