

*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. Tom Udoh 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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*Training to Serve  
Since 1989*

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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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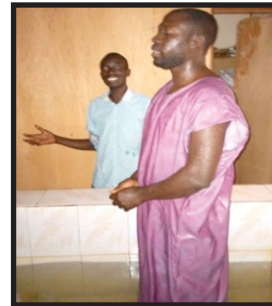
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## EVANGELISM

Even though door knocking evangelism has been suspended because of the Covid 19, our students are involved in other forms of evangelism that does not require face to face contact. We have Bible correspondence courses sent through the mail. Our Africa Bible School correspondence course center in Abuja reported six (6) students baptized in September.



Some of our students are also involved in Facebook evangelism. Pictured is a new convert who has been taught the gospel through our Face Book Evangelism Program and now is ready to meet Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection. Praise our Lord!

*"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"*

**Naphthali Dagasamah**  
*30Years Teaching  
at SBS*

## CORDON UPDATE: SETTING SAIL



**Albion Church of Christ**

Marci and I are happy to report that after many months in limbo, we are set to return to Nigeria in January, just after the turn of the new year. The limbo we have all been in, of course, is due to the coronavirus pandemic. Just a few weeks ago the travel restrictions to Nigeria were relaxed and international travel resumed. We quickly contacted Brother Tom to prepare arrangements for our return.

In the interim, when it became apparent that we would be unable to return for the first term in August, we found that there are plenty of opportunities and *"work to do on every hand."* We have been richly blessed to take a three month assignment working with congregations in the Magic Valley area (Twin Falls, Buhl, Rupert, and Albion) of Southern Idaho. Our time here has been rewarding and provided some wonderful excursions to see this vast and magnificent land. This will wrap up just in time for us to get back to Savannah, TN, at the end of October and prepare to work with SBS Jos (Jan – May). We are truly excited to return to our family and friends there, and reengage with the students starting their ministry in the Lord.

Still, *"there is much to do,"* in preparation. Passports, visas, inoculations, fund raising, taking care of business.... Thank you again for your prayers and steadfast support. Our next report should be, Lord willing, from Jos! May you be well and kept in all His ways.

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Following the order of the Federal Government of Nigeria for the closure of all institutions of learning and the subsequent total lockdown of major cities in Nigeria in March, 2020, our foreign students and some local students who were not able to return to their home towns before the lockdown were privileged to have abode in the dormitory for months. The international students on campus during the Covid-19 lockdown are from 6 different African countries namely; Zimbabwe, Chad, Cameroon, Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Liberia.

Student's experiences during the lockdown was not funny at all. Prices of food items in the market escalated to the extent that students found it difficult to afford a meal; hence many would have suffered starvation if not for the assistance rendered to them by concerned supporters, both from Nigeria and America. May God reward all those who provided money for us to get food items for our students during this pandemic.

**Emmanuel Egyegini**  
*(Dean of Students)*  
*9 Years Teaching at SBS*



## CAMPUS NEWS

When God sends rain, it is a blessing, but when it comes with thunder and lightning, it sometimes causes problems. Our internet facility and the uprising cable of our electrical transformer were hit by lightning twice in the month of September. We thank God for the lightning arresters we installed during construction and installation. They prevented major damage to our buildings. We are also grateful that no human lives were affected. We have restored power and the internet facility is now operational on campus.

Please rejoice with us as we have been able to place an order for a new passenger bus for the school. Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks, the bus will arrive. This became necessary in view of the continuous spread of Covid -19 in Nigeria. It has become unsafe for our staff to board commercial vehicles and travel for 14 hours on the road with other passengers. We have no control over as to where they were before the journey. It is necessary to be proactive when it comes to Corona Virus infection. Some people think the virus infection has dropped, but the truth is, in Nigeria, most people are not tested enough. By God's grace, our staff will be leaving for our Extension Program locations in the middle of November.

They plan to teach for two weeks at our teaching centers in Asaba, Delta State; Makurdi, Benue State; Gombe, Gombe State; and Lafia, Nasarawa State. Last year we added a center teaching our courses in the Hausa Language! Our Brothers Simon Dabish, and Barnabas Awak, continue to do an outstanding job of coordinating this good work. Please keep our staff in your prayers.

**Benjamin Jukwey**  
3 Years Teaching  
at SBS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SBS

We are quite aware of the challenge of the Corona Virus that led to the closure of schools across Nigeria since March 22<sup>nd</sup>, just like nearly all the countries of the world. Since then schools have remained closed, until during the month of September some States declared the reopening of schools. In Jos, Plateau State, schools are still closed. However, we have been running academic programs in the school of Biblical Studies partially since last June. We were able to finish the 2019/20 academic session. Reopening of the new academic session of 2020/21 in full has been delayed because of the same challenge restraining the reopening of Schools. However, we have been calling back our students in different classes at different times to complete their first semester of 2020/21. We hope to sustain the progress until the Government order for full reopening of schools. On our part, we have ensured that our students observe social distancing, and other hygienic activities required by Covid 19 regulations. God has been faithful, we have not experienced any incidence of infection with either our students nor our staff.

For 2020/21 academic session we have a total of **182** students. We have **130** students in our regular program and **52** students in our extension off campus program. We are hopeful the figure may increase by November, especially for our Extension program. Lord willing, we hope to resume our classes in the Extension centers the second week of November in the various centers. Good enough, where our centers are located, full academic activities have resumed as those states have ordered reopening of schools.

**Dr. Tom Udoh**  
27 Years Teaching  
at SBS

## PROPOSED PROJECT FOR 2021

Over these past years, our students have experienced difficulties in getting first aid medical services when they get sick. Sometimes, they have had to leave our campus late at night or early in the morning to hospitals far from the school. We thank God because He has been protecting them while on the road, but it is necessary we have an infirmary or clinic on campus that will cater for their urgent medical needs. Such facility will equally serve as a means of community service required by Nigerian law to the immediate hosting community. I plead that this project should be given an earnest consideration in view of the insecurity in Northern Nigeria, especially at night or the early morning hours. Dr. Tom Udoh, President of SBS

Editor's note: I have contacted brethren in Searcy, Arkansas; and Nashville, Tennessee, with proposals for a medical clinic on campus. Please pray for this much needed service for our students, staff, and local community.

**Daniel Boi**  
12 Years Teaching  
at SBS

## QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFE PARTNERS!

The School of Biblical Studies, Jos, is a unique high institution of learning where students get sound Christian religious knowledge to better their lives here in this world and the hereafter. Nevertheless, it is not only a place for quality education, it is also where a life partner can be found. At SBS Jos, students are privileged to study God's word together in the class with the opposite sex, get to understand each other, and through which some of them end up finding their life partners in addition to the Bible knowledge obtained.

So far, three (3) of our students, before graduating, found their suitors while in SBS Jos, and were married. The first is Meredit Jerry and Happy Yohanna (both Nigerians) who have graduated and now are working in the field where he is preaching the gospel. The second is Gerald Dzuwanani and Cynthia Alagba (Zimbabwean and Nigerian respectively), while the third is Shuro Moses and Nenpin John (Zimbabwean and Nigerian respectively) whose marriage is coming up in November 2020 by God's grace.



Moses Shuro and Nenpin John

Although Nenpin graduated a year before Shuro Moses our Lord brought them together to be husband and wife in a month to come. After their marriage, they will go to Zimbabwe together and work for the Lord. It is our earnest prayer that may the grace and blessings of God Almighty be upon them in this journey!!

**Dr. Solomon Aguh**  
31 Years Teaching  
at SBS

## CLASS SCHEDULE

With the continuous lockdown of schools across Nigeria, especially now in Plateau State, we made arrangements for our classes to continue so that we would not lose a semester. We have foreign students with us whose VISA's, when expired, will not be renewed free by the immigration service despite the continuous spread of Covid 19. Online classes were not an option because the majority of students reside in rural areas where there is no electricity, or sometimes, no internet connection. We are now producing modules for all our courses. This however, will take time before the final copies are produced, but in the meantime, we were able to bring in the 4<sup>th</sup> year BA graduating class, alongside with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Diploma graduating class, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Certificate graduating class in May/June. They completed the remaining classes and took their semester Exams. We repeated the same method with the other levels of studies (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> year Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> year Diploma, and 1<sup>st</sup> year Certificate students). That is how we were able to successfully complete the 2019/20 academic session..



**Simon Dabish**  
16 Years Teaching  
at SBS

Students writing their second semester exams in our new Chapel/ Activities Building  
Thanks to everyone who contributed to this most welcome and needed building! God's blessing to you all.