

Those Who Serve

	July 28	Aug 4
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	John Story
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	John Story	Olan Bacon
Assist	Charles Hall	Rick Stocking
Assist	Mike Reinitz	Wade White
Dismiss Services	Olan Bacon	Charles Hall



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers. Doing much better
Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier – family problems

Lorianne Broussard – Sister in law of Nick & Lisa Barratta; son Jacob Olivier has been missing for several months.

Sandy Parker – at home with her parents

Jason and Tracy Sheehy – upcoming adoption in Uganda

Wanda Pledge – recovering from a stroke at home.

Jay Williams – Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – health problems

Charles Stevens – recuperating at home in AR

Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell

Roscoe Frisby – Raytown, cancer patient

Mickey Barratta – Nick's Father – Severe Health Problems

Cody Stewart – 4 year old with brain hemorrhage, currently home

Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating

Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

Ralph Denny – uncle of Paula Reinitz, cancer patient

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for August – on back pew

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

Bookmark our Facebook page. And add EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com to your contact list. Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

Call List – There are forms on the back pew if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

Prayer List – There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

Worship Services Online – Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online. <http://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

SOCIAL – after Morning Services today

Meetings – tonight after evening services

Ice cream – today - Meet at the building at 5:00 to eat. An hour before to start your ice cream churn

SOCIAL – Not this Wednesday but the next, the 14th

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Ellabell Church of Christ



Pictures from Abasiama's Report

SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday

Bible Study

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

6:30pm

Wednesday

7:00pm

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.

SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

July 28, 2013

JUNE 2013 REPORT FROM CAMEROON

WE ought to thank God always for the free gift of salvation. The Lord's work of preaching has been very successful in the last few months. In our quest for soul-winning, we are sometimes left battered by the winds of denominational persecution and staggered by the storms of Pentecostal verbal brutality. And even from among our own number self-deluded men have arisen to fight with Christ over church ownership. In the midst of all these, a very serious evangelism is always in progress. Every village, town and city in Limbe is now aware that God does not speak to man through prophets today. People are now attentive, and some of them are responsive, to the truth about salvation, worship, Bible Authority etc. The statistics of conversions will remain an insufficient scale to estimate the marvelous new determination with which our evangelistic outreaches were launched during the period in review. Nevertheless the tenacity with which we have been evangelizing our country is partially made visible in terms of the category of persons led to Christ in June.

Let me begin with incredible story of the salvation of Michael Jackson. I met Michael Jackson dancing at the beach in Limbe since last year. This Michael Jackson whose picture is attached here or elsewhere in this report is not the late king of pop of Los Angeles, U.S.A. rather; the Michael Jackson I have baptized is a Cameroonian from the tribe of Bayangi. His real name is Japheth but the name by which everyone knows him in the country is Michael Jackson. He is a 40 year old man Until I met Japheth, he was a street performer. Brother Japheth's life was heading to total destruction. He has performed in clubs and at occasions with well-known Makosa musicians in Cameroon such as Petit Pay, Longue Longue etc. The whole story of Japheth's musical but messy life is too pathetic! All of that is now history ever since he came in contact with Jesus Christ through His word preached by us. Japheth is now being mentored by Jesus. But Japheth's conversion is just a tiny fragment in the whole picture of our evangelism during the month. There are other conversions that are equally wonderful. This reminds of a new convert such as Lieutenant Pipwoh Yari Emmanuel, an



officer in the Cameroon Military. I had been preaching to this learned officer for some time. On the first Sunday of June the military man, who will soon go to France for a 45-day air-borne course, honored my invitation to worship with the Washing Point Church of Christ. On that day it was raining very heavily. Brother Emmanuel was drenched in the rain while worshipping and was buried with Christ through baptism immediately after the service.

Incidentally, the lieutenant was baptized the same day

Japheth was baptized. So the military man and the musician are classmates in our new converts' class. The military officer is my neighbor. His apartment is upstairs while mine is downstairs directly beneath his own. Emmanuel is now born again. He now has another level of battle to fight in addition to the ones he has been fighting in the scary Battalion for Rapid Intervention (B.I.R) unit of the Cameroon Defense ministry. The tall young man is now busy evangelizing the soldiers of President Paul Biya to also become soldiers of Christ. This new converts need our prayers to remain steadfast in the Lord as we all know the temptation in the life of a military officer. Emmanuel is the only military officer we have in the church in Cameroon as a whole, except for the fact that Captain James Baana is a member of the Biyemasi congregation in Yaoundé. Please remember Emmanuel when you pray.

Still on evangelism, another soul whom we evangelized also was baptized. His name is Thomas. He heard us on radio and called us on phone and we finalized the baptism process. He is now one of our number. The Lord is blessing us abundantly. My constant prayer for these newly saved souls is that they might grow in their faith.

Our radio program is equally very potent because it yielded fruits in June just as it has already yielded fruits in July. The church is still in need of completing the building of its worship hall. The impact of the incompleteness of the place of meeting (especially the roofing) is greatly felt particularly as the rains are at their peak this time of the year in Cameroon. Working in this kind of condition is very challenging, to put mildly. However, we are not wallowing in the valley of despair as we continue to work with the faith that this situation can, and will, be changed. The denominations are not able to withstand the force of the truth as proclaimed by the Matthew- 16-18 church at Washing Point. Here we are, contending earnestly for the faith. Three denominational pastors have openly condemned and denounced in the media the Washing Point Church of Christ and its preacher, declaring that we "have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof". Denominational church members are now glued to their radio sets every Sunday and Thursday because the Church of Christ has encouraged them to open their Bibles through the radio program LET THE BIBLE SPEAK. This media evangelism has been so successful, not only in terms of tangible number of souls saved but also in terms of the mass publicity of the church in Limbe and its surrounding slums and ghettos. The irony of these attacks both on my preaching and my personality is that two young men who had been following the arguments closely have left their denominations and have been recently baptized into the body of Christ. Their name names are Raphael and Edwin. Their baptism pictures are reserved for July report. We will not allow ourselves to be distracted by any person or group of self-nominated apostles whose money-minded campaign on radio has nothing to offer the teeming population of Limbe. As the only preacher in Limbe, brethren the work is enormous and it is not very easy. Limbe is a very large city divided by the governing authorities into Limbe 1, Limbe 2, and Limbe 3 metropolis. For one preacher and one congregation to serve these metropolitan areas is very demanding. The Church of Christ in New Town which could have been a helping hand is still being strangled by Sakwe their ousted preacher who is now taking that congregation to court to claim the



building and the land upon which the church building is built. Right now the New Town Church of Christ in Limbe stands the risk of having an injunction order imposed on them not to set their feet on the premises of the church until further notice. All this crisis is sponsored by Isaac Sakwe to not only tarnish the image of the church but also to completely hijack the church and convert it to a denomination. I have a copy of the document containing the complaint of Sakwe against the New Town congregation to the government. "Destabilization and total reign of anarchy in my church". That is the title of the complaint. He is said this in writing to create panic in the minds of those in authority, knowing that the government does not tolerate disturbance of public peace by any individual or group. He has paid money to secure the injunction order seeking to ban the congregation from assembling. Sakwe may succeed at least temporarily, if the churches of Christ all of Cameroon and the Board of Trustees do not rise up and tell the government the truth about the church and its building which Sakwe claims he built with his own personal money. What Sakwe is engineering is affecting the reputation of the Washing Point congregation and other congregations in Cameroon and beyond. The Church is one body. For example, when I'm preaching on radio, I usually direct people to where the Church of Christ meets, whether in New Town, in Mile 4, in Wotutu, in Mutengene, and/or even in Buea. Limbe is big enough and is supposed to have at least 3 congregations. If Sakwe emerges victorious, then Limbe will be reduced to one lonely congregation at Washing Point having to do all the evangelism. Moreover, some New Town members will migrate to Washing Point who doesn't have enough seats and roof for her members. Last Sunday we were 81 in attendance and late comers had no seat. Worse still, some New Town members who are new in Christ will completely fall away from the faith using Sakwe's litigation and its resultant discouragement, I may be called by the authorities to testify regarding the truthfulness or otherwise of the penultimate paragraph of Sakwe's complaint which attempts to implicate the peaceful Washing Point congregation. The paragraph says as I quote the exact words of Sakwe with errors in grammar, spellings and capitalization maintained as follows: "In 2002 some individuals Christians breakaway from my church and decided that I should create theirs which I created theirs in mile one (church of Christ Limbe mile one)". You can observe how the polygamous Sakwe is arrogating to himself on earth the nonexistent office of general overseer and creator of the Churches of Christ in Limbe. While we are evangelizing the denominations to become the Church of Christ, Sakwe is fighting against the Church of Christ, trying to reduce a whole congregation of the One True Church to the level of a denomination. Sakwe has been disfellowshipped more than 4 years ago on the grounds of polygamy, a sin he himself has admitted but has found it difficult to repent from because the second wife has given birth to three children for him.

Thank you for not accepting to share in the burden of the Great Commission in Cameroon. Thank you for not allowing us to live on a lonely island of autonomy in the midst of a vast possibility of inter-congregational cooperation and teamwork. Your support and assistance has lightened our weight to effectively run the race of evangelism, benevolence and edification. God bless you.

If we were left alone to face all these troubles without anyone anywhere sharing our heavy load, then honestly the Mile One church would not have been able to live long enough to become the Washing Point Church of Christ. That is why we are always glad each time the opportunity presents itself for us to say thank you to all our sponsors. Once more I sincerely thank every one of you whose support we continue to receive as we preach the gospel to people in a hostile climate. You, our donors, have been the veterans of creative and redemptive generosity for the cause of Christ in Cameroon. Please do receive our thanks and continue to work with the faith that your sacrifices for the savior's evangelistic commission are making a titanic difference in Cameroon missions. I have recently got back to FaceBook with a new timeline. At your convenience, just feel free to see the latest in my Book of Faces by simply requesting for Abasiama Archibong.

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