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"THE GRAVITY OF GRACE"

In August, the West Nigeria Christian College held its annual lectureship to a record crowd. The school's director and President, Biodun Owolabi, writes a report:

The college's annual Bible Lectureship for this year 2017 commended on the 8th and ended on the 11th August. The theme for this year's Lectureship was "The Gravity of Grace."

The Lectureship featured a Children Rendezvous, Youth's, Sister's, and Men's Seminars. There were also keynote deliveries from seasoned preachers across the brotherhood both home and abroad. In addition, a football match and an a cappella concert were also featured.

There were about 1000 participants in attendance. The new President of ACSF, in the person of Brother Chad Wagner, in the company of three others were also in attendance.

During the lectureship, there were two baptisms. Also, there were quite a number of youth from the city of Lagos in attendance, which testifies that WNCC is a respected institution both to the church as well as to the younger generation as well.

NCBC SCHOOL UPDATE

The Nigeria Christian Bible College in Ukpom, Nigeria has been an example and mainstay of the church in Nigeria for over 60 years. We are thankful to God for such a blessing of a good school and staff throughout the years.

We are also thankful that NCBC is now a fully accredited institution able to offer Bachelor degrees in Nigeria! What a great blessing and opportunity for the school and its graduates. This accreditation allows our graduates to get salaried positions to support their families while they are able to preach and work with the church, also. So many of our churches in Nigeria are not able to support a preacher full-time. This is a turning point for the church in Nigeria with a bright future ahead!

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In recent years, however, the school's facilities have fallen into disrepair and in need of renovation. The school has been trying to keep on top of the needed repairs but are just not able.

There are two major needs at NCBC which are urgent projects for this year. One, is the female dormitory. We are training women to be able to teach classes and be good servants of the Kingdom of God. However, the dormitory which is used for females is unsafe and unusable. The female students have been temporarily moved to another building which itself has roof damage. In fact, when visited, we had students sleeping in a room where there were two inches of water on the floor. That is unacceptable and unhealthy.

Secondly, our school generator was vandalized and several components were stolen off of the generator. Since the school is not connected to the national electrical grid, this generator is vital to the school and needs to be repaired. Can you help us with **$10,000 to see that these projects get taken care of soon?**

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1st Chronicles of Nigeria

By Joyce Anderson

ROSA LEE JOHNSON

My visit with Rosa Lee Johnson was exciting to learn what life was like for the first missionaries to Nigeria. Rosa Lee and her husband, Jimmie, were the first missionaries from the Churches of Christ to arrive in Lagos and on to Port Harcourt and then finally to Ikot Usen, Itu District, Cross River State, Nigeria on November 24, 1952.

The extreme heat and the moldy fragrance of the tropical rain forest terrain was a brand-new experience with more to follow. Brother CAO Essien and his co-workers had two mud and thatch roofed huts ready for the Johnsons and Hortons with an outdoor kitchen. They survived in the huts for four months!

The Hortons soon received their container shipment which included a wood stove. It was put in the outdoor kitchen between the huts.

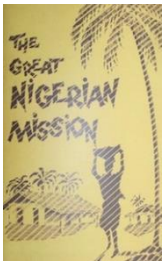
Rosa Lee said, "First things first: it was necessary to boil the water before drinking, only eat fruit that had a skin (yummy bananas) and to sleep under mosquito nets.

Our first meal was a can of baked beans, canned peaches and two-day old bread. Our constant companions were lizards running over the walls. We soon learned they were our friends because they dined on mosquitos!

One of our Nigerian workers wanted to help us have our stove burning early in the morning. He carefully laid the paper and wood in the oven and lit the match. Thankfully, the stove was saved in time!!!"

Jimmy devoted most of his efforts to the construction of two permanent type, mosquito-proof buildings with the help of brother P.A. Alfred. The first dwelling was completed at Ikot Usen in mid-April 1953. The second dwelling was completed in the middle of June 1953. They had indoor kitchens.

A daughter, Pamela Rose, was born Nigeria on October 21, 1953. On July 15, 1954, Jimmy, Rosa Lee and Pamela Rose embarked for America aboard the ship "The Tulane."



Be looking for more stories from the past in the next Bulletin.

If you would like to read more about the early years in Nigeria...you can buy "The Great Nigerian Mission" on the ACSF website at www.africanchristianschools.org

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How to Build Sustainable Global Church Growth

There are a lot of good works in the brotherhood throughout the world. Works like medical missions, short-term and full-time missions, building homes and camps, and many other projects that are all good works. Upon evaluation of their long-term usefulness to building the Church, how truly effective are they? When the medical teams stop coming, what happens to the churches that have been started? When the college-age short-term missions group goes back to college, what happens to the church they established?

The most effective method of building sustainable church growth is to establish good, sound, quality schools of preaching. Using this method in the 1950's, we have had continued and sustained growth that has exploded all throughout Nigeria and Western Africa. And, we need your help to continue the legacy of work as well as push forward into the future.

Can you help us with some one-time gifts to help us rebuild NCBC, with some of our urgent needs, or perhaps with a monthly donation? We depend upon good Christians and churches just like yourself to see that we are able to continue to train faithful men who are able to teach others also.

BECOMING AN ACSF PARTNER

We are needing your help to continue this good work. If you would like for us to come and speak to you or your congregation, let us know! We are always willing to share the good news of what God has been doing in Nigeria and the bright future that it holds. We also need monthly partners of $25, 50 or more each month to see the schools and work stay working. Can you help us meet some of our urgent needs? Let us know! Call our office at 615-542-6282. It is also easy to set up recurring donations online at www.africanchristianschools.org