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WNCC Graduates 23!

At the most recent graduation service of the West Nigeria Christian College (WNCC), the college conferred certificates upon 23 graduates from their distinguished and challenging program. The service took place on May 5, 2018 with many students, families, and brethren in attendance. The speaker for the service was



Dr. Paul Chimnugwe from Swaziland. Also, one of the elders from the Church of Christ Lekki was present, Brother Amune Aby, who prayed for the graduates and their future service.



In the month of May, WNCC held their annual Preachers Seminar. This year's topic was "Mission: Sharing Christ with all the World." Preachers from states all over southwestern Nigeria attended the three-day workshop to network, gain some additional training, as well as fellowship with other soldiers of the Cross in Nigeria.



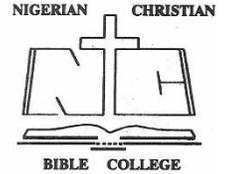
Brother Paul Chimnugwe from Swaziland was also the featured speaker for this event. The highlight of the occasion was the display of African flags symbolizing the God of all nations and that God remains Father of us all. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve the Lord's church in Nigeria.



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NCBC PRESSING FORWARD IN NIGERIA!



The **Nigerian Christian Bible College** (NCBC) continues to press the Gospel message along in many ways and on different fronts. The staff and students at NCBC are normally very active in evangelistic work, but they have been especially busy of late preaching and teaching the Gospel throughout Nigeria. Did you know that Nigeria is a country of 196 million people? Further, did you know



that Nigeria's population is projected to outgrow the US by 2050? By God's grace, we are all blessed to have these great brethren being trained "for such a time as this"! While the church may be shrinking in the US, the church growth in Nigeria is not slowing down but is **SPEEDING UP EVERY YEAR!** New churches being planted, more evangelistic seminars and campaigns for Christ, more souls needing the Gospel and responding to His call – and all of those are in need of

trained preachers to continue the work.

In May of this year, NCBC held their annual Preacher's Seminar. The topic for his year's seminar was "Visionary Leadership." There were many preachers from the area who attended this great seminar. In June, the staff and students participated in evangelistic campaigns using the Gospel Chariot. By God giving the increase, the Lord added 33 souls to the Kingdom through their efforts.

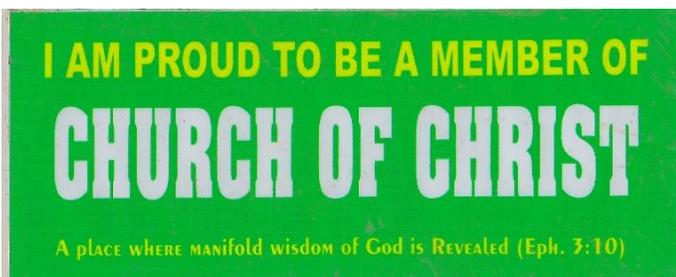


ACSF RECEIVES TIMELY HELP WITH PROJECTS

Both of our schools in Nigeria have recently been blessed with some very timely help from two different churches here in the US. As with any work in the Kingdom, it relies upon funds to operate and maintain the facilities that make the schools possible. With two different building projects going on at WNCC as well as much-needed building maintenance at NCBC due to termites and the tropical climate, the need was certainly great!

We are thankful that two congregations have stepped up and see that this great work is able to continue. One church in Nashville held a special contribution for their missions in which ACSF was a beneficiary. Another congregation in western Arkansas also took donations from their members to see that this great need is met. We are truly grateful for their assistance.

Have you thought about that in your area? Perhaps you could help us meet the needs in a similar way as these two good congregations. With both schools having increased enrollment, we also increased expenses! We need *your* help in this endeavor!



Bumper sticker recently picked up in Nigeria.

Have you considered planned and estate giving? Give us a call and we can help you make a difference with your estate. Your thoughtfulness now can benefit the church for many years to come.

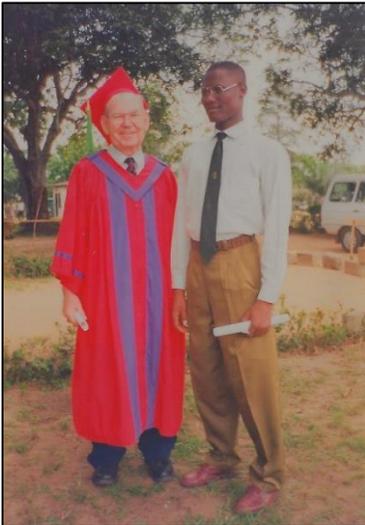
Progress in the Lord's Work

By Dayton Keese

God said that His word would not return to Him empty, without “accomplishing what I desire and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10f). I saw that divinely demonstrated in Nigeria during two teaching stints at NCBC (May-June 1998 & 2001). My family and I lived in Nigeria from 1964-1967, when we were evacuated at the outbreak of the Biafran War. During that war an estimated 1,000,000 Nigerians died, but God's Word survived! The 30-year gap in between offered an excellent opportunity to note the progress of the Lord's work.



During our stay in 1964-67, most of the congregations were small (15-70 members) in small villages. When I returned (in 1998 and 2001), most of my Sunday preaching appointments related to congregations of 200-700 members. In Aba, one congregation had 6 to 8 adult Bible classes each Lord's Day (not sure how many children's classes), and another congregation with some 700 members had a two-story meeting facility and took up two contributions (one special for their weekly TV program in Aba). A congregation in Uyo also had a two-story meeting facility, about 1700 members, plus, as I recall, 8 elders and 20 deacons. In the area of Abakaliki, where we began a small congregation in 1966, there were now some 50 congregations!



What had been the cause for these encouraging developments after the horrors of war? Primarily God's Word and dedicated teachers of Truth. From the beginning, there had been Bible Training Schools, preparing men to preach. Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC), where I taught, had about 180 men and women studying God's Word and having the opportunity for a BA degree through an affiliation with the University of Calabar. The core curriculum was still God's Word and some 1,300 had, at that time, completed the training.

In addition to the required courses at NCBC each weekday, on Wednesday evening at the College congregation, I taught a special class (January-May 1998 & 2001) on “God's Maturing Method.” These studies sprang from the work of Paul and Barnabas, emphasizing they were not just preaching the Gospel, leading people to believe and be baptized, or just starting congregations. The work was “fulfilled” when they did all the foregoing and “had appointed for them elders in every church” (Acts 14:26 AS). Those studies carefully related to the work of elders; their qualifications; the selection/appointment; how members were to relate to such qualified brethren, etc. There were some 20 charts related to those lessons. When I spoke to a packed audience at the area-wide



Preachers Seminar (at the end of my stay in 2001), those charts were available for all to see. How heartening it was to see some 80+ preachers copying the material on those 20 charts. That kind of hunger to know God's Word is why the church continues to grow in Nigeria (cf. John 7:17; Matthew 5:6)!!

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HENRY HUFFARD NEW CHAIRMAN OF ACSF BOARD

African Christian Schools Foundation is proud to announce that Henry Huffard is the new Chairman of the Board. Henry Huffard's relationship with Nigerian Christian Bible College began in 1953. As a three-year-old he played in the sand used to mold blocks for the first building. He served on NCBC's Administrative Committee (1985-1991) and served as ACSF's President (1991-2007). From 2008 to 2017 Henry was Senior Producer-Africa for World Christian Broadcasting. He was an elder at



Hillsboro Church of Christ from 1997-2010 and is now Hillsboro's Missions Minister. He has seen ACSF through a number of great changes

and has never been more optimistic about the organization's future. We are very pleased to have him serving in this capacity.

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 need monthly partners to help us at only \$100 each month to see the schools and work continue.** 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

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to the **Partners in Progress** dinner which will be held on September 6, 2018 at the Church of Christ in Green Hills (formerly known as the Granny White Church of Christ) in Nashville, TN.