



WINTER 2020

## **WNCC SET TO INTRODUCE DEGREE PROGRAM**

### **Introducing WNCC's Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Ministry Program!**

Overtime, West Nigeria Christian College & School of Biblical Studies, Abeokuta, Nigeria, has been silently but meticulously upgrading her facilities, developing her faculty and increasing capacities to assume the status of a degree awarding institution. The need for a contextualized, robust and holistic curriculum at the degree level, to keep in step with rising educational levels in most of our local congregations necessitated the new program. The four-year, eight-semester program will be delivered through weekly, monthly, short-course, summer and online class modules.

The curriculum consists of courses in Bible, Ministry, Theology and General Studies driven by high-tech instructional modes and delivered by qualified full-time and international adjunct instructors. It affords holders of the College's Diploma in Biblical Studies the opportunity to upgrade



their diplomas by coming for three years for their degree. Holders of the Advance Diploma in Christian ministry only need to come in for two years to possess the degree certificate.



The unaffiliated program is a precursor of the affiliated one in the near future and an avenue for preachers, church leaders and resource personnel in the local church and other ministry outreaches to sharpen their skills and be wholly equipped to navigate the murky waters of contemporary ministry. The program begins in August 2020. Welcome on Board!

**Dr. Biodun Owolabi**

### **American Adjunct Faculty Needed at WNCC and NCBC**

While NCBC is currently offering two degree programs, WNCC is planning on launching their degree program in September 2020. These programs will bring much benefit to the schools as well as the brotherhood in Nigeria. One of the great needs, however, is teaching staff at the schools. We need Bible teachers with academic qualifications to go to Nigeria and teach long and short courses on campus. Typically, short courses are two weeks in length. Your presence will go a long way to shore up the staff needs at both schools as well as give you the opportunity to teach in Nigeria. Housing will be provided along with the opportunity to teach students who really want to be there and are grateful you are there to teach! If this sounds interesting to you, give Chad a call at 615-542-6282 or email at [acsf1959@gmail.com](mailto:acsf1959@gmail.com). Opportunities begin in September 2020.





Okewunmi Femi, WNCC teacher

## My Visit to a Nigerian Prison

On a recent trip to Nigeria, I went with a group of students from WNCC, led by one of the teachers named Okewunmi Femi. The school conducts a monthly service at the local Ibara Prison in Abeokuta. Upon entry, I was surprised by the large amount of people inside the prison as we made our way to the open-air prison chapel. At the beginning of the service, there were only about 5-10 people gathered for the service but by the time it came for me to speak, there was a full chapel with well-over 50 inmates for the service.

The prison outreach program for WNCC is lead by Okewunmi Femi who has been working with WNCC for 14 years. He has been working with the prison ministry for five years. Each month, he leads a different group of students into the prison so that they can have the hands-on experience on how to reach those in prison. Once a year, his team leads a 3-day campaign inside the prison to share the Gospel with those who need it. They also try and bring small items like soap or food as gifts for the inmates during those campaigns.

Well done, Brother Femi, for your good work at WNCC for these many years and for your outreach to the prison population. Femi enjoys teaching Church History, A cappella singing, African Traditional Religion, and Bible Contextualization. He has finished his Masters degree and hopes to continue studying for a PhD in Church History. His only request was to see American teachers come and teach at WNCC for short courses. **Chad Wagner**

## Dormitory Roof Repair ONGOING!

At Nigerian Christian Bible College (NCBC), we have been plagued by tropical weather wear on several parts of our campus. One of those areas was the dormitories. In fact, at the female dormitory, the building has been **UNUSABLE** due to roof damage. However, thanks to our good sponsors, we have been able to now begin renovations on the roof. The first job is to remove the damaged portions of the roof and assess what is good or in need of repair. When these repairs are complete, we will be able to move students back into this dormitory. A big thank you goes to our sponsors for helping to make this happen.



## Water for Lakiri Village, WNCC's Host Community

When WNCC started in 1999, a tap was provided outside the wall for inhabitants of the West Nigeria Christian College's host community, Lakiri village, across the road, to fetch water twice daily. As the campus population grew and growing operational cost in fueling the generator to pump water, we found it more and more difficult to meet this commitment. Moreover, with the rampaging of trucks along the road, it became dangerous, if not suicidal, to carry water across the road plied by rickety trucks, most times without functional brakes!

It was as a result of this that the College decided to provide a water base within the village



for the benefit of our neighbors and as part of our responsibility to love our neighbors as ourselves. As part of the WNCC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in August 2019, a book, *American Ancestry of Churches of Christ:*

*The Nigeria Legacy* written by WNCC' President, Dr. Biodun Owolabi, was launched. It was promised that proceeds from the launching will be used to drill a well to provide portable water for our host community. This task was successfully accomplished to the glory of God.



This is a great development in Nigeria – both for the village and the mission work at large.

This is good for those who need the water in the village. Also, this is good for the overall work because it is Nigerians helping Nigerians.

If you would like a copy of Biodun's book, call the ACSF office at 615-542-6282 or email the request to [acsf1959@gmail.com](mailto:acsf1959@gmail.com). Limited copies are on-hand. A donation to WNCC of any amount is requested for the book.

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## **ACSF's African Violet Dinner to be held in April**

Each year, African Christian Schools holds its annual **African Violet Dinner**. This year, it will be on April 9 starting at 6:30 and held at the Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville, TN.

This benefit dinner for ACSF will have a free catered meal and a short presentation/update on the work in Nigeria. We encourage you to come, enjoy the dinner, and hear about what God is doing in Nigeria.

*\*For proper planning, please RSVP to Chad at 615-542-6282 or by email to [acsf1959@gmail.com](mailto:acsf1959@gmail.com).\**

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## Chad Wagner, ACSF President, Completes Recent Mission Trip to Nigeria



In early January 2020, Chad Wagner traveled to Nigeria, West Africa for a month-long missionary trip to Nigeria. While back in Tennessee temperatures were in the 40's and 50's, at best, the average temperature was 100 each day. However, the heat doesn't stop the work of the Lord!

Chad personally visited both schools (NCBC and WNCC), preached in several *Return to the Bible* seminars, visited several preachers in their works and churches, and finished the trip in Nigeria's capital city



of Abuja for the Great Workshop, a gathering of 580 evangelists from all over Nigeria.

