

# Those Who Serve

March 8

**Opening Prayer** Joe Burnsed  
**Communion** Olan Bacon  
**Assist** Kwesi Garvin  
**Assist** Charles Hall  
**Dismiss Services** Joe Holloway

March 15

Kwesi Garvin  
Joe Burnsed  
Charles Hall  
Joe Holloway  
Colin Morrison



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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where  
The Bible Is Silent

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## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009 (TOM EKPO TJR.)

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. It is a great opportunity for me to be considered a worker for Christ. This alone gives me an immeasurable joy. Thank you all for your individual and collective prayers for me, my family and even my father has been sick for some weeks now. I was diagnosed of malaria and typhoid in the third week of February. Am no longer afraid of these twine sickness, as I have realized that, I may have to cope with it for now. I started receiving treatment for the two sicknesses. A week later, my wife came down for the same sicknesses. My father had been sick before this time. The whole pressure came all at once. One thing about malaria and typhoid is that, their treatment renders one so weak. But am glad because the Lord has continued to supply all the necessary strength. Sandra is fine, but for me, I may have to repeat the treatment as I am still feeling some symptoms of malaria in me. It could be that the parasite is resistant to the drug I was given, or because I could not take a rest during the treatment, it became difficult for the healing to be completed. I still request for prayers of the saints for my father who is still in the

hospital receiving treatment. I must confess that the Lord is doing great work in. He is recovering, even though it is slowly. Since ever I was born, I have not seen my father missed worship. But for three Sundays now he has missed worship. That tell how serious this is. It is always disheartening when a preacher cannot speak, not because he would not want to, but because he cannot due to sickness. That alone is enough burden. Brethren, I tell you that our God answers prayers. The situation I met my dad was a critical one, but as Christians keep praying, he comes up gradually.

My joy in all of these is that our spirit is not weakened at all. I have not missed worship, and I have not missed any of my classes, except my zonal Tuesday's class for last week; when I went down to see my father. Our work at Foron Mission is growing steadily, even though this last month some members of the congregation experienced several death in their families. As I mentioned last month, by the grace of God, I have bought a portable PA system for our evangelism program. We are mounting open air preaching every weekend. I am equally planning to get one for the congregation in Toro. Brethren, the Lord's work is advancing despite calculated attempts by the Devil to hinder it. I have not been to Bokkos for over a month now, because of my engagement in the congregation in Jos city since January. My marriage class on Sundays becomes more interesting every day, and I tell you that I have learnt so many things myself. Brethren, let me mention here that you are touching lives in Africa, and I know that God will bless you richly for this. Thank once again for all you prayers. I am always encouraged to hear that brethren are praying for us.

✉ mail from Cameroon (Rec'd March 2, 2009)

We thank God for the strength He has given our dear brother Tom to endure everything he has gone through recently. Health crisis is not easy to bear. Especially here in West Africa, we are frequently assaulted by different maladies. But God always turns our tears into testimonies. We are struck down but not destroyed. We will continue to pray for Tom and his dad. While he was on the way to see his dad I spoke with him on phone. Travelling to the southern part of Nigeria from Jos is a major trip. The journey alone is long and tortuous, especially if it is by road. Our Heavenly Father is still in control. Our sick brethren are the palm of His Healing Hands.

Welcome to Daylight Savings Time – Did you Remember???

## Announcements

**Save** –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

**Social**-this Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, after Bible Study

**Bulletin Board**-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long There are a lot of new things there this week.

## The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



## THE CHURCH CLOCK SIN

Woe Unto thee who turneth thy head to checketh the ol clock on the wall while thy preacher still preacheth