

Those Who Serve

	April 17	April 24
Opening Prayer	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
Communion	John Story	Olan Bacon
Assist	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
Assist	Mike Powell	John Story
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway	John Story

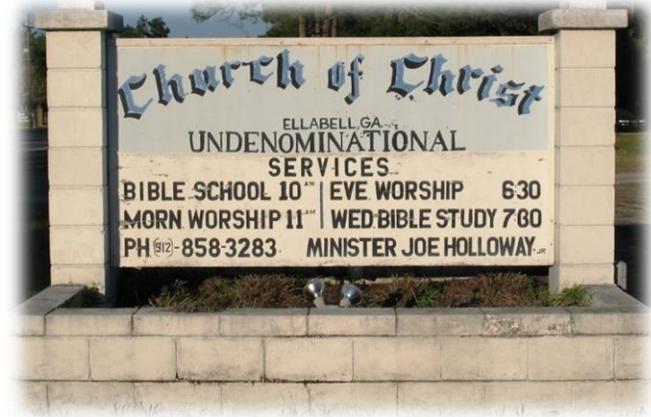


If you enjoyed reading our bulletin, please pass or forward it to others interested in the Cause of Christ

<http://ellabellcofchome.webs.com/>

Ellabell Church of Christ
 PO Box 72
 Ellabell, GA 31308

ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ABASIAMA'S MARCH (2011) REPORT FROM CAMEROON

With a Christian smile we greet you all in the Lord as we see another precious day that marks the end of one more month in our timeless service and commitment that we enjoy giving to the Lord's Great Commission in Cameroon. Know that Christianity is as true as it is infinitely important, our preaching work in March was done with passion and compassion for the sheep that are still without the Shepherd. With the mindset that our difficulties encountered in the mission of soul-winning are opportunities in disguise, we marched on in faith in the month of March. We have reliable reasons to believe that our labors were richly blessed.

The campaign for the Lord Sharing our faith or evangelism remains the principal focus in this work. In harmony with this high calling, we spoke the message to a variety of prospects who responded in a variety of ways. Some have indicated interest in being baptized but thought they needed to imitate the Bereans before making a valid decision of faith. Some reacted like king Agrippa with the hesitation that the time was too short for the persuasion of Christ's preaching to result in becoming a disciple. Still others visited our worship to catch a glimpse of the worship. Well, we can only pray for and keep following up these souls to whom we have witnessed with the hope that by His gracious power they will come into the fold someday like Bro. Ferdinand who did last month and has been in fellowship ever since. Our campaign for the salvation of the lost was as intense in the month under assessment as in the previous months. You can see a picture of me and Bro. Kervin Kelechi with our evangelism bags handy while on the move in Limbe to rescue perishing souls. We will continue to sow the seed and water them for God to give the increase.



The city of Limbe continues to witness the influx of people from around the country and from beyond the borders of Cameroon. Contributing immensely to the country's 2010 Population

estimate of 19,294,149 and sharing the nation's hopeless life expectancy of 54.0, the town of Limbe probably stands to be desperately in need of the preaching of the gospel. The self-styled clean city is only second to Douala in terms of their comparative sinful tendencies. Hundreds of thousands of Limbe dwellers live as if there had never occurred anything like the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The denominational explosion has only come to make matters worse in further causing the people to go astray from the One who loved and gave Cameroon the best of heaven. Ours is an arduous job of attempting to disarm the forces of paganism and denominationalism that seems to have taken root in the country and consciousness of the people. Whatever evil and corruption has shipwrecked the nation, the southwestern city of Limbe has its unfair share. How are we going to demolish the center for commercial immorality located in the ironical Church Street in Limbe? I have been asking myself whether the teeming Limbe youths that have chosen the advanced fee fraud crimes popularly referred to as scamming as a career must all die without Christ. But I know that the gospel which God has entrusted into the hands of the Mile One Church is the weapon that must be spread to kill all the viruses that have come to decimate our population by means of the dreaded "incurable" disease. The city is obviously sick as our youths prefer to attend night clubs in the name of entertainment on a regular basis than to come to the church. To mention drunkenness as the number one problem across the city will simply be an understatement as both young and the elderly are fond of basking in the alcoholic baptistry just to achieve temporary loss of sorrowful memories. Biblical religious studies in our public and private schools is at the verge of parliamentary prohibition even as the few mission schools that dare or care to include biblical religious studies in their educational curriculum do so for formality. When seeking admission in a higher institution or applying for a job, such an applicant knows that his Biblical religious studies scores are to be totally discounted. This our Limbe, and this is our chance to make a difference as the Church of Christ. This city needs more than four congregations to tackle the great need to redeem this large town whose individual residents have turned their backs on Christ (see opposite page).

The Church of the Lord in Mile One is supremely blessed. Our worship



services continue to afford us the opportunity to express our Lord for the Lord and for one another. As you can see sister Pauline Ndenge in red (in the background) sharing with the brethren the joy of her husband's recovery from a near stroke experience during the month. Bro. Ndenge a medical officer himself, has been struggling with high blood

pressure but God averted the paralysis that would have come to worsen his medical condition. Thank God he is better now.



This Congregation of the Lord in Mile One vicinity is however obstructed by certain factors outstanding among which is the face of our meeting place. On a sunny day, we the worshipers have to endure the scourging heat of

the sun's rays that slams us in the face as they peep through the perforated classroom walls. Since it is not our building, we are not allowed to adjust any faulty architectural design that causes discomfort. We have to manage the situation that way. It takes an exceptionally convinced convert like bro Ferdinand to worship the King in a "manger" with us without second

thoughts. Many others have not been so spiritual to worship with us in a noisy place as that depicted by the picture. With the enormity of the need to evangelize our spiritually limping Limbe badly injured by sin, we cannot afford to give prospective members the false impression that we are not serious, judging from our grossly inadequate worship place. We have been striving to achieve this goal but it appears it will take so many years to get there. God's Providential Hand is what we depend upon to realize this infrastructural dream. You can join your working faith with ours to pray for us to wrap up this obstacle into the dustbin of Mile One Church history.

Our Continued love and appreciation to all of you who support us and who read our reports. My family and I appreciate you just the orphans do. Thank you so much for your love and support to us. God bless you all.

Abasiama John Archibong

(additional pictures on back page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Meetings – Next week, the 24th after evening services

Calendar for April– on back pew

Social Cancelled – for the 24th (next week)