

58 MORE CHRISTIANS

Since the start of the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, our Weekend Evangelism Program has proven to be effective in many ways. Brother Naphtali Dagasamah is tasked to assign teams of students to approximately 60 different locations every weekend during the school term. In this program, senior student teach our younger students practical applications to the different approaches and methods of evangelism they are taught in our classes. Every student has the opportunity to meet the people and to work with local church members.

In the last nine months, our students have met hundreds of people, both in the market places and in homes for Bible discussions and studies. They baptized Fifty-eight (58) people who professed a faith in Christ Jesus and His Word. One congregation was started in the Local Government Area of Jos East, which is located about 30 miles from the school. Students baptized people there and they wanted to start meeting as a body. Brethren from three congregations in Jos agreed to help, so a place was found for the church to meet and the three congregations agreed to support a preacher.

There are now over 15 congregations of the Church of Christ meeting in Jos. Many of these were started as a result of our Weekend Evangelism Program. As with many of our outreach programs at SBS, the benefits far outweigh the cost! May our Lord be glorified and His word proclaimed!

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.

School of Biblical Studies Jos

*Training to Serve
Since 1989*

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Mission: *To train men and women to teach and preach the Gospel and be responsible citizens and effective leaders in the church of the Lord, in order to aid the spread of the Gospel to the entire world.*

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:

Gadsden Church of Christ
P.O. Box 967
Gadsden, AL 35902

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

100 + GRADUATES

On March 25th, 2017, thirty-one students graduated from the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, Extension Training Centers at Sapele and Agbor, Delta State. These centers are located approximately 700 km (365 miles) south of Jos. Seven of our teachers will travel in a rented bus for over 16 hours to reach the center. In the past the extension students join our students at Jos, but now we send some of our teachers to conduct the graduation ceremony at Agbor.

These students are special as many are working full-time jobs and cannot afford to take the two or three years as full-time students at Jos. Many are preachers wishing to increase their knowledge while working in local congregations. Since this program started in 2004, we have graduated one hundred-one (101) students and now have training centers in Kano State, Gombe State, Kogi State, Benue State, Delta State, and Nassarawa State. May our Lord grant us many more Christians who seek a better understanding of His precious word.



Left to Right: N. Dagasamah, B. Jukwey, B. Turgong, D. Boi, T. Ekpot, R. Aguh, & S. Dabish

JOIN US TODAY

Soon after the elders of the Central Church of Christ in Gadsden, Alabama agreed to finance and oversee the School of Biblical, Jos, in the summer of 1988, Brother Ray Cox, a Christian businessman who later was to become one of my closest friends and mentor, met with me in his office. I asked him how we could ensure the school would maintain the finances required though the years as it continued to grow.

To my lasting surprise, Ray suggested we start the "Jos Partners". He explained that a large amount of brethren giving a small amount to the school would be better than trying to find a few brethren to give large amounts. He said a newsletter, telling of the progress of SBS, would have to be mailed so brethren would continue to see the need for us to grow. Truthfully, I was skeptical. It was my hope to find a Christian with millions of dollars who would provide for all our needs. Well, I have seen Ray's recommendation prove successfully for almost 30 years!

Brethren, to date we have 133 Jos partners who give \$10 per month to support SBS. Some pay each month while others give once each year. To join, see our note in every issue. While some congregations have put the school in their budget, the backbone of our support has been our Jos Partners. We have never failed to meet our monthly obligations and have continued to grow. I truly believe the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, to be our best Bible School outside the United States. I pray you will decide to join us as a Jos Partner and let's continue to grow and teach Christians to spread the message of salvation in Christ. Steve Worley

FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT

This year we have completed laying the 10,000 cement blocks we manufactured during the Rainy Season last year. We have formed the lentils and, after we pour them and the pillars, we will lay the remaining three courses of block to finish the second floor. **The most important task after these are to roof the entire structure before the Rainy Season in June.**

Our prayer is that you will help us this year. We need fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to complete this structure and move our student in before the next term that begins in August. We are asking each of our students to provide enough money to furnish their assigned room. We believe this will help them appreciate and take care of this new building on our campus.

Please write a check payable to the Church of Christ, 1175 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372 and join us as we cross the finish line together! Our sincere appreciation goes to all the brethren who have helped us complete the building to this stage of construction. Steven L. Worley



Pouring the lentils for the second floor

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When the main gate to our campus opened in the past, one was confronted with a very rough road way leading up a rocky hillside. A major erosion problem made this part of our campus an eyesore that a visitor could not fail to see. The situation was erased in the last week of March 2017. When the hedges are planted, the first impression of everyone who enters our campus will be improved.



Ribbon cutting by Dr. Aguh and Austin, our project engineer.



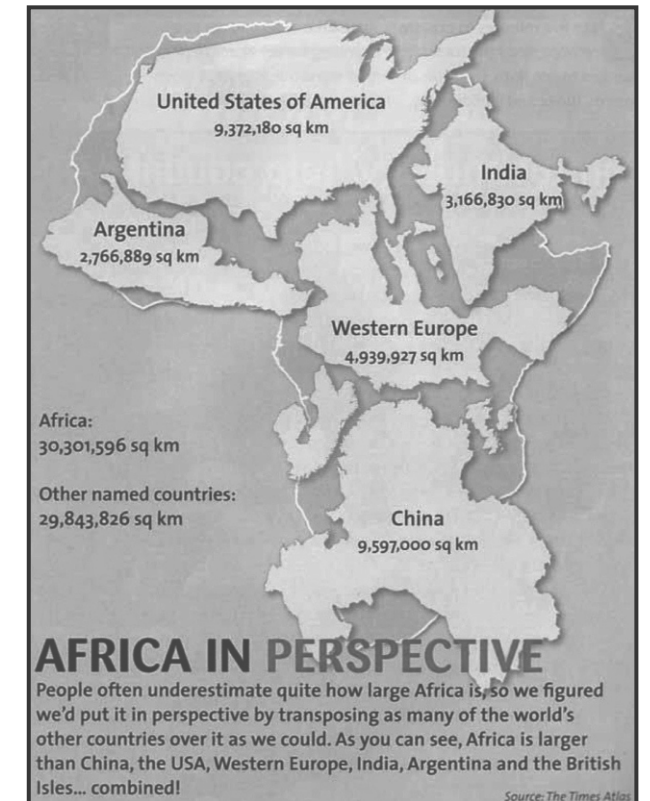
Students on our new driveway

A BETTER PERSPECTIVE

We send you greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Our prayer is this finds you well and growing in your knowledge of Him who died that we might live. My plan, Lord willing, is to work here in Africa until late June. After the annual lectureship and graduation ceremonies at SBS in May, I am hoping to fly to Niamey, Niger Republic, and work for a week with Brothers Francis and Souley. Then it's back to Nigeria for a week before flying to Uganda to prepare to welcome our VBS group from the Walter Hill Church of Christ. We plan to travel for two weeks in northern Uganda conducting VBS's and preaching God's word.

The greatest encouragement of this work is the way the people of Africa continue to receive the gospel! The fields remain ripe unto harvest. Here is a picture I found recently that reminded me of the size of the task before us. Let us continue together to train and send Christians to preach the gospel to the lost.

Steve Worley



A CALL TO PRAYER

Abuja is the capital city of Nigeria. It sits in the geographical center of the country. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the world. The population has surged from an estimated 100,000 people in 1991 to an estimated metro area population of over 3 million people in 2011. This population is expected to climb to a staggering 10 million people in just over a decade.

After years of planning, we now have an office, two evangelists, a PMB, and correspondence courses, as we enter the final preparations to launch this out reach program named the **Africa Bible School**. There are 47 Churches of Christ in the city that are willing to use our materials in their current evangelism programs. All our courses will be graded in Nigeria. **We humbly seek your prayers in the coming months.**

So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. Isa 55:11


Congratulations
on April 16, 2017 to Dee,
my wife of 54 years.

 Yours Always, Steve