

Those Who Serve

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



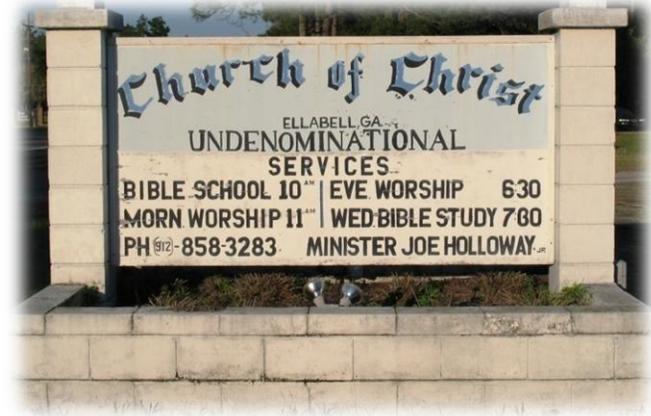
Here is a picture of the Mazah Church of Christ from November, 2010. They were meeting in the building with no roof. They have since been able to roof it but Tom's report tells us this month, it was hit by a storm and now again has no roof among other damages.

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

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent
July 17, 2011

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011 (Tom Ekpote Jr)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all. May the grace of our Lord Whose death brought us closer to God be available to you all throughout this month in Jesus' name. My family and I send our greetings. We thank God for allowing us the privilege of being his workers, and for using you to empower us to do the work. Some time during this last month, I was down with malaria and typhoid. Each of them is enough trouble, but to put them together was bad enough. But I tell you what, God was gracious to help me through it successfully. It was long overdue. You know when we go out for a week knocking doors, we can't carry enough water that can take care of us. We have to rely on whatever we get there. We can't choose where to sleep, because, we have to mix with the brethren. Choosing what to eat is another trouble, because the prospects may feel offended for rejecting his or her offer. Sandra also took ill since last, just I was recovering. She is getting better.

That is no trouble to us, because while on earth, man must be sick of something. It helps us long for heaven, where there will be no more mosquitoes. Thanks for your prayers.

Brethren, half of the year have gone. Looking back at what happened in our individual and collective lives, and how God has seen us through all the hurdles, one cannot stop praising God. Especially those of us in Jos, whose beginning of the year was marred with violence, and continued with series of threats. In all of these, God kept us secured and protected. His work is going on without much hindrances. The rain began to fall this month, watering the seeds that were planted in May, we tried to follow the natural process. We have taken time to water the seeds we planted, by His grace, some of the people we baptized in May are doing just fine. Thank God for the availability of cell phone that we can even use it to relate and communicate with our prospects and converts. One of the new convert in Benue (Lilian) became so ill with pneumonia; we thank God because she is recovering. Our building in Mazah suffered some set back because of wind storm. The storm broke down the building. You can remember how much we suffered to raise this building. Being a house on a hill, it was unable to withstand the heavy wind storm that came around that area. We thank God because it happened when there was no one inside. That does not stop us from meeting. For months with we meeting without a roof, and God was with us throughout. Our work in Toro is moving on well. We thank you all for all your assistance. Sandra's teenage class in Jos is producing great result. Within the last two months, four of her children in the class have become Christians. This is purely God's doing, because one of the kids whose mother died last year, and everybody had written the girl off because of the kind of life she started living was baptized last week. Continue to pray for them. Brethren, we cannot thank God enough for your sacrifices. We are only praying that He continue to bless you all.

Coming back home, my junior son will be finishing his primary school this month. He was able to get admission into some Junior Secondary Schools. We will only select the one that we can afford, and whose program will not mislead our child.

Goodnews is finishing his junior secondary school also. Right now, they are taking their final exams. Please, do keep them in prayers.

-Tom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Meetings – in two weeks, the 31st

Calendar for July– on back pew

Social – next week, the 24th



Joe is gone to Spring City, TN today.

Thanks Kwesi for filling in.



The Solar Panels are installed on the roof and our inverter is installed on the side of the building. They are (at this writing) generating electricity but it isn't being used as we are still waiting for our Electric Company to approve the wiring. Thanks to everyone who helped last week! As the bulletin had to be printed a while ago because Joe is gone today, maybe they are working by now.