

116 BAPTISMS IN THREE MONTHS

Our Lord has been gracious to us here at the school. We ended our last academic year successfully in May, and resumed for the new academic year, peacefully in August. The Lord is great! Two congregations were started with our weekend evangelism program near Jos, during our last school session. Several more people were baptized in the two areas during the school break. Now that classes have resumed we are going to intensify evangelism in the areas to grow the small congregations and to spread the gospel to the surrounding villages.

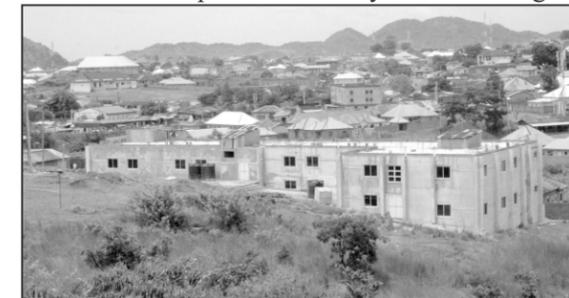
From the time the school closed, until last August when we resumed, students and staff continue to follow up studying with people and baptizing those who would obey the gospel. During the period 3,868 studies were conducted while 116 people were baptized and 14 restored to Christ and His church. Thank God for His grace and the opportunity to serve in His kingdom.

Orientation of our new students was held on August 20, to orientate them with the workings of the school, its programs, rules, the use of library, how to take care of themselves concerning health during evangelism outings, and what the school expects of them. Thank God for the dedication of our staff. Things went well and classes have started since. The Orientation was rounded up with an Evangelism Seminar.

We want to take this time to thank you, and all our supporters, for the opportunity given us to serve in training and preparing people for the great work of evangelism, for the saving of souls for the Lord. Without you and your support this work will not be done. Thank you. Dr. S. I. Aguh President of SBS

OUR NEW STUDENT DORMITORY

During the months of June through September, we installed the 51 doors and 42 windows we ordered manufactured for the 36 rooms in the basement and first floor of our new student dormitory. We then completed plastering all the inside and outside of the structure. Our funds were exhausted, so we could not complete the drainage project required to carry the rainwater safely to the creek just outside our campus. The Rainy Season brought a tremendous amount of rain that destroyed a section of our campus security wall. We have reinforced and repaired the wall. With your help, we are now ready to install the water and electrical systems, lay the flooring, and paint the existing structure. We hope to have these projects completed by January, 2017, to allow our students to move in, when they return to the campus after the December break. If you can help us, please send a check, marked SBS Dorm, to the Church of Christ, 1175 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372.



AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The School of Biblical Studies, Jos, Agricultural Program is in progress. It is a two-year program to be taken by the first and second year students of the school. The program consists of both theory and practical sections. The beginning students take courses on drip irrigation farming in the classroom which deals with small family size garden plots. The students are taught the basic principles of vegetable production and are allowed to practice what they have learned on their assigned family size garden plots. The second year students take community development courses relevant to agriculture. The aim is to train them on how to become useful members of their communities. At present we have 35 students in first year and 33 students in the second year courses of study. This is a total of 68 students who are taking agric. courses. The school graduated 33 students (including Extension Program students) in May, 2016, that completed our agricultural courses.

As it is commonly said, all growth comes with a challenge; the same is with our Agricultural Program. As our number of students increased, the demands on our facilities and equipment increased. The lack of adequate funds is our major challenge. Farm tools are not adequate, and for almost three years we have NOT conducted any Drip Irrigation Extension Workshops. One workshop for five days costs approximately \$1,100. Please, partner with us and help us meet this ever-increasing demand. **Bala Turgong** (Coordinator, Agric. Program)



Bala and a Student Gathering Peppers

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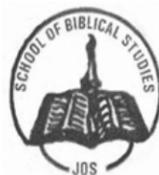
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Mission: To train men and women to teach and preach the Gospel and be responsible citizens and effective leaders in the church of the Lord, in order to aid the spread of the Gospel to the entire world.

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:

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Through our quarterly newsletters of the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, our Nigerian Brethren are getting to know about the work of the Lord done through SBS. More brethren are getting involved with the programs of the School through our Partnership Enlightenment Program. We are thankful for their support, prayers, encouragement, and in their increased attendance to our Annual Preachers'/Leaders' Workshops and Annual Bible Lectureships.

Additionally, through this program, the number of student enrollment for training in SBS continues to increase each year. In fact, one congregation in Lagos State recommended eight brethren for training this year. The work of the Lord in Jos continues to grow in spite of the security and economic recession challenges throughout Nigeria. As things get tougher in our country the staff and students have resolved to continue to work hard to save the dying souls in the world for our Master Jesus Christ, more than ever before. The staff continues to teach as they train young men and women for the work, while the students on the other hand, continue to put into practice what they have been taught by continuing to study and going out for evangelism every weekend as designed in the School curriculum.

Glory be to God. Through this evangelism exercise two congregations were newly established this 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, as well as our partners (both within and outside Nigeria) 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 Jos)**

BOKO HARAM TO FOCUS ON KILLING CHRISTIANS

The Nigerian terrorist group, Boko Haram, reportedly has a new leader who has said the group's main objective is to target Christians. RelevantMagazine.com reports that Abu Musab al-Barnawi is the new leader of the ISIS-linked terrorist group. This information was obtained from the ISIS newspaper *al-Nabaa* and Veronica Neffinger (Editor, *ChristianHeadlines.com*)

Boko Haram is responsible for killing thousands of people in Nigeria, including both Muslims and Christians, and has contributed to the national crisis the country is facing. The terrorist group now says it will specifically target Christians and will fight the "Christianization of society." The group says it plans on "booby-trapping and blowing up every church that we are able to reach, and killing all of those [Christians] who we find from the citizens of the cross." Boko Haram's new leader said the group also aims to target humanitarian groups that seek to provide aid to Christians and others who have been affected by the conflict. Thousands of Nigerians have been displaced in the war that is raging, and left without food and shelter. The conflict has been ongoing for seven years.

Just over 200 days ago this terrorist group kidnapped over 200 young girls from the Chibok area of Borno State. They are still missing! Just under 100 days ago we sent some preachers to the Chibok area to bring 30 children for schooling. They brought 444 teenage girls and boys from the Chibok area and we enrolled them in three schools in Numan, Adamawa State.

We have given a mosquito net to each of them and we hope to complete a church building nearby so the students will have a place to gather for devotionals and worship services. Just think, in five years or less all of these young people will be adults. We pray that many will decide to attend SBS.



Laying the foundation of Numan Building

One program we have experienced a rewarding record of success with is our affiliated program to educate students from other countries. There are many schools of preaching outside the United States, but very few offer a four-year accredited degree in Bible. Some have reached applicant status, but I know of none that offer an accredited degree, which is essential, if the student desires to go on for their Master's Degree. One of our School of Biblical Studies graduates from Uganda accomplished this goal in July of this year when he graduated with a Master's in New Testament from Freed-Hardeman University and returned home.

We have graduated 36 foreign students from 9 different countries and presently we have 2 students from Uganda, 1 from Zimbabwe, 1 from Sierra Leone, and 1 from Guinea seeking their degrees. The tuition, feeding and health cost for each of these students is two hundred dollars (\$200) per month. The school also has to pay fifty dollars (\$50) per month for Visa and Immigration fees.

If you or your congregation would like to support a student, please contact Brother Bob Statom, at the:
Gadsden Church of Christ, P. O. Box 967, Gadsden, AL 35902
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From the left to right: Gerald Dzuwanani (Zimbabwe), Amos Kpoyor (Guinea), Peter Sahr Makundu (Sierra Leone), Godfrey Apuuni (Uganda) & Avur Brain Opion (Uganda).

OUR TEAM IN NIGER REPUBLIC

Brother 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. Brother Francis and his wife, Kouadio Aya Syleine, have three children. The oldest, named Grace, is 14 years old. She was born when they were fleeing the war in Bouaké in September 2002. The second daughter is Evelyne Lois who is 9 years old, and the youngest, Syntyche Esther, is 3 years old.

Brother Francis worked with Brother Barry Baggott as head of the preaching school in Cote D' Ivorie. He will add maturity and experience to our team working in the Niger, Republic. His email address is afrank3syl1g@yahoo.fr. The overseeing congregation of the Lord's work in the Niger Republic is the elders of the West Dyersburg Church of Christ in Tennessee.



GROWTH & SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

After attending the African Claiming Africa for Christ meeting in Dakar, Senegal, in August, Solomon wrote the following message.

"It is good to hear of the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the regions of Africa where the gospel had not been taken before. In the past year our brothers have taken the gospel to Mauritania from Ghana. A missionary family moved to Mauritania in the past year and is working very hard spreading the Good News of the Lord Jesus among the people. As a Muslim dominated country, the method of evangelism is not the conventional one of door to door nor open air preaching, but adopting new methods of how the people will accept you, make friends and then share the good news with them. We heard of a family, which has obeyed the gospel of Christ and is standing firm and being persecuted, that continues to hold on to Christ Jesus.

Let us remember in our prayers, both the missionary family and those who obeyed the gospel, for God's protection and growth. Now we have the gospel being preached in the countries of Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, and Chad. These countries are Muslim dominated and French speaking. Continue to pray that the Lord will open the hearts of the people to obey the gospel of Christ and have the life given to us abundantly."
Solomon I. Aguh