

# Trinity Bible Church

*The Carpenter's House*

April 15, 2007

## FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE

*Practical Steps To Transformation*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	15 April	<b>BUILDING DEDICATION!</b>
Monday	16 April	Deacon's Meeting.
Wednesday	18 April	1 Corinthians-Spiritual Gifts.
Wednesday	25 April	1 Corinthians-Spiritual Gifts. Question and Answer resumed in June.
Wednesday	2 May	1 Corinthians-Spiritual Gifts.
Saturday	5 May	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Sunday	6 May	The Lord's Table. Drue and Helen leave for India-Sri Lanka

- \*\* Please be in prayer for Drue and Helen's trip to India and Sri Lanka in May. Classes will continue as usual.
- \*\* Officers on our new deacon board are: Leonard Chanler, Chairman; Bobby Mullins, Vice-chairman; Roger Mueller, Treasurer; Jim Carrel, Secretary.
- \*\* Robby Berkenbile and Mike Hart have completed their Beginning Greek class. Mario has offered to teach another Greek class, beginning this September. Please contact him if you would like to take it.
- \*\* The door into the kitchen will be left open during class.
- \*\* Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

*Worship*

*Dedication Services*

**VILLAGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL****Bob Thompson, CEO****April 2007****ANNUALREPORT - JAMES OWUSU, GHANA**

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. Some of you have not heard from me in a while, so I am glad to be able to communicate with you again. Over the past two years, the words of the great apostle Paul to the church at Corinth really took on meaning in my life ... "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed" (2 Corinth. 4:8, 9). These past two years, I went through a period of prolonged illness which led in some ways to frustration, despair, physical and mental perplexity. However, God, who called me and put His treasure in such a weak jar, delivered and renewed me and now I can truly say, "I am more than a conqueror through Him that strengthens me." Indeed, many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivers him from it all (Ps. 34:19). Therefore, now, "what can separate me from the love of my God? Absolutely nothing, neither height nor depth, nor anything else ... not sickness." Thank you all for unrelenting and fervent prayers.

To give a brief insight into my illness, as some might not be aware, I spent most of the year, 2006, going back and forth from hospital to hospital. One moment I would find myself enjoying a conversation with family, the next moment I would be overcome with weakness to the extent that I could not stand nor walk. The most frustrating part was that all the tests done in Ghana appeared to be normal, yet I felt physically weak and drained. Towards the later part of 2006, I came to the US to visit with my children and to have some time of rest and medical check up. I am glad to say, I am doing well. I am rested, fully recovered and ready to move on with God's work.

I would like to update you on how the village ministry in Ghana is doing. In the Eastern Region of Ghana, we held a pastors conference where all the pastors managing the various churches in the villages came together. We spent time in prayer and in the Word. We also did some team evangelism using the Jesus film as a tool. This proved to be very effective and re-energized the pastors for the work they were doing in their individual villages. In August of 2006, we welcomed an evangelistic team from the US led by Charles Stillion who spent two weeks with us. With the visiting team's help, we were able to do some work in the Ashanti Region, which is the second largest region in the country. Out of this work, a new village church has been started.

The Foundations book continues to be a significant help. We have distributed it widely across the country, and the local village pastors have found it very helpful in their teaching ministry. A sizable number of the Foundations book has been sent to the Northern Region upon request. You should know that the Northern Region of Ghana is predominantly Moslem and, therefore, ripe for a good "foundation in Christ."

To equip and provide for new believers, we started a seven-acre citrus farm two years ago. Our first harvest should be ready in two to three years. Pray that the Lord of harvest

makes this a fruitful venture, as it will help provide some of the financial needs of the new believers.

With my newfound health, I plan to press on. We have planned a leadership meeting in the Ashanti Region to help teach and equip our pastors and leaders. This camp meeting will bring together church members and pastors across the country. We will assess the response from the Northern Region to the Foundations book and proceed as the Lord leads. Please make this a specific prayer item. Also, pray that the Lord will provide us with a robust and reliable means of transportation as we travel across the country from village to village.

As always, I love to hear from you. Continue to bear us in your prayers.

In His Service,

#### 2007 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

<b>Proposed Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
April 4-14	Nigeria Jungle	Evangelism & Training	Open
May 6-24	India/Sri Lanka	Pastor and Teacher Training	Filled
Spring	To be Announced	Church Group Trip	Open
June 16-July 7	Tanzania	Introduce Foundations And Teaching	Open
June 16-23	Belarus	Church Dedication/Camp	Open
July/August	Nicaragua	Summer Camp	Open
August	Ghana	Summer Camp	Open
August	Sri Lanka	Summer Camp	Open
Fall	Nicaragua	Pastor Training & Women's Ministry	Open
Fall	China	Pastor and Teacher Training	Open

## **Practical Steps To Transformation**

1. **Four things that must permeate these practical steps:**
  
2. **To Remove Worldly Viewpoint:**
  - Step 1. Realize that without this transformation we are powerless and our lives are unmanageable. Eph 2:1-10; Luke 18:13**
  - Step 2. Respond to the invitation of the gospel to relationship with God. Rom 1:16-17**
  - Step 3. Offer your body a living and holy sacrifice. Rom 12:1-2**
  - Step 4. Make a searching, honest and fearless moral inventory of yourself. Rom 2:9-10; 2 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 11:28-32; Gal 5:16-21**
  - Step 5. Admit to yourself, to God and to another trustworthy person the exact nature of your wrongs and fully own them. Gal 6:1-2; James 5:13-16; 1 John 1:5-10**
  
3. **Accept Divine Viewpoint:**
  - Step 6. Fully recognize the sinful side of your personality, your mixed motivations and self-serving tendencies, and become ready to let God heal them. Rom 7:7-25**
  - Step 7. Humbly accept God's divine healing because "peace" has been established. Rom 5:1-5; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Psa 37:4-6; 51:1-4**
  
4. **Determine The Will Of God:**
  - Step 8. Recognize the harm done to ourselves and others, and become willing to make amends to all we have offended. Rom 8:28-29; 2 Cor 5:16-21**
  
  - Step 9. Make direct amends where possible, except when to do so would injure others. Rom 15:1-6; 1 Cor 13:4-8a**
  
  - Step 10. Become more aware of self-serving tendencies and more prompt in letting go of their influence. Phil 2:3-4; Rom 13:8-10; Gal 2:19-20**
  
  - Step 11. Seek to improve conscious contact with God, through living His Word, to be healed of the unconscious obstacles to transformation, and more and more to know God's will for our life and the power to carry it out. Rom 13:11-14; Phil 3:7-11**
  
  - Step 12. Awaken to an abiding sense of union with God, and manifest fruit in our family, workplace, and all our associations, to bring the message of the good news to others. 2 Peter 1:1-9; Rom 15:14-21; Eph 5:15-33**

## *Dedication Services*

### *April 15, 2007*

*Pastor Drue Freeman - Worship and Music Committee*

Responsible to select doctrinally suitable music and other worship activities for all public worship services.

*Robby Berkenbile - Property Committee.*

Responsible for the operation, use, security, maintenance, and repair of all property not specifically delegated to others, including all buildings, grounds parking areas, mechanical equipment, furniture and fixtures.

*Dr. Roger Mueller - Fellowship Committee and Finance Committees.*

Responsible to furnish a framework within which the gift of helps may be exercised, and shall supervise all aspects of the social life of the Church as a whole.

*Bobby Mullins - Missionary Committee.*

Responsible for the administration of missionary funds, activities and the Missionary Board.

*Jim Carrel- Media Committee.*

Responsible for the editing, reproduction, and distribution of all recorded materials, produced by or distributed to this Church and shall supervise all media personnel and maintain all electronic equipment necessary for these duties.

*Dan Hensley – Education and Outreach Committees.*

Responsible for the operation and management of all prep school activities. Oversees the regular classes as well as special classes, such as Vacation Bible School. This includes overseeing the respective directors, teacher personnel, materials, schedules, and operations. Responsible for welcoming visitors and for providing and supporting outreach into the community.

*Pastor Drue Freeman - Dedication Message*

*Pastor Mario Garcia and Pastor Dan Hardy-Blessings on Trinity Bible Church*

*Closing Song*