

# SEYCHELLES

## Church of Christ

### MONTHLY REPORT

#### THEME OF THE MONTH: KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL OPEN

Over the last couple of months, we have experienced an array of phenomena which reassures us that our choice of the yearly mission statement was the right one. If you will recall, the congregation decided to focus on the family during 2010. In large part, we are already witnessing the early blossoms in many a family's spiritual circumstances. The faith of several of our brethren are growing stronger by the day simply because they are mustering the courage to knock on some doors they never before dared to knock. I admit that few have chosen to shut the Lord's door behind them while they walk away. Some are still in doubt of whether there's any one who's going to answer to their calls. Others have managed to get one foot in, while the majority are slowly discovering the joy of being fully inside the kingdom and beholding the presence of our father on a daily basis.

As a general rule, the Seychellois people are always in tune with the current affairs, the hottest gossips and the most salacious stories the islands has to provide, but when it comes to sharing their personal lives and experiences (positive or negative) there is quite a resistance to disclose much if anything. However, few weeks into our series of classes on Sunday mornings entitled "Making your love last a lifetime: building strong and happy marriages," I have noticed a considerable change in the Christians' willingness to participate and contribute to the classes. It appears more are seeing the benefit in sharing their experiences and they are becoming more honest with themselves as well as the Lord himself concerning the reality of their lives. As a natural consequence couples are communicating more at home. Families are spending more time with each other. Individuals are drawing from one another, just like iron sharpens iron ( Prov. 27: 17). And the most amazing thing to observe is how the kids are growing closer to each other and are visibly excited to come to services and participate in bible classes.



The above picture was taken on Tabitha's birthday. The ladies in the congregation threw her a surprise party which went without a glitch (the surprise that is). Tab is still amazed that she was kept in the absolute dark about everything. She is normally very intuitive about things, but the ladies did such a marvelous job organizing the event.

In the bottom left picture, the kids react to the new bible class materials they just received from the Clintwood Church of Christ (VA).





Couple of weeks ago we had a Church get together over at Cerf Island. It was a Saturday well spent. Although it was unusually hot we took advantage of the good weather and participated in all kinds of fun stuff. Feeding the fish, tug of war, swimming, cutting up, where only few of activities on the list. Great times!!



Recently, I was reminded more than ever that God's promises always remain true, and that it is up to us to believe in them with everything we have. About four weeks ago, a young man name Henri contacted one of our members and expressed the desire to want to learn the Bible. I was given Henri's contact number and we've been studying ever since. It is so exciting seeing him investigating and learning the truth of the Bible with such voracious appetite.

In the middle of this wonderful study series with Henri, one of my cousins called me (literally out of the blue) with such a desperate plea for help. She intimated how she is in total darkness and needs to find the light again. So we immediately set up a study and we've been going at it for three weeks now.

Then this past Sunday, at the end of services I noticed a man walk in and took a seat among the brethren. I initially thought he was lost and came to the wrong building. But after I introduced myself to him, he let me know that he is searching for God and wants his family to worship the true God. So we talked a little bit about our group and the bible in general. He attended the Tuesday Bible class yesterday, keeping his promise that he was serious about wanting to know and serve the Lord. Wow! I came to the realization that there are so many people knocking on the Lord's door; so many are pounding on the Churches doors only if Christians would listen and open up to them. I am not sure where all these new prospects will go and what will become of them, but

one thing I know right now is that they are asking, and seeking and knocking really hard. We as a congregation are trying to do all we can to help them understand the only book of life, the only God in this universe and the only Saviour of man's soul. It is so exciting and exhilarating when I think of what could soon be. But as for right now, we have to keep focus on teaching the truth as well as listening to those wonderful knocks.



As a collective body, we also have been opening some new doors. Not only are we engaging each other more on a spiritual level but also more on a social level. We are organizing

more events, and activities with each other and trying to have as much fun in each other presence as a family of God's people. We are not ignorant of what we're against, but there is no doubt in my mind the Lord will vindicate His causes through His people.

This is why I want to continue to express our gratitude for all you brethren do for us here. The Bible class materials we receive, the financial help you send our way, the prayers you say on our behalf, the encouraging phone calls, e-mails and cards are all so much appreciated. I know I am not the greatest as far as keeping up with you via e-mails and phones calls, but please know that we sincerely appreciate your love and care for us and for the Lord's work here in the Seychelles. We are determined to do all we can to bring glory to our Father despite all the adversities we face. Maranatha!