

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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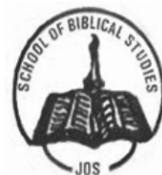
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YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A JOS PARTNER !

Our goal is to have 500 Christians giving \$10 monthly to provide a stable operating income for the School. If you or your Bible class are thinking about becoming a Jos Partner, we urge you to do so! The small amount of just \$10 monthly, when combined with that of others, will make a huge difference. Just fill in the coupon below, and mail it with your check to:

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MEET OUR STUDENTS

Evans Nyamabzawo is a 26-year-old single Christian from Harare, Zimbabwe. He lost both his parents to illness and was raised by an uncle for ten years before his uncle became sick and died. Evans then lived with his aunt. He became a Christian in 2004. Evans plans to graduate with a four-year degree in Bible this May. His plans are to return to Harare and work with his home congregation. His favorite teacher is James Ikwolono. His wish is that the SBS library would have access to the Internet for the students.



Marie Ode is 20 years old and in her second year of our four year degree program. She was born in Abofutu, Benue State, but for the last 14 years she has lived in Kontagora, Niger State. Her preacher is Joshua Otola, a graduate of SBS, and her favorite teacher is Sister Chika Onyimba who teaches our English courses. Marie's father is a farmer with a wife and six children. Maria is the first child, so she has to be an example for the others to follow. Her biggest surprise was our farming program at SBS. After graduation she would like to return to Kontagora and teach in a primary school.



Miss Ugorji Christiana Chiamaka is 21 years old and comes to us from Aba, Abia State. She hopes to graduate this May with a four-year degree in Bible from our affiliation program with the University of Jos. Christiana's father, Mr. Israel Ugorji, is a gospel preacher with a wife and five children. Christiana is the third of four girls and one boy. Her first major adventure was losing her bags and phone when she traveled to Jos alone four years ago.

Christiana rents one room in a compound across the street from the campus. She has a public toilet and has to carry her water from a standing pipe. When she returns to Abia State she hopes to teach in a Secondary School. Christiana's wish for SBS is that they finish the male dorm soon so the women can move onto the campus.

Her favorite teacher at SBS is our Dean of Academics, Dr. Tom Udoh.

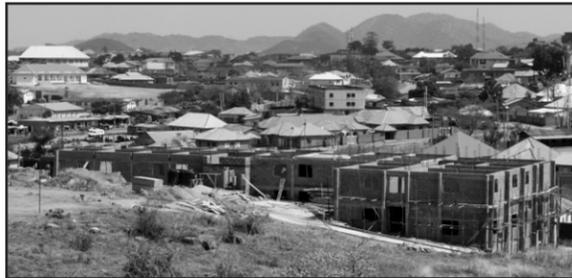


Batal Mark Cham is a 38 year old mature preacher with plenty of experience. He is married with three children. After graduating from the Nigerian Christian Bible College, Akwa Ibom State in 1997 he started preaching in his home village of Cham, Borno State. What is happening with the Boko Haram is of special concern to Mark as he preached in Chibok from 2000 to 2003. He then moved to Adamawa State for four years before moving to Bauchi, Bauchi State where he has preached since 2007. Wanting a better understanding of God's word led Brother Batal to the School of Biblical Studies, Jos where he intends to graduate with a four year degree in Bible this May. He will continue to preach the gospel at his congregation in Bauchi after graduation.



Construction Continues on Student Dormitory

Last year we finished the foundation, which, because of the hillside, includes 14 additional rooms for our students. We are well underway with the construction of the first floor rooms and the deck for the second floor. This deck will serve as a roof while we finish the first floor and basement rooms so our students can move in this year. We need to start manufacturing 41 doors and 45 windows required for this stage of the construction. After we move the students, we then plan to continue the final two floors and roof. I thank our Lord and you Christians who continue to help us grow stronger in our battle against the forces of darkness and evil in this world. Steve Worley



View from the South



View from the West

LADIES' WEEKEND BIBLE SEMINAR

One of my lovely wife's ministries in Nigeria is to teach ladies to host ladies seminars and to teach children's classes. The Nigerian ladies continue to carry on this good work even while Dee is not in Nigeria. Here is a recent report from Sister Kaase.

18th March 2016, will always be remembered, as it was on this day that Agnes Agada and I (Florence Kaase) set out to Gonin Gora town in Kaduna State for our Ladies' Weekend Bible Seminar. On the next day, 19th March, ladies from within Kaduna City eagerly came out to take part in the program, which was hosted, by the church at Gonin Gora.

The Theme of the seminar was **Heart Diseases** (taken from Wendell Winkler's book '*Heart Diseases and their Cure*'). Topics treated under this theme were:

1. *Impatience is a Heart Disease* (Florence Kaase)
2. *Harsh Judgement is a Heart Disease* (Agnes Agada)
3. *Worry is a Heart Disease* (Damaris Kukwa)
4. *Ingratitude is a Heart Disease* (Florence Kaase)

At the end of the seminar many ladies confessed how blessed they were by our coming and the lessons treated. Others expressed the need for such messages to be given more often. They pleaded that we come again next year. About 50+ ladies were in attendance.

Meanwhile ladies from other congregations across the northern states in Nigeria express the desire to host us. Pray for us as we make plans to visit with some of them. We use this time to thank all of you who through prayers and financial support are making these Weekend Bible Seminars a reality. May God continue to use you more for His service. Amen. Florence Kaase



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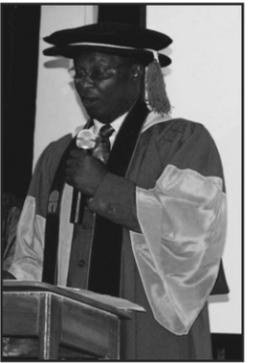
In 2014, after learning of your need to build bigger dormitory, the brethren at the Church of Christ in Dover, Ohio said they would commit to raising Ten Thousand Dollars for our building fund in 2015. They exceeded their goal and presented me with a check for Eleven Thousand dollars! Thank you from all the Africans who will, Lord willing, enjoy this facility while receiving an outstanding Bible education at SBS for years to come.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES, JOS

We are almost finished with the second half of the second semester of 2015/16 sessions. We are grateful to God that we have not experienced many hitches that could disrupt our calendar. Our graduation exercise for this year comes up on the 21st of May. Our graduates for 2010 – 2013 are processing their National Youth Service Corp exclusion certificate. This will enable them secure Government jobs while preaching and teaching the Gospel. We are working hard to ensure that those in their present 300 levels will go for the service. Join us in prayers in this regard because there are some financial implications.

The National University Commission will come for accreditation inspection any moment from now. We are waiting for the white paper from the University before we can invite the accreditation team. That inspection is so crucial to us, because our school name will enter JAMB brochure which will enable candidates to select us for admission. It will equally offer us the opportunity to select qualified candidates for admission into our school.

Keep praying for us. Dr. Tom Udoh, Dean of Academics



EXTENSION TRAINING PROGRAM

The School of Biblical Studies, Jos, currently has seven training centers located throughout Nigeria. Our staff visits these centers to conduct college level Bible courses for two weeks twice each year. In Agbor, Delta State we have 31 students; in Sapele, Delta State, we have 23 students; in Kaltungo, Gombe State, there are 10 students; in Lafia, Nasarawa State 10 students; and in Makurdi, Benue State there are 6 students. The students are able to obtain a Bible Certificate in our 2-year program or a Bible Diploma in our 3-year program. Since starting in June 2005, 61 church members have graduated from these programs. Our staff member, brother Simon Dabish, continues to do an outstanding job of coordinating this program.



THEN AND NOW

This is part of a letter written in November 1987 by the elders of the Central Church of Christ:
Dear Brothers,

I am writing to inform you of plans to evangelize Northern Nigeria. I am sure you are familiar with the great success the word of God has had in Southern Nigeria. The first Missionary went to Southern Nigeria in 1952 and now 25 years later there are some 150,000 members of the Lord's body in Southern Nigeria. However the northern part of Nigeria remains an open field for sower's of the seed. Because of cultural differences it is very difficult for men from the south to enter the north and preach the gospel. In like manner it is hard to send men from the north to the school of preaching that exist in the south.

Through the efforts of many people a plan has been devised that calls for a school of preaching (Biblical studies) to be established in the city of Jos in Northern Nigeria. This will allow some 15 to 20 students per year to be trained to go back to their own villages and establish new congregations with the knowledge and support to keep them strong and growing. The potential for spreading the gospel in this manner based on previous results in the south would be for each student to teach and baptize 50 people each year. You can see that over a period of 30 years would be over 100,000 Christians.

We (Central Church of Christ) have agreed to the oversight of the financing of the school in Jos. Already an agreement has been with the local church in Jos to use their existing building for the school. The land has been purchased for the building of a dormitory for the students. Brother Solomon Aguh has agreed to be the administrator of the school and is now attending Freed Hardeman College to earn his degree in Bible. Solomon is from Jos, a faithful Christian, and a very educated man. He quit his job as professor at the University of Jos to prepare to lead this school of preaching.

You might think the cost involved in establishing and operating a school will be a sizable amount, but because of the lower cost of things in Nigeria the building and operating expenses will be very moderate. The school is to start in the fall of 1989 with an estimated cost for the first year to be \$30,000. Thereafter the cost is estimated to be \$20,000 per year.

Elders of the Central Church of Christ

Since this letter was written many things have changed. Four of the five elders that began this work have passed away. While Central was able to provide most of the funds at the beginning the growth was so fast others were asked to take on this work. As time progressed the Central Church of Christ became the Gadsden Church of Christ. The school became a University as the student enrollment continued to grow. Presently there are 120 on campus students and about 70 enrolled on the schools extension program. A campus was built with dormitory, administration building and a library. Not only were Nigerians enrolled but many from other countries have come to the school therefore spreading the gospel to multiple countries. The budget has increased some tenfold to \$210,000 per year and presently we are having difficulty making budget. We are totally convinced that this is one of the best most efficient works for spreading the gospel. We are a small congregation (140) and yet we have been able to provide well over \$20,000 per year to make sure this work continues. We have only made budget one year out of the past five years. As we study the contributions the one thing that stands out is we used to get some funding from individual wills and trust funds. For some reason our contributors are not thinking along those lines. We presently have a building that is for sale and we have dedicated a large portion of proceeds to the school account. Please pray that the building will sell soon. Pray that this great work continues to effect many lives for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

The elders of the Gadsden Church of Christ