

Those Who Serve

	July 24	July 31
Opening Prayer	John Story	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Assist	Olan Bacon	Aaron Burnsed
Assist	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway	John Story



IT FINALLY HAPPENED . . . 73 JELLO SALADS . . . AND 1 PLATE OF CHICKEN!

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

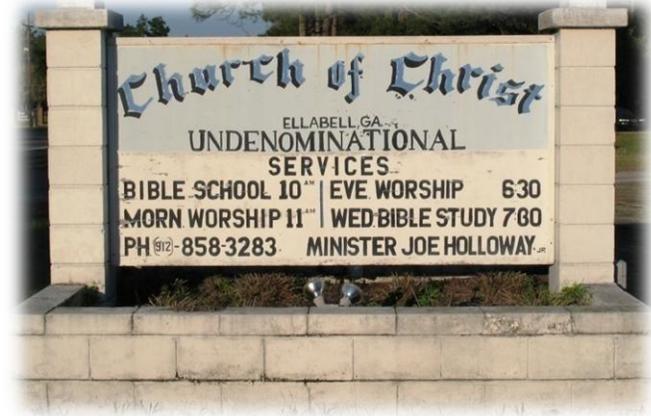
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent
 July 24, 2011

ABASIAMA'S REPORT OF JUNE 2011 FROM CAMEROON
 (Pictures never arrived due to Internet troubles)

By God's grace, the month of June was very successful in terms of meeting our goals in the work of preaching the gospel of our Lord in Limbe and other towns and villages in Cameroon. As usual, We actively spread the message of redemption among the lost souls and God gave the increase during the month. Sister Ekema Samuel is now in Christ as a result of aggressive campaign for Christ that we staged across the community during the month. Her baptism pictures are herein appended.

It is equally exciting to tell how the West African Missions air-force is faring on radio. The soul-winning program that has paved way for the conversion of Bro. Rene, Bro. Ferdinand, Bro. Cedrick, Bro. Demian etc., is still very passionately presented from the studios of Eden Radio. It was more than interesting that Dr. Holloway contributed in preaching to the people of Cameroon on one edition of "LET THE BIBLE SPEAK". He participated in the preaching of that day as he preached to the listeners through Skype. In due course I hope to give you the CD of that particular presentation of the gospel in which the Ellabell minister graciously lent a helping hand to me in trying to follow the footprints of Jesus in evangelism. Some radio preaching pictures are hopefully here.

Away from evangelistic concerns, I am glad to report that the Mile One congregation is marching forward as far as our goals are

concerned. The Lord continues to add to our number almost monthly those who are being saved. That is numerical progress. Equally important is the spiritual journey to maturity that almost all of us in the congregation are happily embarking upon. The average attendance of 60 worshippers is encouraging a congregation as young as ours in the Cameroonian milieu. Love among the brethren as evidenced in mutual visitation and benevolence cannot be overemphasized. Also concerning our building vision, we are growing in the contribution towards the acquisition of land. If we work harder and maintain the same commitment, in two years time should be able to afford a plot of land in Limbe where we will build our meeting house and be free from the terrible slavery to our Landlord who collects his rent at the beginning of the new month. Hopefully in 7 years time, a tremendous progress would have been made as far as settling down in our building as a church. For now, we are in the wilderness in search of the promised land. To make matters worse, the landlord has brought in another Church called “Deeper Life Bible Church” to come and compete with us in the small space in the school compound. So on Sundays and other days, the Mile One church has to worship amidst the noise created by the “Deeper Life Bible Church”. The Church of Christ worships peacefully with simplicity and relative quietness. This denomination is not so. It employs instruments of music and cause noise as they seek to exaggerate their spirituality through all kinds of religious manifestations. This is our latest discomfort as a congregation. This is our newest challenge. Please remember this young church in your prayers because the Devil is prowling around to devour us.

As for us and the orphans, everyone is doing well and sends you warmest greetings and appreciation. Your support for us deeply acknowledged and appreciated. God’s grace is the power source for our every activity in this mission. Your support which is a by-product of that power source is the electricity that activates a number of the equipment necessary for the continued strides in the West African mission. On behalf of every one, I thank you so very much for your partnership in the gospel. Hope to meet you some day here on earth or on the other side of heaven when our faith shall become sight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines
Meetings – next week, the 31st
Calendar for July– on back pew
Calendar for August – on back pew
Social – today
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.



Joe is gone to Raytown, MO today. Thanks

Kwesi for filling in.

A SMALL REFLECTION

“We performed the following tests: biopsy were negative for cancer” I read this after getting my mail at the post office July 12. I know this is late but I was leaving and the bulletins were already done. I wish I could say “You don’t know how the waiting for such results can lengthen a week”, but I know many of you reading this have faced this same situation. I now have a new respect for you. I have often said to the brethren here in Ellabell that we should take advantage of every situation to learn what we can. What have I learned?

- “Cancer is a word, not a sentence” (I learned the meaning of this, Bob. You said it so often during your own battle)
- Knowing that prayers are being offered all over the world and that your name is mentioned in them is priceless.
- Comfort will come from friends and family and can come from complete strangers (Thank you so much Brother Nick-I never met you but your words were valuable)
- Old friendships can still be friendships (Thanks Alan)
- Others hurt when you hurt and rejoice when you rejoice and get mad when you don’t get test results when you were supposed to (Sandy and Wilma-you are the greatest)
- The tears of a strong bear of a man can touch your heart for the good (Thanks Charles)
- “In Jesus’ Name you will not die, I am not ready for you to leave”, can bring tears and a smile at the same time (Abasiama, you are the greatest)
- “The tests will come back negative, I know it” can mean so much (Mom, if I ever have cancer you will frighten it away)
- It is amazing how many lives we touch and how many touch us.
- Helping others out with little things can ease your mind about your own troubles.
- It is an odd thing to be concerned over things undone but not afraid of dying.
- Spending time alone with God is invaluable.
- Petting a dog will always make you feel better, no matter what is happening (I know, many dogs)

All of us need to pray for an end to this dread disease and hope for a day when we don’t whisper the word. For those in battle with this disease, you are in my prayers. God Bless You All! -Joe