

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

July, 2014

«For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.» The theme of 2 Corinthians 5:13 is 'Our devotion for the Lord'. In this passage, the Apostle Paul is an example to follow in his profound devotion to the Lord. We see his zeal for the Lord in two aspects: His love for God and his burden for his brethren.

Today Africa, like the rest of the world, needs to be evangelized. Gabon finds itself in the dark without the gospel. Since we have been given the knowledge of the truth of His Word, our dedication must have these same two aspects. If I am in Gabon, it is thanks to you, dear brothers and sisters, who support our ministry. We arrived in Gabon the beginning of July after finishing studies at the Bible Institute. We found that the church that we started 6 years ago was low and very weak both spiritually and numerically. Our burden is to put ourselves to the work, by the grace of God, in preaching, teaching, prayer and in brotherly fellowship for the glory of God. But we see the hand of the Lord in the work in as much as you, being far away, contribute both spiritually and financially through Brother Mark Gostlin and Brother Yann Jouan. We can pay our rent and even have, in these very difficult times, something to eat. May the Lord bless you all for this!

The church here requests much prayer and your continued spiritual and physical support. We are proud to be receiving Bro Mark in a short time, and Bro Yann some other time as well. May these two bring others with them to discover the realities of ministry in Africa. You would be welcome.

The difficulties of our ministry are numerous:

- 1. Our problem of legal standing for the church has not changed. Many churches close because of this. We must have either the legal covering of another church or our own authorization.
- 2. We are still seeking to obtain residency permits, which are given freely to ministers in churches with a proper legal standing. For the moment we still have our visas that we were able to obtain. «THANK YOU!»

For the coming year, July 2014 to July 2015, the goal of the year is to see a church pure – righteous – true – strong – and dynamic. By the grace of God, through prayer, teaching, and our own commitment, we will accomplish this. We know that the Lord is in control here and we encourage you not to lose courage. You do not labor in vain. From time to time we are sick, but the Lord holds us up. Thanks to you all who contribute for the advancement of the work of the Lord in the world. Amen!

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