

# Those Who Serve

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent  
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To my family in Christ and friends, bonjour (hello) from our home to yours,  
 Since I was preparing my trip to Cameroon, I did not have time to finish my newsletter for August so here is the news for August and September. The first two weeks of August, Rosemary and Manu and family went for vacation in Bretagne, so they surprised us and asked us to join them there. We had responsibilities in Paris so we did join them a couple of days later and it was wonderful to be able to be together for a few days away from Paris and the work. Once the vacation was finished, there was lots of work waiting for me at home! First a new Bible study with Brother Alex Féquiere' wife Marjorie, so we planned on studying once every two weeks/since I was going to Cameroon I told her we will start up on my return.

Brother Ilhan (Turkish brother) made a short visit to Paris while we were on vacation with Rosemary and Manu, and all were happy to see him. A brother from Togo, Africa named John placed membership with us! He is married to a French nurse who is not yet a member of the Church. His father was one of the first preachers in Togo, but he went to be with the Lord two years ago. Anne Marie from Cameroon placed membership with us. We had several visitors, Sister Mireille from the Church in Liege Belgium, then a couple from Guadeloupe Brother and Sister Pascal and Christiane Ribac, plus, Brother and Sister Jerry Jones from California. Jerry preaches near Los Angeles, and we have known them for a long time. Terry Shuman and his wife Sandy from Flint, Michigan (friends of Harry and Janet Cybulski) visited us and took us out for dinner. It was nice to meet them.

The first two weeks of September I was busy continuing with my Bible studies but also preparing for my trip, getting the necessary shots, visa, and medicine and medical

products that I needed to take while there in Cameroon. Brother Paul Pierre Faubert from Deodat in Paris decided to come with me to Cameroon! I am glad, as we were able to bring more things for the Church in Cameroon and Simon's family than if I had gone by myself. Our departure dates were September 18<sup>th</sup> till the 7<sup>th</sup> of October of 2008. In fact we took several things for the Church there, two computers, one desktop and a laptop for Simon and good teaching material for the church, pens, colouring pencils and clothes for them and their children.

Since they had a total of two Bibles for the congregation there, we went out and brought 20 French Bibles and two English ones and 3 days later I decided to buy twenty more so this way anyone who wanted a Bible for their own could purchase the Bible for 1 Euro instead of 7 Euros. Of course the Euros for the Bibles were given for the Church, and this way they knew that it was with their own money that they purchased the Bibles and would take care of them better I'm sure.

At first we were supposed to stay at a lieutenant's home, Brother Laurent but in the end we stayed with Simon and Nadège which worked out for the best. Since they don't have running water or a toilet in their home, they had to carry water everyday, from a water pump from a junior college nearby. For the toilet they had in the backyard of the house, an outhouse and also a small room where we took a bucket of water to shower ourselves. The very first day I took a cold shower, but the next day I decided it would be my last cold bath that I would take there so every day I warmed up my water.

As planned with Simon and the Church of Christ there before our arrival, we had a Gospel meeting, showed PowerPoint presentations and had baking, pastry and cooking classes, for everyone and a Bible quiz while baking. I was supposed to have an oven to be able to bake the pastry, and cook with but unfortunately it was not so. So after talking to a brother about building an oven outside Simon house, I drew the plans for it, and the brother built it in 3 hours time and it was working well. So all the baking and cooking was done in that oven and it was a blessing to have it.

During all our time there, most of the members went out in the morning door knocking and giving out the invitations for the meetings and trying to set up Bible studies with the people contacted. So everyday from 3 to 5 PM we had Baking, pastry and cooking class, than from 5.30PM till 8.30PM we had the Gospel meeting and PowerPoint presentation. Every day we had several visitors. Among the visitors were 3 pastors, with whom I talked to and had Bible studies. One of them was the son of one of the brethren. One of the questions he had was "Why we cannot have apostles today"? In many charismatic groups today especially in Africa they have so called apostles, so I showed him from the Scriptures why we could not have them today.

I talked and studied with many people, and as the result we were blessed with 3 baptisms, the first one was Babi Simon's brother in law and, I answered some of his questions and finally he decided to put Christ on in Baptism. Simon baptized him. I studied with Sonia Tabi, the daughter of the brother who built the oven, after answering several questions she had: she was baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins! It was Brother Faubert that baptized her because the previous Sunday night coming back from Brother Lynn Nelson's home I fell down and scratch my arm and knee, so since the place were they baptized people the water is not clean I asked Faubert and he was thrilled, because he never baptized anyone before. Salome a woman of 55 years old who had been coming to Church where Simon works, and when she heard that I was giving baking classes as well as Bible classes, she was present everyday.

Her religious background was as follows, raised a Catholic, became a Seven day Adventist, Presbyterian and finally Pentecostal, so after having Bible studies with her, she realised that she had not properly obeyed the gospel, so I took her to the same water place to be immersed into Christ for the remission of her sins.

Since the students from the junior college nearby Simon's place pass everyday in front of his house, I invited them for the pastry class and Gospel meeting, so therefore everyday 12 college girls came to the baking classes, and while they were watching me I would ask

them Bible questions. Some of them would answer right away and some not, and I was touched by them, because the afternoon I was leaving Cameroon they all came to tell us good by.

Every Sunday afternoon, after worship we went to town, to Brother Lynn Nelson's home. He works for the American embassy in Cameroon. Every Sunday afternoon he teaches Leadership class to the church members of the 3 congregations in Yaoundé, and his class lasts 1 hour. Since he does not know French he works through a translator so every time I was there I did the translation for him, and his classes are aimed to give the church in Cameroon vision for the future and to motivate them to become financially independent from outside support.

Jim Corner a class mate from the Sunset school of preaching that I did not see for 30 years since we graduated, back in 1978, had been coming to Cameroon two or 3 times a year and has seminars for the church leaders in the English and now in the French section of Cameroon. You see Cameroon has 10 provinces, which 8 of them are French and only two English speaking. His purpose is to motivate the churches to become self supported, but like he told me "He does not know if he will succeed to do the job in his lifetime."

I want to thank every one of you who have prayed for my safe and successful trip to Cameroon. I must admit that the Sunday I fell down I was very worried about the fact that I fell on my bad arm and had it scratched pretty bad but thank God I was ok and I could continue my mission there. I was so thankful to have thought to bring disinfectants too.

Roland Mohsen.

## Announcements

**Save-Labels- Food Pantry Items-Change - Cans- These have been such a success. Keep up the good work!!**

**Medicine Bottles-Remember to save prescription bottles for African Christian Hospitals.**

**Financial and Attendance Statements for the work in Paris on the bulletin board**

**Election Day-this Tuesday**

**Wednesday Evening Social – next week, the 12<sup>th</sup> ...make plans to be here**

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



"Would you mind preaching on something other than sin for a while? There are a few things I need to do next week..."