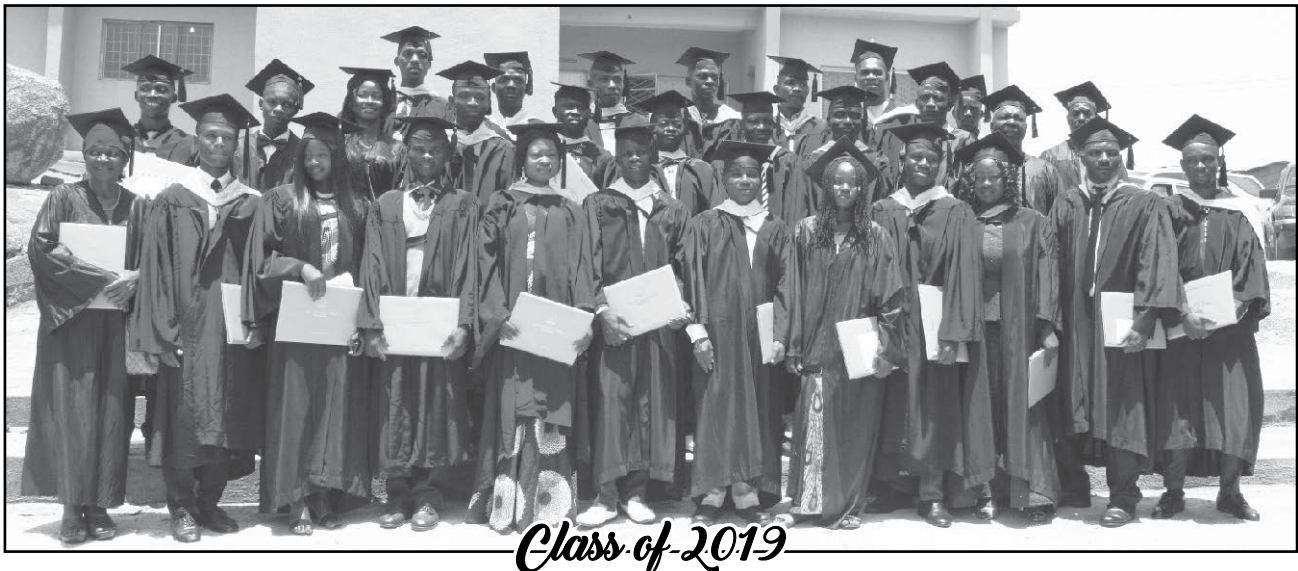


30 GRADATES TO THE FIELD

The 28th annual graduation exercises at the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, on May 18, 2019, was a happy celebration. Families attended from many states in Nigeria to watch their sons or daughters graduate. Thirty students, which included six women, completed their chosen program of studies. Five students graduated with certificates in our Extension Training Programs at Kaltungo, Gombe State, and Makurdi, Benue State. An elder, Jack Horton with the Gadsden Church of Christ, which is our overseeing eldership, gave our Commencement Address. One other speaker said to our graduates, "Today you are joining an exclusive group of over 600 dedicated Christians who have graduated from this institution. Men and women who, under the leadership of Brother Naphtali Dagasamah, converted over 13,000 people on our Weekend Evangelism Program. A group that includes Brother Nkem, who has served as a Nigerian missionary to Uganda for over 16 years under Nigerian oversight and support. A group of 40 foreign students who returned home after they graduated SBS. Please remember you are our representatives now. When people see you, they see us. MAKE US PROUD of you as we see or hear of your future faithfulness and service to our Lord Jesus."



NUMBER 40

Our Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2019 is Gerald Dzuwanani from Harare, Zimbabwe. He is our 40th foreign student to graduate at SBS since the school started in 1998. Gerald was recommended by our 2014 graduate, Hope Tawanda Karikoga, who is working in Zimbabwe. We wish Brother Gerald fair winds and following seas as he continues his Christian life.



Gerald standing with our new dorm in the background

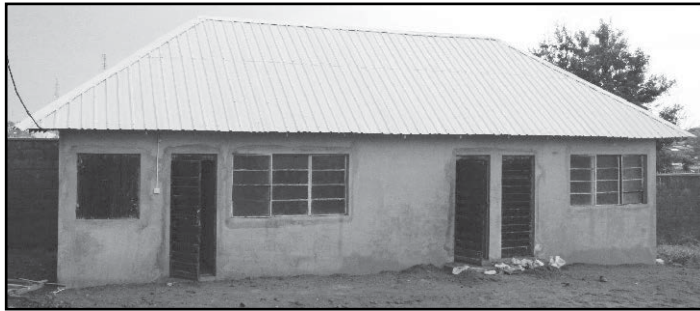
***A SPECIAL THANK YOU
FOR HELPING US PURCHASE
SCREENS FOR 81 WINDOWS IN
OUR NEW DORM!***



OUR POULTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

One of our goals for many years was to add a Poultry Training Program to our Agricultural Department at SBS. We have the Drip Irrigation Training, Fish Farming, Grass Cutter Rearing, and Citrus Programs headed by Brother Bala Turgong and his staff of men and women serving their year of service in the National Youth Service Corp. Dr. Tom Udoh, our president, has raised chickens at his home here in Jos for over 15 years. He is willing and able to provide us with the expertize we need to make this program a success. Our goal is to provide our students with the knowledge and practical training to teach our brethren and the lost a means of feeding their families along with a richer knowledge of God's word.

On May 28, 2019, we received two hundred and fifty chickens. Fifty broilers and two hundred layers. We put them in one room of the new three-room building we recently constructed. Because of the cooler weather during the Rainy Season, we had to put charcoal heaters in the brooding room. The four rows of five-inch security spikes welded to angle iron and cemented to the tops of our cement block security walls was installed just days before. These measures plus two watch dogs and a night watch should be enough to ensure our new guests will grow to lay many eggs to help our program increase. We thank you for your prayers and support that enabled us to reach this long-awaited goal.



Our new Three-room chicken house



Dr. Tom and Bala tending the new guests

INTRODUCING CHUCK AND MARCI CORDON



After a career in the U.S. Navy, Charles (Chuck) and his wife, Marci, Cordon, turned their attention to preparing to serve in a fulltime ministry in missions. Their first step was to complete the Preacher Training Program at the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP), enrolling in 2017. It was while attending the MSOP annual lectureship in 2015 that Chuck had come across Brother Randy Baker, who was manning a display for the Jos Nigeria School of Biblical Studies work. Chuck and Marci became intrigued with the Lord's work in Africa. Thus began an enriching friendship with the Worley family and the church at Savannah, Tennessee.

Chuck and Marci are scheduled to graduate from the school on June 16, 2019. They plan to move to Savannah, then leave for Jos on July 25, 2019. Brother Worley plans to accompany them to Jos and stay for a month to help them get settled on campus before classes start on August 12. Chuck is scheduled to teach two courses at SBS this fall. They plan to return to Savannah after the semester finishes in early December. Their plans are to work with the Jos team returning to Africa as the work demands.

Chuck and Marci are both from upstate NY, married in August 1987, and have two adult daughters who reside in Chesapeake, VA. The elders of the Savannah Church of Christ have taken their oversight and support. If you would like to help with Chuck and Marci's work fund, please contact them or the elders at Savannah. I truly believe this couple is the answer to my many years of prayers for our Lord to send someone to help us in this great work in Africa.

Steven L. Worley

SBS 16TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

The School of Biblical Studies' 16th Annual Bible Lectureship for this year has come and gone. We hosted many participants from across the country. We had forty-two speakers that included twelve women and thirty men. Brothers Randy Baker of Florence, Alabama, and Jack Horton, one of elders of the Gadsden Church of Christ in Alabama, were two of our guest speakers. The lectureship started on Wednesday 15th of May 2019, at 9:00 am and ended on Thursday 17th at 3:05 pm. The theme of this year's lectureship was "When We Are Hurt: Tragedy and Triumph in Job." It was indeed a challenging and exciting theme to study as it deals with the most current issues of life that people are passing through. This was confirmed, as many



Brother Horton teaching in the auditorium class.

participants were testifying, that since they had been coming for the SBS annual lectureship, this particular one was the best that they experienced! I personally heard two elders, one from the eastern part of the country, and the other from one congregation within Jos, saying that since they had been attending SBS lectureships, this one was the best. Many others have also testified that many participants were very excited about the theme as they have learned so much. We are grateful to God for the success of the lectureship as many went home satisfied that they have learned so much to equip them in the kingdom of God, especially in these difficult times in our country.

Benjamin Jukwey

A VISIT TO EAST AFRICA

While Dr. Solomon Aguh went to represent SBS at a graduation in Liberia, I traveled to Uganda to represent SBS at the 4th graduation ceremony and 10th anniversary of the Uganda Christian Bible College at Jeeja. After a few days in Kampala, I traveled north to Kigumba, then to the college which is located about a mile south of the city.

There I met Brother Rhone Anguaza, who is President of UCBC, along with many of the graduates of SBS at Jos. The graduation ceremony took place on a field in the middle of the campus. They had provided tents and seating for all the officials and invited guests. The local King could not attend due to pressing business, but he sent his wife as his representative.

Twelve students graduated while seventeen students continued with their studies. Six of the seventeen students are from the country of South Sudan. Brother David Bates along with Brother Patrick Sisk were in Uganda hosting a gospel meeting. Brother Bates presented a sermon at the ceremony.

While sitting in the field watching the graduates march past to receive their Certificates or Diplomas, it was hard for me to realize that it has been ten years since Solomon and I visited Uganda and I became sick with Malaria. I lay in bed for a week while Solomon and Rhone traveled north to Kigumba to negotiate and purchase the land I was setting on. For over twenty years the elders of the Foote Street Church of Christ in Corinth, Mississippi, had sent men and women from Uganda to Nigeria to obtain their degree in Bible that would enable them to teach at UCBC. I pray Brothers Wayne Henry and Wayne McApin, of Corinth, Mississippi, will receive a "Well Done" from our Lord Jesus Christ for this great work.

Steven L. Worley



Future Church Leaders on the March

THE SPORTS PERFECT WRITES

The saying that all work without play makes Jack a dull boy is a standing fact. Thus, the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, has initiated in their program the area of sports. The school has so far: Football, (Americans say Soccer), Volleyball, and Table Tennis for all the students.

The school soccer team is named for Mama Dee and has twenty-four players. The majority number of the players are Nigerian although we do have a few foreign students. The team played several matches within the Jos metropolis. They usually win most of their matches. The team contributes in evangelism. It creates a mutual interaction with young people we play with. During matches studies are conducted and tracts are handed out.

The major challenge the team has is the pitch. The pitch we are using is not well secured; therefore, we frequently have damages, and seizures of our balls as they cross over the fence to the neighbor's compound. We wish the pitch could be changed to another position. We also need additional sports, especially basketball. All these can enable a smooth exercise to the students.



12 of the 19 Mama Dee SBS Football Team

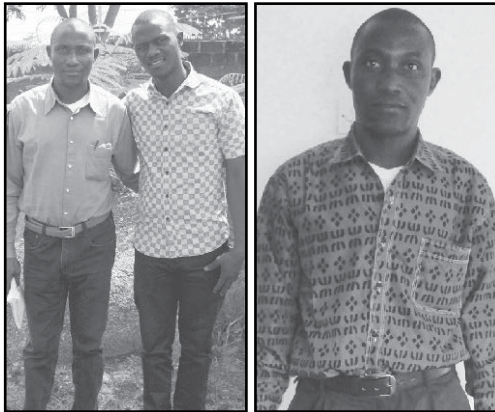
The team wants to raise two thousand dollars, improve the field, and name it Johnson Field, after Brother Dick Johnson of Searcy, Arkansas. He was a baseball coach for many years at Harding University; plus he made frequent visits to Nigeria while serving as an elder. Contributions for this effort should be sent to the Savannah Church of Christ.

Nomigo T. Frank, the Sports Perfect, Benue State, Nigeria, West Africa

FIRST GUINEA STUDENT

Francis T.S. Lavaley was born in 1980 in Conakry, the capitol of Guinea. He was raised as the oldest child in a family of 3 brothers and 2 sisters. His father is a rice farmer, and his mother is a member of the church. Francis was baptized at a church meeting the family attended.

He got a scholarship to study French in the University, and after four years, graduated with a degree in Business and Finance. Brother Francis Musa recommended he attend classes at SBS. He expects to graduate SBS in May of 2022 setting a record of being our first graduate from Guinea. He married in the traditional way in 2010 then again in 2017 in the church. His wife, Rebecca, was born in 1984. Their daughter, Agnessia, is 9 years old. The family is of the Kissi Tribe.



Brother Souley graduated SBS with a four-year accredited Bible Degree in May 2016. He is presently working with Brother Francis Anaki in the Niger Republic. Brother Francis Anaki is from the country of Ivory Coast. Souley attended the Annual Lectureship and graduation this year. After the graduation, I met with Souley and Francis Lavaley, our student, and we agreed that Francis would spend the next two months working with Souley in Niger. Please keep these three evangelists in your daily prayers. Francis plans to return to SBS in early August as classes begin August 12, 2019.

IS THERE AN AMERICAN?

There were a record number of foreign students attending classes on campus last year. We had four students from Zimbabwe, two from Uganda, two from Sierra Leone, two from Chad, one from Cameroon, and one from Guinea. That is 12 students from 6 different countries! As of last year, we had graduated 39 foreign students from 10 countries. A question among our students is, "When will we have our first student from America?"



Back row left to right: Kudakwashe Madyira, Zimbabwe; T. Michael Satr, Sierra Leone; Francis T.S. Lavaley, Guinea; Apuun Godfrey, Uganda; Gerald Dzuwanani, Zimbabwe; Teradoum Johathan, Chad. Front row left to right: M. Winston Mbaku, Cameroon; Tatenda Kasevci, Zimbabwe; Moses Shuro, Zimbabwe; Peter M. Satr, Sierra Leone; Enoch Mbaihondoum, Chad; Wabomba George, Uganda.

CHAPEL/ACTIVITES BUILDING

With the help of the West Dyersburg Church of Christ in Tennessee, along with the Northside Church of Christ in Beebe, Arkansas, we met with our architect and asked him to provide us with the required drawings to start construction of our proposed Chapel/Activities building. This building will provide us a place for all the students and staff to meet to praise our Lord in our daily chapel services. It will be big enough to host all the activities of this institution.

We started clearing the site with our tractor, and our contractor laid out the foundation. As I left the campus on May 31, I was able to take pictures of a 80% completed floor and the first few runs of our twenty-foot-high walls. Brethren, we need your support and prayers for this project of faith. Lord willing, we hope to conduct our Lectureship and graduation in this structure in May of 2020. My wife, Dee, and I also hope to celebrate the 35th year of our ministry for our Lord in Africa. Will you plan to attend and celebrate with us? Please contact us for more information.



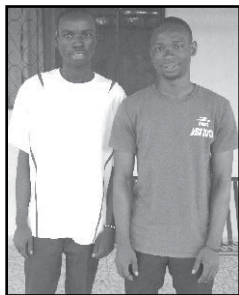
View from a window in the top floor of our new dorm.



Looking north, the foundation and floor are now completed and the walls are going up!

TWO MEN FROM THE SOUTH

We have two young men who came to us from the Susana Homes Orphanage in Abia State, Nigeria. Dr. Chi Hendricks is the President of the Orphanage. Nwaogwugwu Chukwuemeka Gideon, (our students call him Gideon) is 23 years old and graduated with a four-year degree in Bible on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Gideon entered the orphanage when he was 12 years old. He completed his high school education, then came to us in August 2015. He plans to help at the orphanage after graduation and apply to Faulkner University in Alabama to study for his Master's Degree in Bible.



*Left to right:
Victor & Gideon*

Brother Ekwenye Chinwemeri Victor, (our students call him Victor), is 19 years old. He entered the Susana Homes Orphanage as a baby. Victor was late for his entry testing and interviews so our limit of students was filled when he arrived in Jos. Dr. Tom told him that he was too late for this years class, so he should go home. Victor responded that he had no home to go too. It took a phone call from Dr. Chi telling Tom that, "of all the boys that had come through her orphanage these two boys had always wanted to be preachers." Dr. Tom honored her plea. He plans to graduate in May of 2022.

We thank our Lord and the churches in Atlanta, Georgia, who partner with Susana Homes Orphanage for sending us young men of this high caliber to study God's word at SBS.

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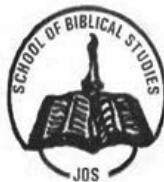
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