

## OUR ARGIC PROGRAM

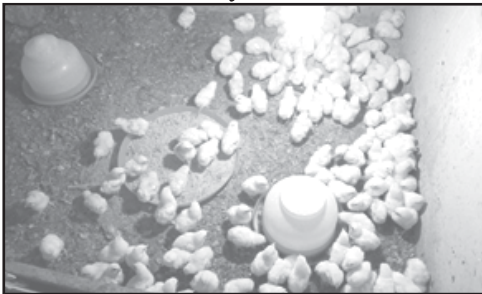
Our animal farms are running. Unfortunately, all our grass cutters died because of cold temperatures in Plateau State during the Rainy Season. Our poultry, fish, and rabbit farms are doing well. We hope to harvest our fish farm this month. We are grateful to you all for your individual and collective prayers and support. Thank you also for your sacrificial contributions for the work in Nigeria.

Our poultry farm is about 16 months old now. We started with 200 layers (those supplied eggs) in May 2019.



Our layer birds

In October of the same year, we brought in 50 broilers (those raised for meat only). We have sold off the broilers over three times, as they don't stay in the farm beyond 10 weeks. We lost few of the layers during the brooding period. Since October 2019, the birds have been producing. We are constrained with space, otherwise we should have brought in a new set of layer birds as the old ones are getting older. After one year of production, their productivity automatically starts dropping.



Our new broiler birds

We have just brought in a new set of broilers, prepared for the December period. We want our students to understand the rudiments of Poultry Farming. Here in Nigeria, timing is another aspect that must be understood. Wrong timing of the broiler chickens can lead to a terrible loss, even the layer birds have their appropriate time for successful brooding.

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## 2020/21 ACADEMIC SESSION

Under normal circumstances, our 2020/21 academic session should have started on August 10, but we were late by one week because we hoped the Government was going to order resumption of schools. Unfortunately, the State Government failed to reopen schools and caused us to start our sessions on the 17<sup>th</sup> August. Since schools are not re-opened, we cannot resume all the classes. Right now, the final year degree students are in their 4<sup>th</sup> week.



They will have their exams 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> of September all things working together. The year two and three students are returning together. They will come one week earlier than arranged because they did not complete the General Studies exams, which are the courses taught by the University of Jos professors. Those professors were not available earlier than now for their classes, but are now coming in to finish their classes and exams with the students. After their five weeks of classes, we hope to bring the year one who are the newly admitted students.

We had the entrance exams for the new intake last August. We will still have another one on the last week of October. We have to do everything prudently so that we will save time and our integrity.

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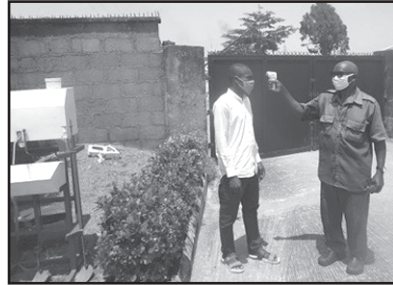
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## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

All students on campus (foreign students and some local students who were not able to travel due to Covid-19 lockdown), and staff of the School of Biblical studies are strictly observing the precautionary measures put in place by the School to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of the precautionary measures taken are as follows:

1. Hand washing machine - It is placed at the entrance gate of the school for all who are coming into the school compound to wash their hands.

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2. Infrared thermometers – They are used to check body temperature of both students and staff, as well as those coming into the school. One is at the entrance gate of the school, while two others are used in the male and female hostels respectively. Students do check their temperature twice daily (morning and evening). The school however, is limiting the coming in of visitors into the campus, except where necessary.



3. Face masks- Both students and staff wear face masks within and outside the campus.
4. Social distance – Social distance is maintained in the school.
5. Hand sanitizer – students and staff are encouraged to sanitized their hands as well as, ensure regular washing of hands.

Apart from a hand washing machine placed at the schools entrance gate, hand washing buckets with tap are situated at the hostels and the activities building for regular hand washing.

## A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

Late last year, one of our graduates brought an idea of recycling plastic and waterproof bags on campus. In Nigeria, we have a large problem with the littering of plastic shopping bags. A bigger problem is that individual servings of purified water is sold in plastic bags too. That makes our landscape littered with this non-dissolvable plastic material. So, the idea of recycling the plastic bags into interlocking bricks became a welcomed idea. Our students learned how to accomplish this process as part of our entrepreneurial practice.

The picture below shows a few of those bricks that were produced, and now are laid on the road. Though the cost of producing these bricks were a little higher than the usual cement interlocking bricks, the durability of this plastic interlock is far better. Another huge benefit is this project becomes an economic and productive way of cleaning up the environment.



A Plastic Roadway

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