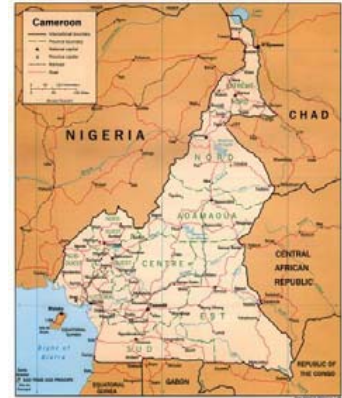


**“Go into all the world and preach the gospel  
to every creature.”**



***Cameroon 2014***

*Times of Refreshing*



**Report on the Revival Services  
at The Macedonia Baptist Church (Buea, Cameroon)  
with Julius Esunge and Nathan Rodecap.**

*May 2014*



## Friday, May, 02, 2014

The Time of great refreshing has come. Early in the morning, the technical department had transported the instruments to the Macedonia Baptist Church (MBC) for necessary arrangement of the sound and light systems during the program. The logistics department began to ensure that all those in attendance would have at least a place to sit. The protocol team had kept the venue very clean and comfortable, meanwhile the hospitality committee prepared rooms for the guests coming from the USA, Yaoundé, Douala, Bamenda, etc... They also did all they could to see that nobody would have to go to sleep without first being served a meal.

Around 4 pm on that day we could already hear some musical sounds signalling that the evening would be great. On the agenda of the revival program, the first 2 days were dedicated to praise and worship. Everything started around 6 pm with a great moment of praise and worship led by the Royal Priesthood Choir from the host church (MBC).



The night also featured ministry in song by Hannah Ewune, who was in Buea with her 8-month-old baby. The evening was crowned by a short and challenging message given by the host pastor, Ekema Martin. Based on Psalm 92, he challenged the hundreds in attendance to praise and worship the Most High God as children of God. The service concluded at 8:45 pm.



About an hour later, Nathan and Julius arrived in Buea from the Douala airport, where their plane had landed a few hours earlier. While Nathan retired for the night, Julius joined Sam and 17 young men in unpacking the cargo container shipped from the USA in February 2014. This exercise lasted into the wee hours of Saturday, May 3 and the team finally retired for rest just before 7 am.

## Saturday, May, 03, 2014

The second day was the continuation of the night of praise and worship. Two invited choirs were present: The Apostolic Choir and the University of Buea Choir. The night included thanksgiving prayer, praise, worship, choir ministration and preaching.

At 5:30pm a serious moment of praise was initiated and led by the Royal Priesthood Choir. Then one of the leaders of MBC led the people of God in a moment of fervent intercession and thanksgiving for about 30 minutes.

The Royal Priesthood Choir ministrations opened the evening session. The apostolic choir and the UB singers followed with some songs which were a blessing to the many children of God gathered there. Hannah Ewune's ministry through song was moving, and many in the audience left their seats for the front, to celebrate God's goodness.



At 7:45 pm, Sam Monono (HOIM country director) introduced the preacher of the night - Br Nathan who came from the USA with Br Julius. Speaking on "Our Identity in Christ," Nathan encouraged the hundreds in attendance to recognize the full benefits of the atoning work of Christ. As children of God, we have been justified, sanctified, reconciled, and regenerated through the blood of Jesus. He put the emphasis on the fact that it is not through our personal efforts, but through our faith in Jesus Christ –

the only Son of God. He encouraged everyone to reconsider their relationship with God, giving Him thanks for what He has done for them on the cross of Calvary. The message ended with another moment of prayer for those who were shaken in their relationship with God. The prayer was led by the host Pastor. We concluded around 8:50 pm.



After the meeting at the MBC, the HOIM team went to the Full Gospel Mission in Molyko – Buea to join Br Julius who was preaching there. He was invited by the pastor of that church for an enlargement campaign organized to win many souls to Christ. The evening was great, as God's power was present to bless His people through salvation, enablement and boldness to be witnesses for Jesus Christ. The meeting ended there at around 10:30 pm. Everybody went back to have a rest before the next day.

### **Sunday, May, 04, 2014**

This Sunday was a very special one, due to two services: the worship service in the morning and the revival service in the evening.

The worship service was a combination of the Baptist service and the revival program. The attendance was 410 members. At 8 am, "Sunday school" started in groups led by Sunday school teachers. The service itself began at 9 am with some moments of praise and worship. Artist LAKASO and Hannah Ewune ministered during the service beside the women and the church choir.

At 10:40 am, the microphone was handed to Br Julius for the message of the day. For the occasion, HOIM produced some song booklets which were distributed to everyone present at the service. The song booklets were used during the program.



Julius' message centered on the crippling effects of sin, and the transformation offered by God to all who trust in Jesus Christ. By the end of the morning service, 35 individuals had committed their lives to Jesus Christ and were immediately attended to by some of the counsellors who had completed the training prior to the revival services.

The evening message continued the theme from the morning. Laying emphasis on why Jesus came, the speaker explained the possibility of being free from sin. He spoke about the 3 plans that exist here on earth: our own plan – which is limited, the plan of the devil – which is destruction, and God's plan – which is hope and an expected end. He concluded by encouraging those in attendance to choose God's plan, and 26 first time decisions for Christ were recorded with many others renewing their commitment to follow Jesus. Once more, the counsellors were there to play their part.

Thereafter, the ministry team comprised of the HOIM team and the leaders of the church took time to pray individually for various needs, as people had stepped forward. It was in this holy atmosphere that the pastor closed the evening meeting after giving some announcements and directives for the next day. The time was 9:55 pm.

### **Monday, May5, 2014 – Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

These days were marked by exertions on multiple fronts: the 3 days of free medical care, the massive evangelism outreach, and the training session for intercessors and worship leaders began on this day. The day ended with the evening revival service.

The medical outreach was held at the Buea Hope Centre. Each day, there were 6 medical professionals and 7 counsellors on hand to attend to the many who would turn up for medical and spiritual care. The outreach ran from 8 am to 1 pm daily.

In the afternoon, the outreach team converged at MBC and proceeded to knock on doors and share their faith with students and families alike, reaching several hundreds over the course of 3 days.

During this period, the intercessors and worship leaders' workshops were held daily from 4 pm to 5:30 pm, with Martha Monono and Emily Atia serving as facilitators. The evening revival services continued in earnest, featuring several choirs and vocalists like Hannah Ewune and Ben Awabi. Each night, several scores of first time decisions were recorded, and each inquirer received proper care from one of the trained counsellors.



#### **Thursday, May08, 2014 – Saturday, May 10, 2014**

These days were consecrated for follow-up. The program of the follow-up sessions included a brief introductory message, a short Bible study and sharing in groups, film projection, and at the end, prayers.

This menu was served daily to counsellors and counselees alike, and our hope is that it will result in lasting decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. Br Lawrence encouraged the participants to observe 2 words during Bible reading and prayer, these being SPACE and ACTS.

- 1) Are there **Sins** I need to confess? 2) Are there **Promises** I have to claim? 3) Are there **Attitudes** I must change? 4) Are there **Commands** I should obey? And 5), Are there **Examples** to follow?
- 2) Prayer moments on their part should include: **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**pecific request.

On the closing night, Sam Monono spoke briefly to the over 400 in attendance, and the final word was given by the MBC leaders who expressed gratitude to the Lord, to HOIM, and to HOIM's supporters for allowing God to use them to touch many lives.

In summary:

- Hundreds of Bibles were placed in the hands of thirsty souls;
- Thousands of gospel tracts were distributed;
- Ministry at 2 orphanages in Mutengene and Buea took place; and
- Hundreds of students were reached in a one-on-one format.

Thank you for praying for us, and for supporting this endeavour.

