

A BRIEF REPORT FOR APRIL 2009 BY NII OKAI JACKSON, SENYA & BONSUEKU CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

The early part of April is also a period tilling the land in most part of Ghana as it was in March but there was a great blessing during the first and second week of the month which ended up with 21 Baptisms in two villages.

1. Visitation & Personal Work
2. VBS Class
3. Youth Class
4. Funeral at Enyan Denkyira
5. Village of Hope, Senya & Bonsueku (Second Annual Quiz & Games)
6. Evangelical Program at Ahomadonko & Dabanyin

DISCUSSION

1. The personal work and the visitation were not all that effective because I was very sick during the midweek of the month so I could not make any impact in it.

2. Because I was sick during the mid week I had only one meeting for the VBS and youth class which attendance was very low comparing to March 2009. I recorded only 27 teens in attendance for VBS and 17 for the youth class.

Because I was not fully recovered, I only gave a revision of previous topics.

3. There was an evangelism program and church planting at Ahomadonko and Dabanyin both in the Central Region in Ghana. At Ahomadonko, we joined the churches at Nyakrom and Nkum in the Agona District. We had house to house evangelism and public preaching for 4 days and eleven souls were baptized to start a new church at Ahomadonko on the 30th March, 1st, 2nd and 3rd April, 2009.

4. In a week later we begun another church planting at Gomoa Dabanyin in conjunction with Vertical Center Church, Tema for three days. We had house to house and public preaching and at the end of the programme ten souls were baptized to start a new church for the Lord.

5. There was a funeral the late Mother of one of our preachers at Enyan Denkyira which also became a way of introducing the church to others. About 18 preachers from various parts of Central Region were able to attend the funeral. It was very encouraging and consoled our bereaved preacher to see a great team of preachers behind him.

6. We also had the 2nd Annual Youth Quiz and Games programme for Senya, VOH and Bonsueku churches on the 30th of April, 2009, which I was a quiz master for the day. All questions were taken from the letter of Paul to Philemon. I prepared about 36 questions from the passage and the youth were able to answer 27 out of it. At the end, Village of Hope youth came first, Senya came second and Bonsueku youth also came third. It was very good for the youth.

We think this programme can challenge the youth to read and study the Bible if we can organize such programmes continuously. The games were football, volleyball, spoon and lime race, apple biting, touched, tag of war and eating competition.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SENYA AND BONSUEKU

SENYA- 1st Sunday	Attendance	BONSUEKU -	Attendance
Adult	42	Adult	12
Ordinary Visitor	2	Ordinary Visitor	2
Members Visitors	1	Members Visitors	1
Children	36	Children	4
Total	81	Total	19
SENYA – 2nd Sunday		BONSUEKU -	
Adult	44	Adult	9
Ordinary Visitor	-	Ordinary Visitor	1
Members Visitors	4	Members Visitors	-
Children	33	Children	5
Total	79	Total	15
SENYA - 3rd Sunday		BONSUEKU –	
Adult	37	Adult	12
Ordinary Visitor	-	Ordinary Visitor	1
Members Visitors	1	Members Visitors	1
Children	41	Children	5
Total	79	Total	19
SENYA - 4th Sunday		BONSUEKU	
Adult	43	Adult	7
Ordinary Visitor	-	Ordinary Visitor	1
Member Visitors	1	Member Visitors	-
Children	41	Children	4
Total	85	Total	12

CHALLENGES

The challenges are same as the previous months because it was a farming season and meeting people in their houses and study with in good time were very difficult but fortunately God was able to bring 21 souls into His church.

CONCLUSION

It is a great blessing for the ministry in April, although things were not all that normal as it is hardly to get people to study with but God being so good we were able to baptize 21 souls for the Lord's kingdom, with these two new district Dabanyin in the Gomoa District and Ahomadonko in the Agona District all in the Central Region.

RECOMMENDATION

I once again recommend to organize more programs for the youth at least two or three times or more in every year to keep them more closer to the church and the ministry so that in future they can become strong leaders and workers for the Lord.

Some notable programmes are:

1. Lectureship
2. Bible quiz & Games
3. Evangelism and Visitation exercise.