

JANUARY, 2009 REPORT – NII OKAI JACKSON
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INTRODUCTION

The month of January has always been a period of preparation of programmes towards the New Year and that affect the progress of the ministry.

Indeed it was a transition month for the whole nation which affects the performance of so many institutions in the country including the church.

Therefore, the church had fewer programmes for the month comparing to the previous month attendance was very low both in Senya and Bonsueku.

INTRODUCTION

- * We had VBS class twice a week
- * There was a funeral at Akotsi and Gyangyanadze
- * I had an appointment to preach in Winneba Church on last Sunday of the month.

DISCUSSIONS

1. We had two meetings for VBS class for the month which the attendance was very low, I recorded 44 teens for the first meeting and 45 for the second meeting; I continued with the last month's topic My Responsibility to the church which ended up in the first meeting. I began with a new topic on the second meeting: "My Responsibility to the Lost". Even though the attendance was not encouraging but the class was very interesting and successful one which will be continued by next month February, 2009.

2. There was a funeral in Akotsi and Gyagyandaze which was held in the third week of the month, both deceased are women and members of the church it was a sad day for the entire church in the community and the bereaved families.

Every church in the district sent delegates to both funerals, I was the song leader at the Akotsi funeral, and there was a successful and a very fit burial for our late sisters.

I had an appointment to preach in the Winneba Church of Christ on the last Sunday of January. I preached on a theme "Fulfilling the Essence of life" with a Topic: (life that is more important than this physical existence).

It was a very challenge topic which is very difficult for most Christians to understand because of worldly pressure. It was very interesting, encouraging and successful sermon for the day which I believed will increase the hearer's faith.

The average attendances for Senya and Bonsueku Sunday worship are:

SENYA
1st SUNDAY

Adult - 42
Member visitors -
Ordinary visitors - 1
Children - 17
Total - 60

SENYA
3RD SUNDAY

Adult - 48
Member visitors - 1
Ordinary visitors - 2
Children - 33
Total - 8

BONSUEKU
1st SUNDAY

Adult - 7
Member visitors - 1
Ordinary visitors - 1
Children - 6
Total - 15

SENYA
4th SUNDAY

Adult - 47
Member visitors - 2
Ordinary visitors - 1
Children - 22
Total - 82

SENYA
2nd SUNDAY

Adult - 43
Member visitors - nil
Ordinary visitors - 1
Children. - 24
Total - 68

4th SUNDAY
BONSUEKU

Adult - 11
Member Visitors - 1
Ordinary visitors - 2
Children - 6
Total 20

BONSUEKU
2nd SUNDAY

Adult - 7
Member visitors - 1
Ordinary visitors - 1
Children - 4
Total 13

BONSUEKU
3rd SUNDAY

Adult - 12
Member visitors - 2
Ordinary visitors - 2
Children - 13
Total - 29

CHALLENGES

There was a continuous visitation to the members especially on Sunday morning pleading with them to attend church services because of low attendance shown in the month.

CONCLUSION

There was no baptism recorded but the situation made me visit and talked to most of the members and some regular visitors which I believed its going to reflect better in the following month.

RECOMMENDATION

So far the ministry is getting improving, in terms of evangelism, and there is the need to involve some of the brethren who have no jobs or work, which can also be voluntary, supported to attract their interest in the ministry.