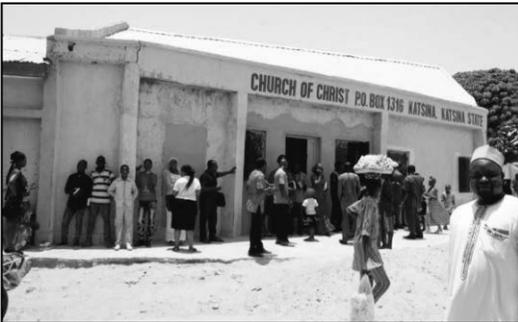


20 YEARS!

Brother Ayuba David Yusuf was born in October, 1981, at Filiya, Gombe State. He became a Christian in 1993 and graduated from NCBC, Ukpom, Akwa Ibom State, in 1997. The Lord's church in Rockville, Maryland, commissioned David to start evangelizing the city of Katsina, Katsina State, on October 12, 1998. The Moslem city of Katsina is located in the extreme north of Nigeria. David was 17 years old, single, and filled with the Spirit of our Lord.



With the faithful support of the church at Rockville and an unrelenting zeal to preach the gospel of love to the Muslim population in Katsina, David has been granted fruits for his labor. He has been blessed with a faithful wife and three boys. My wife and I have visited David and his family numerous times in the 20 years of his work at Katsina. They have raised up a church at Katsina that is loving and evangelistic. He has also started congregations at Funtua and Dutse-ma. Congratulations to David, the brethren at Katsina, Nigeria, and Rockville, Maryland!



DORM UPDATE

We started the construction of our student dormitory in 2014. Now after just four years, we are ready to paint the structure. The work has progressed with amazing speed thanks to our Lord's blessings and your support. No loss of lives or major injuries have occurred during the construction stages. On behalf of the staff and students of the School of Biblical Studies, I want to thank all of our supporters and invite you to the dedication ceremonies in May of 2019.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN JOS

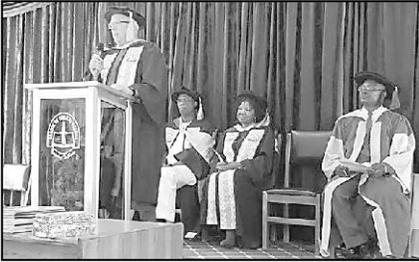
On behalf of the President, Dr. Tom Udoh, faculty, staff, and students of the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, I wish to use this medium to thank you all for your calls and prayers for the restoration of peace after the interlude of violence that erupted the fragile peace in the city of Jos, starting from the last week of September (precisely from the last day of our workshop – 28/9/18) to first week of October 2018.

During the unrest, some people lost their lives and properties; but glory be to God, none of us in the brotherhood lost his/her life. We really appreciate your prayers and calls. Continue to remember us in your prayers. What happened reminds us that we have more work to do to reach more people with the Gospel in view of the uncertainty of human life.

Bro. Emmanuel Egyegini

THANK YOU

Our affiliation with the University of Jos, while very beneficial, is expensive. We also have to meet many requirements set by the National University Commission (NUC). One major requirement is the continuing education of our teaching staff. Four of our staff are already enrolled in a PhD program and admission for two more are in progress. Brother James Onu, our librarian, is preparing to enter a program next year. We have had to proceed gradually because of funding.



Brother Dewayne Spivey, who preaches for the Riverchase congregation in Birmingham, Alabama, was a speaker on our annual graduation and lectureship in May. Soon after his return to the states he told the church of our need and they agreed to help us with the program. May our Lord continue to bless us with brethren to join us in training men and women to spread the gospel.

Caption: Dewayne Spivey speaking at our graduation ceremony

AND THE CHURCH WAS SCATTERED

Elias Juma Odongpiny Ejja, was born on April 1964, in Omeo village, near Juba, Sudan (now South Sudan). He fled with his family to Nigeria in 2001 because of the war. He was working as a security guard in Lagos when one of our students taught him the gospel and baptized him into Christ. He moved to Jos, and started classes at SBS, and graduated in May of 2011, and moved his family back to Juba, Sudan.



He started teaching Bible at the South Sudan Bible School, Pajok. Elias was a Bible teacher at the school until 2016, when another war drove him to the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Northwestern Kenya. He is teaching about 20 refugee students from the countries of Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. His wife moved to Juba to find work while his three children traveled to Kampala, Uganda, for schooling. Elias prays that a peace agreement will be signed soon and he will be able to return to South Sudan. Please pray for this good evangelist and his family.

BLESSINGS

In October of this year, I met with the teens and college age classes at the Chisholm Hill Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama. My topic was Islam and I wore my Nigerian robe for effect and to get their attention. For me it was, “a walk down memory lane.”

Upon my retirement from the U.S. Navy, my family and I moved to Florence where I enrolled in what was then the International Bible College. During the four years at IBC I worked with the Chisholm Hills church. The elders assigned me to teach the teenagers. This was to become one of the most enjoyable tasks of my Christian life. The teens were from many schools in the area, so our first goal was unity in Christ. This



turned out to be easy and enjoyable. After 22 years in the Navy, the young people worked with me as we both made transitions; me to civilian life and them to adulthood. Overseen by great elders, we had an adventurous four years! A few years ago, I met with one of my teens, Brother Brett Guthrie, who is serving in Congress. He said, “Brother Worley, at my family devotionals, I pray like you taught me when I was in my teens”. No sweeter words could be said to a Christian.

Standing in the same classroom teaching young adults the same age of my teens thirty years ago was quite a blessing from our Lord.