

# Those Who Serve

**September 14**  
Charles Hall

**September 21**  
Evan Hall

**Opening Prayer**

**Communion**

Kwesi Garvin

Charles Hall

**Assist**

Evan Hall

Colin Morrison

**Assist**

Colin Morrison

Olan Bacon

**Dismiss Services**

Olan Bacon

Kwesi Garvin



# Ellabell Church of Christ



Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

The Bible Is Silent

September 14, 2008

**REPORT FOR THE**

**MONTH OF AUGUST 2008**

**- TOM EKPO (JR)**

Greetings to you all in  
our God that passes human  
understanding continue to abide  
with every one of you. Your



prayers for us have continued to help overcome all hurdles as we  
try to reach the lost with the Gospel of Our Lord.

The month of August was one of the busiest months I ever  
experienced in recent past. After I returned from seeing my parents  
on the 3rd, we proceeded on the 5<sup>th</sup> the busy city of Lagos to  
participate in the African Claiming Africans for Christ (ACAC)  
conference. I once again thank all of you for praying for my father  
who underwent a major operation. He has returned to the pulpit,  
and he doing well. I was glad that I was able to attend the ACAC  
conference, because we were opportune to see more the great task  
in our hand to reach many more countries with the Gospel. It  
therefore become very necessary that I use the little time I had well.  
It was really a though provoking conference. The history of the  
Church in Africa was once again told, and we saw the commitment  
of people in the past to bring the Gospel to where we are today.  
This further helped us to see the need to be more committed and

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faithful to cause of Christ in view of the dangerous gospel that is being preached today by denominations.

I returned from Lagos on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the school resumed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the same month. I was charged with the responsibility of coordinating a working schedule for all the classes and all the programs we are running in the school. Coupled with my ministry in the local congregations, I was faced with many more challenges. I thank God for your prayers that really sustained me and helped me to do what was necessary. Two weeks after we resumed, I got a letter from National University Commission (NUC) that they were coming for inspection of our school. They gave a long list of the things they needed to be put in place. The visit took place from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup>. Brethren, this was another stressful moment, most especially as the president of the School is out of the country now. Well, with the help of God, the exercise came and went. We are praying that the report will be favorable to us. If that happens, our certificate will be recognized even by the Federal Government of Nigeria. I am glad to mention that we are growing as a school. This year, we had 74 students on our list. Out of this number, we have 4 Cameroonians, one Uganda, two Sudanese, and one Zimbabwean.

Brethren, am glad to say that most of the things I was able to do was because God has used you to help us in different ways. I am equally glad to mention also that, we had one baptism at Toro this month. As I mentioned sometimes ago, a brother has agreed to leave his family and farming to come to School, so that he will return on completion and help the Church. Right now, he is on my sponsorship. If he complete the program and return to the Church at Toro, that will give opportunity to move to another place and help. Keep praying for the brother. His name is Mohamed Ribina. The Congregations at Foron Mission and New Foron are going one well. We appreciate your individual and collective prayers. Your assistance has moved us from one platform of success and achievement to another.

Lastly, let me thank you all for your prayers during my last birthday. May God continue to bless you all in every good way.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

## **MARRIAGE COUNSELING**

**A husband and wife came for counseling after 20 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife**

went into a passionate, painful tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the 20 years they had been married.



She went on and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured over the course of their marriage.

Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, embraced her full body, looked longingly into her eyes, and kissed her passionately on the lips and face as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, 'This is what your wife needs at least three times a week.

Can you do this?'

The husband thought for a moment and replied, 'Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Thursdays, I fish.'



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### **Announcements**

**Social**-in two weeks, the 28<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings**- also the 28<sup>th</sup> after evening services

**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.