



## CORONAVIRUS HITS NIGERIA/SCHOOLS

### My Covid-19 Experience by Emmanuel Adeoye.

Corona virus also known as COVID-19 has affected the Church negatively leaving the Church with no option than to observe fellowships at home. Brethren meet at selected individuals' home every Lord's day and share fellowship among themselves while some individual members whose homes are far from each other do not have the opportunity of worship if the family unit is not big enough to organize one.

On the part of the school, West Nigeria Christian College (WNCC) was on the verge of conducting final exams for her final year students when the pandemic led to the lockdown of two states in the country including Ogun State, where WNCC is located. The students were sent home immediately. As a result of the abrupt closure, many of the school's programs: final exam for the final year students, final year students' internship with local congregations, the preachers' workshop, baccalaureate service, annual graduation exercise, the vocational training program were all suspended. In summary, **all activities on campus are on a standstill.**

On life in Nigeria, the hardship is **biting hard** as citizens were asked to stay at home with no help from the government to ease the situation. Prices of food items have doubled their initial cost; insecurity permeates communities as members of the community painstakingly avail themselves as vigilante groups to wade off armed bandits robbing people of their possessions at night. Most communities now stay awake between 10pm and 4am to watch over our families and communities. Many have lost their means of livelihood as a result of the pandemic. We trust God that very soon there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

### Coronavirus Impact at NCBC by Uyai Joshua Sunday

The first confirmed case of the corona virus – COVID-19 was announced in Nigeria on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 when an Italian citizen in Lagos was tested positive for the virus. Cases of the global pandemic keeps on increasing daily. As at April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, report from the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) show **1,932** confirmed cases, **319** discharged and **58** deaths in Nigeria.

The current COVID-19 Crises has made life difficult in Nigeria. The federal and state



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UYAI JOSHUA & FAMILY

**Coronavirus Impact at NCBC continued...**

governments' restrictions of religious meetings, social gatherings and movement have affected the church adversely. The churches have experienced shortages on their weekly incomes which have made it difficult to pay their ministers and execute other church projects. The lockdown has robbed the brethren the privileges of seeing themselves and fellowshiping together in the church.

Many religious programs have been cancelled such as the Africans claiming Africans for Christ conference (ACAC), Nigerian Christian Bible College annual ministers and church leader's seminar and many WBS seminars and lectureships.

At NCBC, it has affected the college academically- we were lucky to complete the first semester before the virus struck, because of this, we are not able to resume for the second semester. Nevertheless,

we have ventured into e-learning classes, though some students find it difficult to meet up because they do not have the required facilities such as Android phones and internet materials.



The virus has made life in Nigeria very uncertain. The economic, religious, and social life is disturbed. Feeding is a big challenge for many families. We pray that this crazy virus may end soon so that we go back to our normal lives. God bless you all and stay safe. *\*IF YOU CAN HELP BUY FOOD, CALL THE ACSF OFFICE.*

## ACSF's African Violet Dinner CANCELLED/PIP Planned

Each year, African Christian Schools holds its annual **African Violet Dinner**. This year, Henry and Jane Huffard were going to share several stories of life in African during their time on the mission field. It was a promising night! However, due to the virus and social distancing rules, the dinner has been cancelled.

With the benefit dinner being cancelled, we are thankful to those who decided to go ahead and mail in a contribution for the work in Nigeria. In fact, as of the printing, loyal donors of the work in Nigeria have given \$7,282. God bless you!

We will go ahead and announce today our **Partners in Progress dinner**. It will be on September 22, 2020 at the Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville. We will have Henry and Jane share their stories at that time.

<i>IN MEMORY OF:</i>		<i>IN HONOR OF:</i>	
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<b>ILETA BECKLOFF</b>	<b>JOYCE HARRISON</b>	<b>DOTTIE BECKLOFF</b>	<b>IDA PALMER</b>
HENRY & JANE HUFFARD	HENRY & JANE HUFFARD	HENRY & JANE HUFFARD	HENRY & JANE HUFFARD
		<b>JOYCE ANDERSON</b>	<b>HENRY &amp; JANE HUFFARD</b>
		HENRY & JANE HUFFARD	JAN CROWDER

## The Legacy of the Roger Church Family by Bruce Church

The African Christian Schools Foundation was founded about 1954, the year I was born. My father was Roger Church and was one of the original founders. My dad always had a passion for mission work. He went on to his reward 18 years ago, but his legacy lives on in the many Christians in Nigeria and other African countries that heard the gospel from fellow Africans.



Dad took me, my brother and a good friend to Nigeria and other African countries the summer after my high school graduation. He wanted us to see what he was so passionate about and my brother was interested in being a medical missionary at the time. During a month-long trip, we visited 5 countries, several missionaries, the Bible training school in Nigeria, observed several medical surgeries by Dr. Henry Farrar and even managed to be visited by the malaria bug. It was a wonderful eye-opening experience to visit other countries and experience worship with Christians of other cultures. **I firmly believe training men to spread the gospel to their fellow countrymen is one of the**

**most effective ways to make disciples of all nations.** Dad was a passionate salesman, recruiting board members and asking people to join him in giving to the Lord's work in Africa. Dad left a gift in his estate to the African Christian Schools Foundation to continue the work of training preachers and ensuring the original campus could remain where it was. I hope you will consider supporting the training of preachers now and in the future. You could leave a legacy too!

*\*\*Like Roger Church, you can leave a legacy of training Africans to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by remembering ACSF in your final estate. You can remember ACSF in your will, place ACSF as a beneficiary on your bank accounts, and other ways to further the cause of Christ in Africa. Contact the ACSF office with questions, concerns, or to give notification that you've remembered ACSF in your final estate plans.\*\**

## Renovations Ongoing at School Campuses

There are two major projects ongoing at the school campuses. The Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC) is renovating the dormitories and the West Nigeria Christian College is building married student and teacher housing. If you can help with these projects, please contact the ACSF office today!



Dormitory Repair at NCBC

Currently, all construction has stopped. This is due to concerns over funding for basic operations at both schools. We hope to restart the renovations and construction as soon as we are able.



Married Housing at WNCC

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## **ACSF Board Welcomes New Member: Sam Brown**

The African Christian Schools Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment and approval of Sam Brown to join the board. He is a Deacon of Foreign Missions in Cookeville, TN for the past nine years at the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. The church has been long-time supporters of preacher training in Nicaragua and Panama. Sam started going to Panama about 20 years ago and now Nicaragua 9 years ago. Members of the missions team, including Sam, go to visit their works on an annual basis.

He has been married for 25 years and they have one son. He lives on a farm in east Tennessee where they raise beef cattle. He is also a New Holland and Kubota tractor dealer for the last 32 years.

Sam says, "I feel that the best work being done spreading the Gospel is through local work." Thank you, Sam, for helping keep the first of local work burning bright!

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