



REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

MARCH 31ST, 2009

Dear brethren,

Greetings to all the saints with whom you meet. Both Sylvia and I are in good health with just a minor hick-up here and there. Our Autumn (Fall) season has been mild so far and we are bracing ourselves for the winter that is at the door. Our Country is on the brink of a general election on April 22, 2009 and we are looking forward to it. For better or for worse – change is inevitable...

Number 2 or number 3 type soil?

I was terribly disappointed when the men from Congo informed me that they are severing ties with us. Our last meeting did not go well. I paid their assembly a surprise visit on one of their midweek services (Tuesday evenings) and found that they had gone back to a denominational style religion. Clapping hands in the church, all praying together, having a collection during the week and ending off with a young lady doing the closing prayer! When I confronted them they said that they needed the money and could not wait for Sunday in the hope that people would come back and give (it was a case of taking it when you could get it). I tried several times getting another meeting with them but they refused and said that the “church of Christ” way of doing things just did nothing for them. People expected them to lay their hands on them and pray for healing and with the church of Christ they could not do that. (They assured me that they had done this not too long ago to a man with HIV-Aids and they had healed him!) They also mentioned to me that I neglected to encourage them to fast when praying and that since they had done that, they all landed new jobs and things were going well...they did not want to have anything to do with me anymore. On this sad note we parted company.

MEETINGS HELD:

The congregation in Brakpan held a meeting and had as speaker brother Alton Bailey who preaches for the Sugar Creek congregation in Cullman Alabama and benefited greatly from his lesson and enjoyed meeting him and his wife. Brother Brian Allen and his wife Lorraine accompanied them to our home and we had a good visit though quite short.

Brother Fred Ligin from the Pretoria congregation arranged for brother John Cripps from the Newton church of Christ in Burnsville North Carolina to present two lessons at Brixton congregation on Wednesday March 11th and 25th and we loved having John Cripps with us and we were encouraged by his lessons.

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CLASSES CONDUCTED

I just completed my classes with Mike (a young man in his early 20's who is from the Pentecostal church) which lasted for six Tuesdays on the Know-Your-Bible correspondence course. At the end of the course he mentioned that he learned a lot about the Bible but he did not want to do what it says...?

Trevor and I just started a new class with a group of people who call themselves members of the church of Jesus Christ. They are completely different in doctrine and practice to the church of Christ and made it very clear to us that they are not part of the church of Christ. They have a woman as their leader and do most of the things which the other denominations around them are doing with one exception, they believe that one has to be baptised before he is saved? We will see where this one ends up.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME:

Sunday morning	Bible Study Class	09h00 to 09h45	Brixton Congregation
Sunday morning	Worship Service	10h00 to 11h00	Brixton Congregation
Sunday afternoon	Bible Study Class	14h00 to 16h00	Military Camp
Sunday evening	Worship Service	17h00 to 18h00	Linmeyer
Monday evening	Bible Study Class	19h00 to 21h00	Simon & Fransina Hibbert
Tuesday morning	Bible Study Class	10h00 to 12h00	Ladies Study Session
Tuesday evening	Mark-Your-Bible	18h00 to 19h00	Mary Fox
Wednesday evening	Bible Study Class	19h00 to 20h00	Brixton Congregation
Thursday evening	Bible Study Class	19h00 to 20h00	Mark Jeejohda

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I will send an updated version of our planned trip details next month.

Greetings to the church of God with whom you assemble.

Your servants in Christ

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