

## DORMITORY UPDATE

Glory be to God! Our 115 male students have moved into their new dormitory! The lower and main floors are finished but we still need to finish the top floor and paint the outside. We need to manufacture 21 steel doors, 22 windows, pour terrazzo for the floor, and install the ceiling. After we finish the electrical and plumbing, we will paint the top inside section and the outside. We had to build a make-shift kitchen for our students to cook their food, but we hope to start building a permanent structure soon.

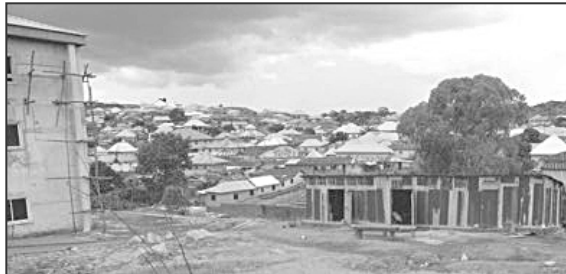
Shifting our male students to the new dorm allowed us to make the old dorm available to our 22 female students who have been living off campus. This dramatically increases the comfort and security for all our students. May our Lord bless the many brethren who contributed their money and their prayers to this project for the Master.



*The Roof is Finished*



*Hallways*



*Temporary Kitchens*

## DORMITORY STATUS REPORT

Dr. Solomon Aguh, in his report on his recent visit to the U.S., states, "we moved all our students on campus despite our not having completed the new dormitory. Here is listed the tasks and their cost yet to be completed".

1. Terrazzo flooring on top floor	\$6,516.70
2. Electrical Fittings	\$2,136.28
3. Electrical Cabling	\$2,344.28
4. Plumbing	\$1,629.85
5. Sliding Windows & Light glass cladding	\$3,782.85
6. Ceiling	\$8,938.57
7. Painting top floor, outside of dorm, and touch-up	\$12,614.28
8. Landscaping & construction of steps	\$4,454.28
9. Lightening Arrestor	\$1,122.85
10. Tile toilets & showers	\$2,834.07
11. Manufacture and install three doors	\$4,150.28
12. Cost of labor to Mr. Austin (Engineer)	\$2,319.57
13. Construction of outside kitchen	\$5,520.00

The total cost for completion is \$58,363.86. The heavy burden to finish this much-needed dormitory is lightened when it is shared by many brethren who love our Lord. Will you help us be ready to finish and dedicate this building in May of 2018? We pray you will pick a task and send a check to the Church of Christ, 1175 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372. Please mark the check "Jos Dorm".

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SBS

The Lord has been great to me, my family, and the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, for the wonderful things He has done these years through us. Tom and I visited the States mainly to say a big THANK YOU to our supporters. Without you we would never have been able to do what the Lord has accomplished through us. Thank you again and again.

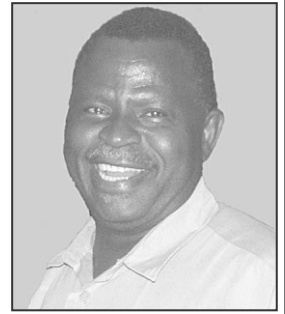
In addition to the thank you we wanted to give you a brief of our stewardship of the funds and materials you entrusted us with to do the work. We asked you to give us the funds to build so we could grow the institution, you obliged, and released the funds. We have built five buildings in all. The last building which is our dormitory for men is yet to be completed. The men have, however, moved in waiting when we shall have some funds to complete it. The female students have moved into the former boys' dorm, 18 of them. This brought about the need for more bunk beds and mattresses.

Our joy has no bounds as the School of Biblical Studies has graduated 598 students, who are now on the field preaching or teaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus the Christ. These graduates are serving in many countries of Africa and beyond. Thank God for partnering with us in this work. Some of the countries our graduates have come from and returned to serve are: Republic of Chad, Niger, Cameroon, Ghana, South Sudan, Liberia, Guinea, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Nigeria.

The present enrollment is 137 full time and 52 students on extension learning. We are very grateful to God for the opportunity to serve and carry the gospel to the lost world of Africa. With these increases in the number comes the responsibility of service. Though the school has a water bore hole which supplies water to the campus, the number of students, staff and faculty demands more, thus resulting in an insufficient water supply. The school has done the geological survey for additional water and drilled, but without much yield. The best option now is purchase a tanker truck to haul water to the campus daily to meet the need. We continue to pray for for the city of Jos to improve its water supply to the school.

All these successes are not without challenges. The advent of a terror organization called Boko Haram translated as (Western Education is Evil) brought lots of challenges to the school and her activities in general. The school lost a foreign student from Cameroon while on an evangelism outing. People are apprehensive in welcoming us in their homes for studies as before. Even with all these setbacks the school recorded 573 baptisms in the last three years during her Weekend Evangelism Program. The congregations of the churches of Christ started either by the School Evangelism Program, or the graduates in the North East of Nigeria were scattered, church buildings destroyed, and some killed. All these do not break our spirits. Instead they uplift our spirit the more knowing that we must do what the Lord demands us to do. Our gratitude goes to the Lord and His church for cooperating and supporting us to do this work. Without you standing with us in this support coupled with your prayers, we would not have been able to accomplish the task as we have so far. God bless you as we continue in this cooperation of our Mission on Earth.

Solomon I. Aguh, President, SBS, Jos.



## NIGER REPUBLIC NEWS

Attendance was rather weak this June. On one hand because of the summer vacation, and on the other because of the beginning of the rainy season. The few rains received so far have unfortunately fallen on Saturdays or Sunday mornings. So some brethren have chosen to go and sow their fields, as if God would not send them any more rain, or as if they had to count on rain for a good harvest and not on God. Others have also had their houses to fall in, since the rains are preceded by sand storms and wind. At least 90% of the houses here are made of banco (mix of mud and straw) and the huts are made of straw. Thus, during the rainy season, the population is exposed to this kind of problem. Even my back wall gave in, leaving us exposed to the cattle on the neighboring property, where the owner of this uninhabited lot also stored his hay. Fortunately, it was not during the day, as my wife often sits there (in the shade of that wall, while preparing the evening meals, plus Syntyche and Lois play there. We thank God for having kept us and continuing to protect us. My landlord told me that he would see about it later. So I am looking for another house built of bricks, which is not easy to find. The few that do exist are on unimproved lots (water and electricity are several hundred yards away). We continue to do our best to consider other places like Tillabéry, Kouabangou, etc., with a view to establishing new congregations, despite the season, which is not at all in our favor.

- Radio broadcast: With the help of sponsors, we received the sum of 120,000F to pay for broadcasts on the local radio station. Thus, we have just begun this broadcast in French and in Zarma (local language), and we are waiting for positive reactions from our listeners. We asked for three days a week (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., rebroadcast from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.). I was afraid that I was going too far in ask them for these three days in the week for 20,000 F per month, but I have noticed that this station is short on programming to fill all the hours it is on the air.
- We have also submitted a request to the Ministry of Justice for authorization to preach at the jail.
- We are distributing brochures in the offices of NIGELEC (electricity), SEEN (water), the hospital, the bank and certain other individuals who know how to read. The population is about 80% illiterate, which is not an exaggeration. My family and I will be in Niamey to pick up my eyeglasses. My wife got hers last month. We still need to get them for Lois. We will take advantage of this short stay in Niamey to distribute some brochures, make new contacts with brother Harouna and enroll people in Bible correspondence courses.

Francis Konan Anaki, Niger Republic, West Africa

