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It is great to have the fans in the Restrooms work again. Thanks Mike

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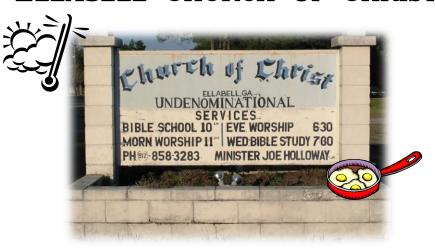
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## **ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST**



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

August 7, 2011

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH JULY, 2011 (TOM EKPOT JR.)

My very beloved brethren, greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It has pleased our Master again to bring us to another month, and of course another opportunity for us to redeem our time, while waiting soberly for His return. Thank you all for your kind prayers for me and my family, and suiting words while we were down physically last month. May God continue to keep you close to His Heart always. We thank equally for His security. Religious crisis almost started during this month, if not for God's intervention. The Muslims started killing people again, but the security operatives swung into action and curbed the situation from escalating. Right now, the Muslims are having their fast. So they don't want to disrupt their so called "holy month." Keep us in prayers.

The month of July marked the beginning of the peak of rainy season in Jos. We were having rain nearly every day, sometimes with storms. While some people do complain about this, yet in some places in the northern Nigeria, they are desperately waiting for rainfall which they don't have. For most schools in, the month of July marked the end of their session. My younger son, Godswill, graduated from primary school, and will be starting his junior secondary education in September. Goodnews equally graduated from junior secondary school to senior secondary school. I thank God for all His blessings.

For two years now I have been working with the youth in Jos. We decided to bring youth from all over the country for a camp. The theme is "Christian Youth in Modern Society." The purpose of this camp is to help our Christian youths to realize the perverting influence of modern society, and their role to help in reshaping people's minds for Christ. The program is for  $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$  August, 2011.

The Church in Mazah is doing just fine, with the few members always zealous for good works. Our Friday Bible class is going on well, with the topic "How will I be remembered." We are looking back into the scriptures to see heroes of the Bible and how they are remembered today. Then apply the lesson on our lives, how will we be remembered when we are out of this world. The lesson is pushing us to be more determined to stand on the side of Christ.

The Church at Foron Mission is growing well. I was impressed so much as they are able to take up the responsibility of paying for their rent this time. The church at New Foron village has its building, and they are equally pressing hard to higher ground.

I mentioned last month of the attack on some members of Toro congregation. I appreciate you for praying for them. Though they are living under threat, yet for this time of Muslim fast, they are experiencing peace. Their number has risen to 60 in worship, though mostly children. But you know, these children are the future of the Church. Through the children, we hope to get their parents as well. My dearly beloved, the field is ripe for harvest. Let us continue to harvest souls for Christ.

I thank you all so much for your individual and collective sacrifices you are making for Christ. May He continue to bless you all. The Bible School in Jos will resume for another session come August 15. Please, keep our students in prayers. Am also appealing for a co-worker, a man who loves God with his entire heart, Emmanuel Adegoroye, who is now sick of cancer of the bone marrow. Help us pray for this man, if it is God's will, let Him spare his life for us. Adegoroye was working with the Bible school in Jos for years, but moved to the Federal capital this past January to work with a congregation there. This man of God is down. We need him now than ever. Once again, thank you all.

## ANNOUNCeMents

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

**Calendar for August** – on back pew

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Ladies' Meeting -tomorrow night at 7:00pm

Social -this Wednesday after Bible Study



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Dear family, greetings from Paris,

The last two months have been very busy with God's work! We were busy organizing the Bible Bowl (transportation of the kids, meal planning and planning for the food) as I cooked and taught classes. The Bible camp was in Germenden, Germany. For the Bible camp 15 of us went to Germany so we took two cars and some went by train. Sister Colette Chao that I baptized back in May came as my helper in the kitchen It was good for her and she really enjoyed being there, and of course she helped me a lot in the kitchen. As usual I made for the camp donuts and sweet rolls, as it has become a tradition of the camp. While at camp I also taught couple of Bible classes. This year we had 20 kids more than last year. While baking Tatin pie, I burned half of my face with the hot syrup of the Tatin tart while I was taking them out of the oven, but thank God I had a good shirt on me that protected my chest and also my eye glasses that protected my eyes. God was watching over me. My face healed up fine.

The Bible Bowl went well; we had close to fifty people there and it was on the book of James. Guess who came in first? The 8 to 12 years old, second the 13 to 17 years old and last the adults. All the ones that participated were from our congregation. As mentioned in my last report, Pamela McAdams came from Scotland a couple days before the Bible Bowl and went with me to the Bible Camp. While in Paris she helped me load up things on the website and helped Rose prepare teaching material for Rose's Bible classes here.

On the third of July Barbara Mislayne was Baptized for the remission of her sins, and that makes our fourth person to obey the Lord so far this year. We are indeed thankful for her. She is twenty years old.

After coming back to from the camp we helped Franck and Liva Delormel move in their new home, which is located 85 kilometers from Paris, and also helped Colette Chao move into her new place. She had been living with us until she got her new place near Versailles which is 18 kilometers from Paris. We did some work in her new apartment to help get her settled in.

We are continuing our home Bible study with Franck and Liva and also with Colette Chao. In September Stephane Dedeyan will take over the adult Sunday morning Bible class for me. I will continue to teach the Wednesday night Bible class, and the Sunday evening Bible classes too, and conduct home Bible studies. When you receive this newsletter we will be on vacation for a week with our daughter Rosemary and grandchildren in the Vendee a part of France near the Atlantic coast.

We so grateful unto God, that He gives us health to continue His work and concerned churches and brethren like you, to make it possible for us to continue to spread the Good News among the French world.

God bless, Roland