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A WISH FOR YOU

Our work for the Master in Africa the last two years could be termed “the years of the children”. First, three of our graduates from Chad Republic saw the need and started a school in Southern Chad. The attendance grew quickly to over 700 first through sixth grade students. Next, it was saving the 444 children from the terrorist group in the Chibok area of Northeastern Nigeria. We transported them to Numan, Adamawa State, and enrolled them in three Secondary schools. During this time we continued to educate over 100 students at the School of Biblical Studies, Jos. I hope you will enjoy reading about some of the many doors of opportunity our Lord has opened for us.

There is a statement made in the old Jule Miller series, “Survey of the Bible” which I have used to bring many people to Christ. It states, “Oh, must I keep giving again and again?” “Oh no, said the Master, His glance pierced me through, just give till the Master stops giving to you.”

Thank you for your fellowship, confidence, and support as we continue to evangelize Africa together. May our Lord bless you and grant you a **Happy New Year** in your Christian life.

In Christian love, Steven L. Worley and family



49 SOULS SAVED LAST SEMESTER

One of the aims and objectives of the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, is personal evangelism. We strive to enable all our students to have an extensive understanding of God's word and the skill to teach others the way to salvation, along with how to remain faithful unto death. Therefore, our students and staff are always involved in our weekly weekend evangelism program. During our last semester, from August to November 2016, a total of 49 souls obeyed the gospel. This encourages us to continue to teach and preach the word realizing there are people out there who are waiting patiently for one to come and teach them. During this period we also found 12 people who realized their need to be restored.

Because of this kind of practical weekend training, which our students receive while being led by their teachers, our students continue evangelizing after their graduation. In this issue we are going to share with you some of our graduates who are working both within Nigeria and in other countries. We have graduates in Cameroon, Liberia, Niger, Chad, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ghana, and Bangladesh. Glory be to our God!

- **Bro. Emmanuel Egyegini**

UNIJOS CONVOCATION

We are grateful to God that all our BA Biblical Studies Degrees affiliated to the University of Jos were convoked on May 12, 2012, by the University. All our graduates in the affiliated program can now either go for a National Youth Service Corps assignment, or be exempted if they were above 30 years old at the time they graduated. Without the National Youth Service Corps completion or exemption certificate, the graduate will not be able to obtain a job in the public sector or private organizations owned by the public. Brother James Ikwulono deserves a “well done” for the time and effort he spent working with UniJos to see that we obtained this goal

34 BAPTISMS IN CHAD REPUBLIC

Brothers Peirre Rimorbe, Sabastion, and Lazarus returned to the Dono-Manga District in Southern Chad after graduation to begin their work of preaching God's word and starting congregations. There are now over 35 congregations in the area plus a registered government primary school with over 700 students! These men started the school adding Bible and English to the normal curriculum. Pierre wrote in his last report, *"Brethren, I would like to share with you the results of the evangelism programs organized by the members of the churches of Christ in Dono-manga district, Southern Chad Republic. The end of this year 2016 seemed to be a fantastic harvest of souls for Christ. After conducting three outreaches, God has made a tremendous open door opportunity in three districts."*

From September to December, we had 34 baptisms; eleven (11) in Kasseraye village, Doumouk District (11th-12 November) where a congregation was established earlier this year; fifteen (15) in Kimre, Kimre District (17th December); eight (8) in Mbaya Koutou, Koutoutou District, where another new congregation was established recently.

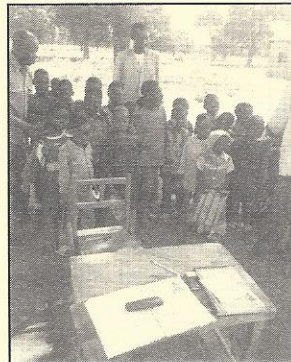
As there is a water problem to baptize immediately those who obey the Lord's command, in Kimre village, we were obliged to take them from different congregations there because there is water. To aid in this program Dr. Yangar helped us with his pick-up. Transportation is a difficulty in these remote areas. All the brethren who had the privilege to visit these isolated tribes would be eyewitnesses and are aware of the extreme poverty of our people. Pray for the our next evangelism program.

Pierre Rimorbe

The elders of the Petersville Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama, have overseen this great work for many years. The official language of Chad is French. The English language is Pierre's third.



Parents Meeting



Orphans Enrollment



Baptisms at Kimre Village

EXTENSION PROGRAM

Our students finished their semester exams in early December and our teaching staff traveled to four locations to conduct Leadership Extension Training classes from December 5th until the 17th. The classes were held in four centers with ten faculty staff taking part. The centers are at Makurdi, Benue State; Kaltungo, Gombe State; Asaba, Delta State; and Sapele, Delta State. It is a full day's journey to Delta State.

This extension service is designed to provide two and three year educations in Bible to local church members. We are grateful to you and all our supporters for supporting the school to serve the local churches in this capacity.

2 NEW CONGREGATIONS

The work of the Lord in SBS, Jos, continues to grow in spite of the security and economic recession challenges. As things get tough in the country day by day, staff and students of SBS resolved to continue to work hard in saving the dying souls in the world for our Master, Jesus Christ.

The staff continues to teach as they train young men and women for the work, while the students continue to put into practice what they have been taught by going out for evangelism every weekend as designed in the School curriculum. Glory to be God, through this evangelism exercise, two congregations were newly established last year in **Angware** (Jos-East) and **Du** (Jos-South) Local Government Areas of Plateau State.

Every Sunday some of our students and staff worship with the newly established congregations to encourage and mature them in Christ. We are therefore grateful to God Almighty for His enablement, and as well as our partners (both within and outside the country) for supporting the work of the Lord here in SBS, Jos. May God continue to reward you all abundantly in Jesus name. Amen.

Bro. Emmanuel Egyegini
(Partnership Coordinator, SBS)

JUST IMAGINE

Imagine trying to feed over four high school children a meal on the weekends using a small fire and your back yard. Just imagine the challenge of conducting devotionals and the worship services of the church in one small room in your compound. Those are some of the problems the Lord's church at Numan, Adamawa State, was faced with last year. Lord willing, some of their logistical problems will be smaller this year. Imagine trying to see to the health needs of 444 teenagers while not having any private transportation.

The major construction of the church building at Numan, Adamawa State, is complete. Putting the final touches to enable the four hundred and forty four "Chibok Children" to use this resource is in the final stages. We still need to plaster the walls, install the ceiling, pour the concrete floor, and paint the building. The church at Numan bought the land a few years ago but and has been meeting in the preacher's compound and one small room because of the lack of funds. Brother Sati Dunjuma is the preacher, and the youth minister is Ben Victor.

Their report is as follows: *"Calvary greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am brother Ben Victor Chijioke whom you employed to work with the Campus Church of Christ youth ministry here in Numan, Adamawa State, Nigeria. I got my November salary as well as my work fund, which was rightly spent. I carried out 17 treatments on the following students: Okon Ishaku, Isuwa Marcus, Bitrus Musa, Ishku Peter, Emmanuel Dauda, Saratu Amos, Peter Gideon, Abigail Bitrus, Rhoda Matthew, Marta Ayuba, James Adamu, Samson Bulus, Rebecca Joseph, Rachael Musa, Mercy Ayuba, Rifkatu Ezekiel and Deborah Solomon. These students were treated within the month of November.*

The students are actually improving greatly both in studies, in health, as well as in spiritual matters. They are showing their appreciations towards the love, care, and support you give them. They are presently writing their first term examination, and will soon be going for their holidays. They therefore need your prayers for success in their exams and for fair journey back home. Some of the students are in their final year (SS3), and will be graduating by 2017. To us, it is good news and a good achievement. But to their parents, it is a tragedy. It is so due to their lack of financial strength to further their children's education. For this reason, the parents are pleading for further assistance on their children after they have written their Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) by 2017. They are actually desperate in their request, which touched Sati and me, and we decided that it be included in my report.

Editor's note: If you would be interested in sponsoring a student to continue his/her education please contact me at the address, email, or phone number in this journal.

Steven L. Worley



Numan Church of Christ Building

DORM PROGRESS REPORT

In 2014, we designed our new male dormitory and registered the plans for approval with Town Planning in Jos. The outside dimensions are 162 feet long, 33 feet wide with a total of 13,372 sq. feet. It will accommodate 240 students when it's finished. We estimated the total cost to be \$250,000.00. We then manufactured 18,000 cement blocks with our block machine located on campus.

In the year 2015, we cleared the building site by blasting and grading. Then we dug and poured the foundation including pillars, while adding 14 additional rooms in the basement, which serves as half of the foundation of the dorm. Next we poured the main floor and suspended slab. All this work required a tremendous amount of cement and reinforcement rod because the building is located on a rocky hillside behind our library.

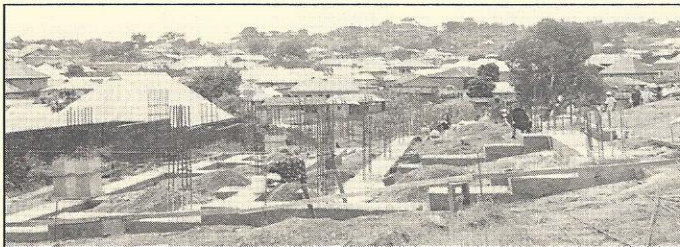
Last year, 2016, we poured the decking for the second floor then installed 51 doors and 42 windows in the first floor and basement classrooms. We then dug and constructed our septic system. In late May we plastered the inside and outside of the structure. We could not complete the drainage project required to carry the rainwater safely to the creek just outside our campus. In June the Rainy Season brought a tremendous amount of rain that destroyed a section of our campus security wall. We reinforced and repaired the security wall.

In the last three months of 2016 we manufactured a 10,000-gallon tank with its concrete foundation. This tank will store water at ground level which we will then pump to smaller tanks on the roof to give us head pressure for our water system in the dorm. We also laid our terrazzo flooring.

Our major goal this year is to have the part of the building that is now completed ready for our students to move into that section by August. To accomplish this our first task this year is to complete the plumbing and electrical systems. Next is to paint the structure and furnish the rooms for the students. After the students move into that section of the dorm we can complete the second floor and roof.

Brethren, when completed, this dormitory will allow us to accommodate all of our 100 male and 30 female students within the security walls of our campus. Our prayer is that we can find 10 congregations of the Lord's body that will agree to give us Ten Thousand Dollars this year. I would appreciate an opportunity to visit with you and present a Power Point Presentation and more information on what we believe is the best Bible learning institution in our brotherhood outside the United States. Please help us complete this much-needed addition and make a check payable to the Church of Christ, 1157 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372, Attn: SBS Dorm. Thank you for the support and confidence.

Steven L Worley



In The Beginning



At The Present

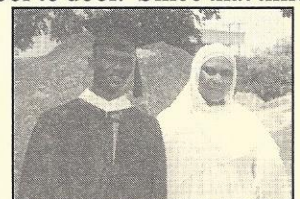
7 BAPTISMS IN NIGER REPUBLIC



The Francis Anaki Family

Brother Aliou Souley, a recent graduate of SBS, and the small congregation meeting in Tera, Niger Republic, welcomed the Anaki Konan Christian Francis family who completed their move from Abidjan, Cote D' Ivorie in August. You may remember that Souley baptized his mother just before he graduated.

Both men were settled into the Lord's work by early September. They started preaching, teaching Bible classes, and daily evangelism from door to door. Since that time they have baptized seven people in the city of Tera. Please keep these brethren in your daily prayers. The overseeing congregation of the Lord's work in Niger is the elders of the West Dyersburg Church of Christ in Tennessee.



Souley and his Mother

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We have five international students enrolled in our four-year Accredited Degree Program. There is Godfrey Apuun in his first year and Opio Brian Avur who is hoping to graduate this coming May from **Uganda**. Then we have Gerald Dzawani from **Zimbabwe** in his first year and Peter Sahr Makundu in his second year from **Sierra Leone**. Next we have Amos Kpoyor in his third year who is from **Guinea**.

Our foreign students sometimes have difficulties obtaining a student visa in their own country or at the Nigerian Embassy. This requires a lot of desire and determination on their part to; first pay for their flight and then to obtain an outstanding education both in Bible and languages at SBS. Last year our Valedictorian, Evans Nyamadzawo, came from Zimbabwe. Most cannot pay their tuition, feeding, health, and personal expenses of \$200 per month, plus their Visa/Immigration fees of \$50 per month. If you would like to contribute to our International Student Fund, please send a check to the Gadsden Church of Christ, P.O. Box 967, Gadsden, AL 355902

Caption for picture: From the left to right: Gerald Dzuwanani (Zimbabwe), Amos Kpoyor (Guinea), Peter Sahr Makundu (Sierra Leone), Godfrey Apuuni (Uganda) and Avur Brain Opion (Uganda).



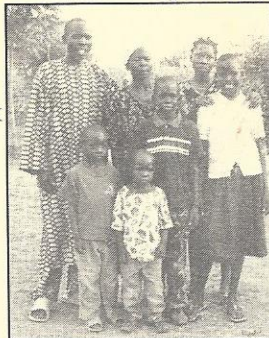
Where are they now?

Luke A. Apamaku

Brother Luke A. Apamaku was one of our international students from Uganda. He is married to Ayikoru Joyce Apamaku, and they are blessed with five children. He is presently working with the Uganda Christian Bible College at Kigumba, Uganda, as a lecturer and registrar. Luke graduated from our three-year course of study in 1996, then returned to complete our four-year degree course in affiliation with the University of Jos. Since then he has studied with 36 people and has brought them to Christ. Luke has established five congregations in Uganda and has led fifteen evangelism campaigns with the students. He says, "The college sends me to supervise the evangelism work thus giving me more opportunities to serve." Luke has preached in congregations at Kampala, Entebbe, Kigumba, Bweyale, and Lira.

Talking of some challenges he has faced so far, he stated that many people in Uganda are indoctrinated by denominational doctrines. He added that the lack of funds and resources to do the work of preaching the pure gospel effectively is a great obstacle. On how he overcame some of the challenges of the lack of funds he says, "I established my own sources of income apart from my salary."

Luke stated, "In my own assessment SBS has improved greatly in its pursuit for spiritual and academic excellence. This is clearly seen in the work the graduates do in the fields of various countries they now serve. SBS graduates do not have an equal in Africa as far as academics is concerned. This makes us proud to be an SBS graduate."



AN APPEAL FROM SBS'S PRESIDENT

With the encouragement from the government of Nigeria that people should go back to farming; and with restrictions on importation of certain food items due to scarcity of foreign exchange, more of our students are beginning to see the need to focus more on farming. They have expressed interest in taking up the empty spaces on the campus to make garden beds for vegetables and keep some chickens and fish. The problem we have is that of adequate water. During the Dry Season everyone in Jos goes searching for water. Many have hand-dug wells in their compounds, but most of these go dry too.

We have one borehole but this is hard pressed to provide all of our drinking water. A water tanker truck to bring water for our gardens and student's needs would help greatly. Our prayer is for a congregation that will take on this pressing need as their project for the coming year. The cost of a used tanker truck is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Thank you very much for your patience with us. May the Lord continue to bless you as you help us to train these young people.

Solomon Aguh.



The School of Biblical Studies is located in Jos, Nigeria. SBS began in 1989 and is under the oversight of the elders at the Gadsden Church of Christ in Gadsden, Alabama. Dr. Solomon I Aguh is The President of SBS. SBS has a 4, 3, and 2 year curriculum in Bible, plus a 4-year degree program. We have recently added a 2 year Extension Program and a 2 year Agricultural Program. The student body presently numbers 125 full-time students with more than 200 graduates now in the field.

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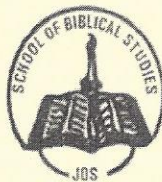
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