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## 131 BAPTISMS AT ANNUAL LECTURESHIPS

Both the **Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC)** and the **West Nigeria Christian College (WNCC)** held their annual lectureships in August 2019 with large crowds and good responses from the community. In fact, **the Lord added 131 souls** to the church during the lectureships at both schools! Not only was it a good time for spiritual enrichment, but a time for new Christians!



Candidates for baptism confessing Christ

The lectureship at NCBC was well attended with over 5,000 in daily attendance. Speakers were present with many very good presentations. In attendance at the lectureship was Cliff Jarrell, an American who runs an orphanage in Port



2019 NCBC Annual Lectureship crowd

Harcourt, Nigeria; Gary Roeder, the minister at the Austin Chapel Church of Christ, Sardis, TN; and Chad Wagner, ACSF President.



NCBC 2019 graduating students. August 9, 2019

Also during the lectureship, the schools held their graduation ceremony with **18 graduates** heading out to serve the Lord!



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## ENROLLMENT FOR 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION AT WNCC

The West Nigeria Christian College's new school year always begins in August and it is always a wonderful opportunity to welcome the newly admitted students as they begin their academic journey. For this year, we are truly delighted as we welcomed the 2019 set of newly admitted students. **Thirty-two new students** were recruited to WNCC during this school year. Two of the new students; Michael Solanke is a member of Mountain of Fire Ministry and Chima Justin is a member of Mountain of Liberation Assembly.



As expected, these new students had many challenges, ranging from inadequate financial support from home, poor educational background, spiritual bankruptcy and character problems. God is using the college's spiritual environment to gradually shape them in the likeness of the Savior and the conducive academic environment to correct their dysfunctional educational foundation. Similarly, the college in her little ways is assisting the students with monthly supply of food stuff. Also, students have access to work in the vocational programs on campus and receive eggs, etc. from their labors.

We are indeed motivated by the great zeal of these students to learn the unadulterated word of God and to become God's ambassadors to the world at large. Our expectations are high as we engage them in academic exercises for two years. We are hopeful that, as we equip them with the word of God, we will equally achieve the desired character transformation that is expected of a Christian. Also, with our plans of becoming a degree awarding institution, we are optimistic that subsequent admissions will be doubled, because many Christians are more interested in having a Degree in Bible than a Diploma.

Our appreciations always go to God Almighty for sustaining the college through the selfless sacrifices of our wonderful brothers and sisters in the USA as well as Nigeria. We truly appreciate the team spirit in extending God's love to the lost and expanding the frontiers of His domain and reign on earth.

## CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS NEEDED

Classrooms at both Nigerian Christian Bible College as well as West Nigeria Christian College are in dire need of renovations. New student desks are being built on campus of iron frames with wooden tops that can be easily replaced. Classrooms are in need of new lights and white boards. Since we are now in the information age, we also need to equip classrooms with computers and projectors. This can be done for **\$1,100/classroom**. Can you help with those renovations?



## *65 Student Sponsorships Needed for 2020*

The best estimates of the number of Churches of Christ in Nigeria is 10,000 congregations! God is doing might things in Nigeria and the future is bright for the Lord's church in Nigeria. However, along with that, we see that 25% of those churches do not have a preacher! That means there is a serious need NOW for 2,500 trained preachers in the Nigerian brotherhood. As we launch into the new school year at both schools, we see God blessing us with more students! In fact, our total student count is up to over 200 students. So, as you can see, we are doing all that we can do to provide qualified, effective preachers and ministers of God's Word.

The increased student enrollment also brings new challenges. In order to continue training the next generation of church leaders in Nigeria, we are in need of 65 Student Sponsorships. As with all things, it costs money to do what we do in Nigeria. In order to train one student, our expenses are \$150 a month. Most of those students pay no tuition as they are in the ministerial program. **Can you commit to taking 1 or 2 student sponsorships in 2020?** The church needs your commitment of \$150/month so that those currently empty pulpits can have a trained preacher soon.



**NCBC NEW STUDENTS GENERAL CLASS 2019/2020**

### *IN MEMORY DONATIONS*

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## Vocational Training Programs Update

While our primary focus is providing top-quality Bible education, we are also invested in providing vocational opportunities to our students. This not only helps the school, but also provides job skill training for our students as they go back home.

The poultry project at WNCC is thriving and hopes for 1,000 birds soon which will provide 25 crates of eggs each day. Currently, they have 498 birds but will be adding to that number in December 2019. Biodun reports, "the good thing about the venture is that the sale of eggs have been worthwhile." A similar poultry program has been launched at NCBC with 100 birds. This program is much smaller and will take more capital investment to see that it reaches full potential.



The IT Center at WNCC continues with computer/engineering classes, desktop publishing and data processing classes ongoing. They are also hoping to add computer-based examinations in 2020 which will be a boost for their accreditation progress and promote time effectiveness during grading. Biodun says, "All these we hope to achieve in 2020 with God on our side."

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## Nigerian Christian Bible College welcomes new Teacher

**Ndongesit Bassey Effeh** has joined the staff as a new Hebrew and Greek teacher at the Nigerian Christian Bible College. This new addition will greatly enhance the graduates' competency in ministry. He writes, "The scriptures were handed down to humanity through languages that are distant from most readers today. Because of this, understanding the Biblical languages will aid proper interpretation and application of the

Biblical contents." He adds, "It is saddening to know that the church is suffering due to poor exegesis. Therefore, since preachers are the oracles of God, they need to be equipped with the knowledge of these languages so that can represent

the Biblical contents according to the intentions of the

inspired writers. We need to save the church from doctrinal crisis and the pulpit from haphazard messages. **Heaven is real, so we must GET IT RIGHT!"**



### JONAH WANTS TO HELP!

My son, Jonah, recently opened his piggy bank and gave his change to the work in Nigeria. What an example of sacrifice! He sees the need and importance of giving to the work in Nigeria.

Can you follow his example and give today?