

service the attendance is 28 at about with the average of 9 children.

The Church Challenges

We thank God as we can worship now after the work that was done through your financial help of 1500 dollars we received. We still have a challenge though, which is to plaster the children class and put the tables and chairs in their room. We are helping with the chairs of our dining room even if they do not fit any more as you can see from the picture.

We need also to finish up with the roofing but the wood have been fixed already. For the time being with the collect available we pay transport for three bothers who are students and are putting money aside to buy benches as the 10 we have are no more sufficient

Another aspect that is not easy for me is to make photocopy every week and even the difficulty in reaching the prospects in their various houses for there is no budget for that.

Thanksgivings And Prayers

We really thank all of you for your prayers and support through your individual emails and financial support that you are sending through Jim Stamatis who send it to us on monthly basis. We need your prayer my wife and I so that God may strengthen us more and more and be with all the projects of this 5 months new congregation we are working with at Nkoabang in Yaounde. Continue to pray God for our monthly support as it is ending by next June2008.May he bless and guide you as workers of his vineyard. In Him,
Simon

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

✉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

✉mail from Cameroon (Rec'd May 12, 2008)

Good-afternoon sir,

How was the worship yesterday in Ellabell? Hope it went well. We in Mile One had a great time in His presence. A soul was added to the fold after the worship. The picture of the event will be scanned and mailed to you in due course. We all are sharing the heavenly joy of one more lost being found.

P.S. In the evening today I will send the information you have requested regarding our dates of birth for inclusion in the Ellabell family calendar. Thanks for extending yet another privilege to us.

I have read from the bulletin about the gospel campaign trip of Bro. Tom to Gombe State in Nigeria. I remember in my 3rd year in the college I was on such a trip to the same place. Gombe is such a hot place in northern Nigeria. I really need to pray for Him and the team he is leading to have a trouble-free evangelism outing. Evangelism campaign in any northern state in Nigeria is usually a risky endeavour because of Islamic insurgences, snake bites and extremely hot climatic condition. I know they are in the Lord's hands. I will be back online in less than 5 hours from now to give you the requested information. God Bless.

✉mail from Nigeria (Rec'd May 13, 2008)

Dear Brother Holloway,

Greetings to you and the Church. I am right here in Gombe State where the sun shines with its intense heat 12 hours a day. We are on knocking doors. We hope the Lord will bring those He wants to obedience. For three days now, no one is baptized, but we trust in the Lord. Say my love to the Church, mom and dad. Have a great week. Grace and Peace,

Tom

✉mail from Nigeria (Rec'd May 14, 2008)

I am sad to tell you sad news we have. There is very faithful brother who died last Friday afternoon.

His Name is Sunday O. Ekanem. He was a former student of Sunset School of preaching. He was sponsored by South West Church of Christ to preach and teach in Nigeria.

Sunday has been of much help to me by teaching my classes at Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area whenever I use to travel outside Akwa Ibom to Agoi Ibami, Uwuru, Ugep and other distance places in the state.

He was sick for the past one week of bellyache; last Thursday, the 8th of May.

He was taken to University Teaching Hospital, and he died on Friday, the 9th May. He is not yet buried.

Sunday is survived by a wife and five Children. He was one of the teachers of CAO Essien School of Evangelism in Ikot Usen. Pray for Sunday's family also pray for my health, I am still very sick, I know God will help me.

Thank you and bye for now

Yours,

Tom Ekpot Snr

Announcements

Social-next week, the 25th after morning services

Meetings-next week 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

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

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.