

June 14, 2006

Two More Souls Added To The Lord

Some weeks are better than others, and this has been a great week! There were 2 more souls were added to the Lord last night, June 13, at about 10:40 PM Central African Time; that is 4:40 PM EDT.

Below is the email I sent out this past Sunday evening. In that email, I talked about the studies going on at Noel & Pearl Nyemba's home. Konrad & Gill joined us there last night. In that email, I have highlighted the names of the 7 participants with me.

It was a wonderful evening. We studied for over 3 hours, and they did not want to stop! I had excellent participation and support from the Nyemba's and Brandstetter's, too. Everyone was built up in the faith. As we were finally winding down, Lawrence and Violet wanted to know when they could be baptized. Of course, I showed them the Philippian Jailor and the Ethiopian Eunuch, and we soon got wet!

It is winter here, and winters in East London are much milder than in the USA. But the nights are regularly getting down to 45-50 degrees F (7-10 deg C), so the water in the Nyemba's pool was C-O-L-D! But Lawrence and Violet never wavered in their determination to leave there in a saved condition - in Christ. Afterwards, there was a warmth that may have been felt all the way across The Pond as we sang praise and prayed to God.

I am excited about the future for the church in East London. God is working mightily among us. As in all places, we have our problems and issues here. But the members of Keam Road are inviting, encouraging, and teaching others the truth of the gospel. What a joy it is to be among them! To all of you who are making it possible for me to be a part of these wonderful things, I thank you. God bless you all.

And may God bless my wife, Debbie, most of all. It is her faith in and commitment to both the Lord and me, that has allowed me to serve Him and His church and seek the lost in East London, South Africa. I will see her again in 16 more days! But who is counting? Well, do you want to know how many hours it will be?

Yours in Christ,
Bill Elliott

----- Original Message -----

From: [Bill Elliott](#)

To: [Bill Elliott](#)

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 10:38 PM

Subject: A soul has been added

All,

I want to share some good news with you all. We had another baptism tonight! Ann De Villiers was baptized at the beginning of evening assembly. She has only started attending Bible classes and worship with any regularity the last few weeks. But she apparently has been watching her daughter Joan and her husband Donovan Harper and asking them questions. Donovan and Joan live with Ann, Joan's Dad, and her brother. Joan was baptized the end of last August. I have a private study with Donovan and Joan on Monday nights. They are a lovely young couple, married last December. Donovan was raised in the Christian home. It looks like we will be joyously adding one more to our Monday night studies! Praise God!

I study with another wonderful young couple on Sunday afternoons, [Noel and Pearl Nyemba](#). I get an excellent, home-cooked meal out of it, too! They invited a couple ([Lawrence & Zoe Chagadama](#)) who are friends of theirs and a young woman ([Violet Mbewe](#)) who is a regular visitor at Keam Road. They have been attending a charismatic church called the Christian Center for some time now, perhaps a couple years. Violet's background is in the Apostolic church, also a charismatic group like those in Knoxville. [Lawrence](#) is a very intelligent and

straight talking man. This afternoon, he enthusiastically commented that he had gained more understanding of the Bible in two studies with us than he had in all his time at their church.

Though we were studying 1Cor12-14 concerning spiritual gifts (at their request), Lawrence further expressed uncertainty about "being saved" as they taught him in that church. He wants to know what the BIBLE SAYS about salvation, and he does not want to wait. They asked if we could study again this week. So we are going to get together at Noel and Pearl's Tuesday night. I hope Violet will also come. Please include us in your prayers. I expect some bumps along the way.

Now, this is great news, but... I normally get another excellent home-cooked meal on Tuesday nights at [Konrad and Gill Brandstetter](#)'s house, and we then study together. Konrad was baptized Feb 14, and Gill was baptized over 23 years ago. They have been married going on 30 years I think. Since I am sacrificing that meal with them, I decided to make them suffer, too, and I invited them to Noel and Pearl's for the study. It is wonderful to have so many interested in studying that I have to juggle my schedule!

The West End Missions Committee is meeting at about the time I am typing this email. It is after 10:00 PM here, 4:00 PM there. Sorry I could not get it out before the meeting. I hope the website will be brought up to date soon. I would like to send more bulletins and pictures for posting.

Take care. God bless you all. Please keep those prayers going up for us.

Yours in Christ,
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