

# Those Who Serve

Opening Prayer	April 10 Kwesi Garvin	April 17 Charles Hall
Song Leader	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Joe Holloway	John Story
Assist	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Assist	John Story	Mike Powell
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway



Tom waiting to cross the Nile

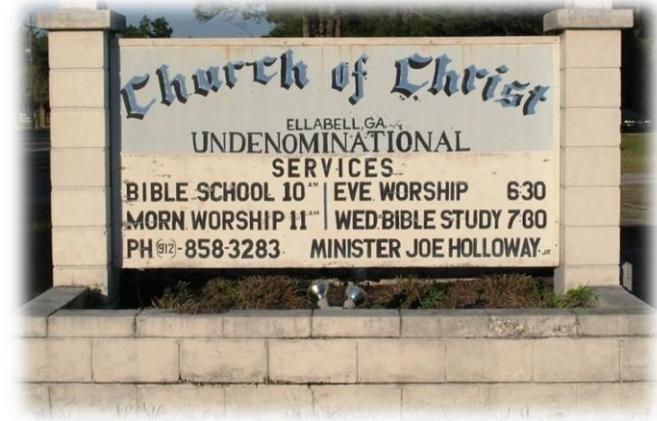
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The  
Bible Is Silent  
April 10, 2011

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH –TOM EKPOT JR

Beloveds in the Lord, greetings to you all and your families from Nigeria, West Africa. The first three months of the year have gone by, and it seems to me that the days of those months were not complete because the time went so swift than ever. But I looked at monthly Calendar, I observed that the months went normal, and the days were just complete as every other month. The point is that there is much to do on every hand, but the time is moving so fast. Thank you all for your sacrificial giving and taking time to pray for us. I tell you, we need more of your prayers, especially for the next two months our election and hand-over of government.

Our election process into state and federal houses begins tomorrow, as Nigerians go the pulling units to cast their vote. Already in Jos, there is great fear that the Muslims are going to cause confusion. Several families have fled the city because of the fear and circulating rumor. One of the presidential candidates has been making threatening statement. Please, keep us in your prayers. Some of you might have heard how the Muslims resolved to use bomb in areas where Christians live. Some few weeks ago, two of such people met their dead end when the bomb exploded on them. The evil that men do leaves with them. We pray that God should give us calmness throughout this period. We have several programs coming up these two months (April and May). About a week from now, we will be having interview for our new intake. About the third week of April, we are set to go for two weeks campaign for Christ. On May 16, we are planning to have our graduation exercise, followed shortly by our four days annual gospel

lectureship. We have set plans on motion for all of these activities. Any disruption of peace, will adversely affect these programs.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, Steve Worley of Savannah Church of Christ TN and I left Nigeria to Uganda for two weeks. Bill Lawrence of Texas met us there after one week. It was one of the most interesting journeys I have ever made. In Uganda, we have 6 graduates of the Bible School in Jos, living and preaching in Uganda. There are just a couple of Churches in the Southern region where most of these graduates reside and work, but there is no Lord's Church in the entire Northern Uganda. Even in the South, the work is made somewhat cumbersome because of some groups of missionaries who came from Christian Church in US, but rather used the name Church of Christ in Uganda. Since their beliefs differ, it gives some prospects tough time to understand how one group will be practicing the very things the other is against. There are several denominations in Uganda, though not up to what is in Nigeria, and they also have Islam, but not violent as the one in the Northern Nigeria. A Bible School is coming up in the Northern area of Uganda, possibly from August this year. We believe, when the school comes up, it will help in sending more evangelists to the North. While in Uganda, we made several journeys to the West, East, South and North. We made several contacts and taught several classes. In one place in the West, one primary school virtually closed to come and see us. We preached the gospel there as well. While in the North, one of our graduates organized several people together, we taught them the gospel of Christ. We were to be heard to far north, but time was not on our side. Keep praying for the brethren in Uganda. I am attaching some of the pictures taken in Uganda.

Back in Nigeria, our work in Mazah, Toro, Foron and several other places are on going. I have not been able to reach Toro for some weeks now because of the Muslims who have made that road risky for people. They are calling me to come, but how to cross over to that side is a challenge. Please, pray with me for security. I am anxious meeting with these brethren. They too are worried as we never missed ourselves so long like this. Once again, thank you all for your kindness towards us. Thank you for supporting us. God has helped us so much in a way you may not imagine. May God continue to bless you all in your sacrifices. We are indebted to our Lord.



Kampala Church of Christ

I told you Tom's Report was worth the wait -Joe



**Kingumba Church of Christ**

This congregation is in the middle of the country, made basically of two families. But at our coming, several people came in to hear us preach the gospel at the invitation of brother Apamaku, one of our graduates working in that region.



School children meeting us at Kasese



School children and the Kampala Church



We are standing from one of the mountains tops, about 500 feet above the sea level. Driving here was frightening. You can see houses spreading all across the mountains. People living here are very short, about 3 feet tall, because of the topography. They have to carry everything on their heads. I tell you, this one place tall people cannot make it for long



Tom and Rhone at the point of equator



Steve Worley preaching at Kampala

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Social** –this Wednesday evening after Bible Study, the 13th

**Calendar for April**– on back pew

**Social Cancelled** – for the 24<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies' Meeting**-tomorrow night