

### EVANGELISM = 17 SOULS

It is unfortunate that most of last year and this year, our evangelism program suffered because of Covid-19. It was not our happiness that we missed out from the core program of our school. We decided to resume the program this semester. God has been gracious, the Covid cases are beginning to drop in Nigeria. The last two weeks of August, 2021, were not favorable for outing because of the violent conflict that erupted in Jos. But for the month of September, we were able to conduct 610 studies with 3,545 people. We shared 2,950 tracts, and gave out 17 Bibles. **God added 17 people to his church**, as they obeyed the Gospel of Christ. Some people who had stopped fellowshiping because of different life problems were restored. Our students are excited again to share the gospel with their prospects. Keep us in prayers please.

**Naphtali Dagasamah**

### NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

The School of Biblical Studies, Jos, admitted a total of 27 new students for the 2021/2022 academic session. Out of this number, we have 18 males and 9 females. They are from 14 different states within Nigeria namely: **Plateau** (7 students), **Benue** (4 students), **Gombe** (2 students), **Nasarawa** (1 student), **Kogi** (1 student); **Adamawa** (1 student); **Taraba** (1 student); **Imo** (1 student); **Delta** (3 students); **Oyo** (1 student); **Enugu** (2 students); **Ebonyi** (1 student); **Cross River** (1 student); **Bayelsa** (1 student).

Fourteen (14) of them were admitted into the two degree programs of the school (B.A. CRS and B.A. Ministry). Five (5) were admitted into the Diploma Program, while (8) were admitted into the Certificate Program. We thank the various congregations that sent these reliable men and women to be trained at SBS. Our next interviews for new student is April 1, 2022.



**Emmanuel O Egyegini.**

### Our Internship Program

Congregations who chose to take part in our Internship Program agree to host one or two of our students for a period of six weeks during the school break in June and July. This year a total of 15 students took part in the program across Nigeria. This allows the student to obtain some practical experience of working with a congregation before he graduates, plus the hosting congregations enjoy their services. Two students went out of Nigeria to Guinea and Cameroon respectively.

*The School of Biblical Studies is located in Jos, Nigeria. SBS began in 1989 and is under the oversight of the elders at the Gadsden Church of Christ in Gadsden, Alabama. Dr. Solomon I Aguh is The President of SBS. SBS has a 4, 3, and 2 year curriculum in Bible, plus a 4-year degree program. We have recently added a 2 year Extension Program and a 2 year Agricultural Program. The student body presently numbers 137 full-time students with more than 600 graduates now in the field.*

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**Mission:** *To train men and women to teach and preach the Gospel and be responsible citizens and effective leaders in the church of the Lord, in order to aid the spread of the Gospel to the entire world.*

### YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A JOS PARTNER !

Our goal is to have 500 Christians giving \$10 monthly to provide a stable operating income for the School. If you or your Bible class are thinking about becoming a Jos Partner, we urge you to do so! The small amount of just \$10 monthly, when combined with that of others, will make a huge difference. Just fill in the coupon below, and mail it with your check to:

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## ARRIVAL!



The hardest, longest, and most energy consuming efforts I have ever been involved in is collecting books, inventorying, packing and shipping religious materials in a sea container to Nigeria. To date we have shipped three containers and two school buses. Our last one, containing 750 new Bibles, a tractor, and a rizograph machine, among much more materials, arrived in Jos last month.



This 40-foot sea container took us 7 years to collect, pack, and ship to SBS. Before its arrival, we had to construct a road up a hillside and pour a foundation in the garden section of our campus. We purchase each container so we can use it as a storage building on our campus. We are using our 2010 container to store the 600 bags of cement we use for our construction projects.

Healing Hands International in Nashville, Tennessee, has been a great help to us in each of these projects. Their willingness to help us store, inventory, and ship each container is a constant encouragement to us. They continue to be an outstanding Christian example of service to the cause of Christ. We say thanks and God bless you to the hundreds of brethren who have helped us in so many ways through the years. To the retiring preachers who donated their personal libraries, widows who donated tractors, congregations who paid the shipping and so many others, **THANK YOU! Steven L. Worley**

## A MEDICAL CLINIC

After 32 years we have decided to build a medical clinic to provide health care for the 200 plus students and staff at the school. It will also offer health care, at a reduced cost, to the people of Faraka village, many of whom we have provided drinking water too from our bore hole on campus. We have purchased a new block making machine, generator, and have chosen a location on campus. The location will allow public access to the clinic. The clinic will also be a great assistance to our out-reach program to the people of Jos and the surrounding villages.



We hope to provide, not only health care, but also eye examinations and used eye glasses to help our students read. While we obtain all the required building permits and drawings, we have started Phase I which is molding the 15,000 eleven-inch cement blocks we will need for the construction of the building. To accomplish this, we had to mount our block machine and order 600 bags of cement. Special thanks to the Northside congregation in Beebe, Arkansas, and the Arab Church of Christ in Arab, Alabama, who helped us to this Phase I project. If you can help us with the much need blessing, please send a check to the 1175 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372. It should be payable to the Savannah Church of Christ. **Steven L. Worley**

## OUR LIBRARY



We continue to work hard to update our library with current books and furniture. As we wrote in the last edition of the Jos Journal, regarding need for more library tables, they are required to meet certain standards. We are trying to manufacture the tables gradually. Here is a sample of the new tables we are making. This one has one side partitioning; there are some that have two sides partitioning. We make them depending on the space they fit in. Thanks to all our readers who sent funds to enable us to obtain these additions to our modern library. **James Onu**

## WORKSHOP 2021

After postponing the Annual Preachers/Leaders' workshop last year, 2020, because of COVID 19, the security situation in Jos almost caused another postponement of the program for this year. We thank God because He understands our needs. The Theme of the workshop was, "Coping with the Present-Day Challenges Confronting Christians in Nigeria." Part of these challenges include insecurities we are battling with. When one asks God for patience in life, he will provide him/her with a difficult situation that will teach him/her the patience.

When we designed this theme, our consideration was the kidnapping, and herdsmen/farmers conflicts causing extreme hunger and hardship in the Country. God then allowed us to experience another round of violent conflict in Jos, to give us life experience, even as we discuss in the workshop. All things work together for good for those called according to God's purpose (Rom. 8.28). We therefore have learned to see opportunity in every challenge.



The workshop was attended by people across the country, even though the turn-up was not good compared to the previous years. We certainly understand the reason for the low turn-up. Traveling on Nigerian roads this time is very risky coupled with the insecurity across the country. In fact, some areas, it is considered a suicide mission to get along some roads. At this moment, internet network is cut off in two states. It is impossible to communicate with anyone in those states. Please, keep praying for us. Below is a picture of the cross section of some of the participants in the workshop. In fact, this is the first workshop held in the new auditorium. **Tom Udoh**

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In line with the universities in Nigeria requirements, we have been making an effort, not only to teach our students entrepreneurship theoretically, but to give them wholesome education that will develop their heads, their minds, and their hands. It is in line with this that we introduced vegetable production in our curriculum to teach our students on how they can produce some vegetables for their use, and maybe gain a little income by selling, if the garden is big. We later added fish farming, poultry farming, and then rabbit farming. All these trainings are going on well, and our students are gaining much from them. We have from this session include shoe making and tailoring. The school has arranged with a trainer who operates skill acquisition training programs to come in with his machines to give our students some other skills.

Each student is to pick one skill in addition to the vegetable and animal production which remains a must for all the students. The program has entered the third week already. Each student will be trained for a minimum of three months. We are also glad that some of our current students having skills already are willing to train their colleagues. Since there are no jobs for most of our graduates, the skill will give them something to do, and to keep preaching the Gospel in their local areas. It will also help them to venture into areas where there are no congregations, in order that they may start new congregations.

The way Islam is marginalizing Christianity, trying to compel people to accept the religion before they can get jobs, must not be taken lightly, if Christianity should continue to thrive. One way to this is self-employment. Some years ago, the school was embarking on this program, but later on because of increase in conflicts in the city and increase in credit hours for students, we suspended the program. When it was practiced, our graduates were not afraid of getting out there because they had something in their hands to feed themselves. We have revisited the program in line with the universities in Nigeria requirements. **Simon Dabish**

