



Cameroon Report

Church of Christ
1400 Troy Road
Collinsville, IL 62234-5146

Church of Christ, NSO'
W. Paul Kee, Evangelist
P.O. Box 24
Nso' Bui Division
Cameroon, West Africa
Home phone: 011-237-3-348-1168
Cell phone: 011-237-7-750-2250
Office phone: 011-237-3-348-1119
wpaulkee@aol.com
www.keesincameroon.org

Volume 35, Number 3

30th July 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Memphis! Today we have safely, though tiredly, arrived from Cameroon. We came by way of Paris and Chicago, but we had adequate layovers, so we managed to make our flights. We took a total of 25 hours to travel, but our 5:35 p.m. arrival time is like 11:35 p.m. to our bodies!

It has been about six weeks since our last news letter and a lot has happened in our work here. The first and best news is that we have had two more baptisms at the new congregation at Ba'nsan that I started in May. Sister Brendaline Shulika's husband, Victor Yiven, was baptized on June 22nd. He came to worship early, with his change of clothes in a bag. He said that he could not wait for the dry season, to get money to repay the Presbyterians. He'd worked out a plan, so he wanted to be baptized without delay. We were all very happy, but especially Brendaline, who had done most of his teaching. That week we started class down there every "country Sunday," Kiloovey, which comes every 8 days. We've already had 4 classes, and the other evangelists will go every week for the remaining 25 lessons of "The Church in the Bible." Sister Gladys Bongaman's mother died unexpectedly in early July, so she was out for a week, but came back very strongly. The next week her oldest aunt died, but she came to worship with us in the middle of their mourning week. Please pray for her; she is an encouraging case.

On Saturday, July 26th, Didymus went to Ba'nsan in the afternoon, to visit with contacts and spend the night. I came down on Sunday morning with Sister Gladys, and a graduate, Joseph Bongkpu. Before worship, Brother Cyrian Yuyun was baptized. He is about 60 and Didymus hopes the whole family will be baptized soon. We had 18 in worship, and since it was Kiloovey, we had our class afterwards. It was hard to tell people goodbye, but I have people scheduled to go every Sunday and Kiloovey for some time. Please continue to pray for that young congregation and so many remaining prospects.

The Advanced Courses had been going on well also in June and July. We had eight students, but we had to

dismiss one after the Mid-Term Exams, for poor grades. The other seven made it through till Friday, July 25th, the last day. Immediately after Chapel, we also had a very short ceremony. We said goodbye to a high school teacher, Gregory Bangha, who has now finished his fourth summer and will graduate in 2010 with a Third-Year Diploma. We also welcomed Brother Tsiffo Pierre, Principal until 2006, into the job of Vice Principal for the English Section. Then I handed over the Principalship, with which I had been burdened the last two years (for the fourth time) to Brother Akamah Jeremiah Andong. Jeremiah has worked with me here since 1982 and has been the English Vice Principal.

Brother Jeremiah is also heading an ambitious program we are calling the Resurrection Project. In the next few months, he will be attempting to restart and revive some congregations that have stopped meeting, for one reason or another. He already visited one village for a survey on July 26th and they found 11 non-meeting brethren. After surveys, a plan will be drawn, especially factoring in the rains, the Sundays, the market days, and the "country Sundays." Then he will spend, with two other helpers, about 13 days in one month in one village. Please pray for the results for which we are hoping.

We finished the Leadership Training Class at Ndzevru' on July 19th in the newly expanded hall. This seven month course included about 25 "regulars" and 50 other drop-ins from Mbam valley. It did a lot of damage to my cars (bad roads and overload) but was a great strengthening for some churches.

Tomorrow and Friday I have doctors' appointments and hope to have knee surgery next week. We start traveling September 1st and in seven months of traveling, have only 14 days planned at home! We look forward to seeing YOU! Please keep this dangerous time in your prayers to the Lord.

In His Service,

Paul

JOTS from JANET

Dear family and friends,

Good news waits for those who wait upon the Lord! This is what I keep telling myself as I wait for more blessings from Him. My class on prayer, which I have taught now for a total of 8 months, in two different locations in town, has taught me a lot as well. Little do most Christians know the real power of prayer because they do not see the end results very often, because they do not know to what extent they can pray and in what manner. I have read many commentaries on the explanation of the Lord's Prayer and also the different aspects of prayer to be assured that our prayers ARE answered.

Unfortunately, one sister only came to class the first two times, and when asked what she was not coming again and also to worship services, I was told that she said that God did not answer her prayer, so she would never come to church again. Think of her dire need of this study, which she missed! But alas, she did not learn, because she gave up too quickly. We don't know when God will answer our prayers, but we DO have the assurance that He will, if we are faithful to HIM. In praise, we sing songs that help to sustain us in our time of need. Our favorite one for the class was "Those that wait upon the Lord." A file folder was given to everyone who came to class to carry back and forth to class, which had individual pages of record keeping for asking and receiving the various kinds of supplications, praise, and thankfulness, to actually see the asking and the date it was answered so as to not forget what God has answered for us. I hope to eventually teach this class to every congregation we have here in Bui division. Since many congregations are too far away to do this, I will have a condensed version of it with more of the stronger points for a one-or-two-time lesson.

For several months I have been passing correspondence lessons to a woman, through her husband, a worker at the Internet café where I go once in a week or so. He had commented to me that he wanted her to study with us. By her searching, as seen in her questions and comments about repentance and the correct Bible baptism, Paul and I were convinced she was ready for the "Counting the Cost" paper before finishing the study of the book of Acts. Last week I set up a study with her and gave my favorite illustration lesson about the one Body. She agreed to come to worship with me after the next day. She had thought that I had prodded the preacher to teach the same lesson, but when I said no, she saw that we preach the same thing from the Bible. During the announcements I showed her the towels and dress I had brought and asked her if she was ready. She was surprised that I was prepared, and agreed to go to the stream immediately. Praise the Lord for this new creature in Christ!

In Christian love,

Janet M Kee