



West Africa Mission Happenings



“... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature – Mark 16:15”

A work of the church of Christ

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Greetings from West Africa to all those throughout the world who are taking the time to read this report. It is our prayer that you are diligently seeking and obeying the truth, so we can all grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we preach the gospel to the peoples of Africa, we also pray that the gospel light is burning brightly in your part of the world. May our Lord bless all of our efforts as we faithfully follow Him. Your fellowship in the gospel is allowing us to achieve many of our goals, and we would like to spend some time now sharing these happenings with you.

Special Needs

Bicycles and Motorbikes – We can buy a bicycle for \$100 or a motorbike for \$1,000. This will help a preacher to carry the gospel to the next village, or help them edify other congregations in their area.

Books and Bibles – We can buy Bibles in the native languages of the people for \$5 to \$10. We continue to need library books for all of our school libraries. These books can cost from \$5 to \$30.

Roofs for Buildings – Some congregations need a little boost to complete their church buildings. We try to help those who put forth a lot of effort with their roofs. The cost can range from \$300 to \$1,000 depending upon the size of the building.

Support for Liberian Christian Refugees – Can you help a brother or sister restart their life in Liberia?

Used Laptops – We also have a need for used laptops. If you have an old Windows XP laptop or later, a preaching school graduate could use it in their work.

Radio Work – Some graduates would like to preach the gospel on their local radio stations. The cost can range from \$40 a month and up.

Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies - Ghana

“Muslims, malaria, and mud huts!” said a deacon in an Arkansas congregation after one of my mission reports. This was his perception of northern Ghana. He should have also included in his description “white fields of lost souls ready to be harvested,” and “faithful Christians who are willing to sacrifice to make that possible.” The Tamale Institute in northern Ghana is continuing their efforts to train these faithful Christians. The school has now trained a total of twenty-eight men with our second graduation of thirteen men in 2013. We thank God for all of their efforts and sacrifice! We taught these men to preach the gospel, and only God knows the impact that they could have upon the Lord’s Kingdom in this part of the world. As these men left, we opened our doors to new students once again. God blessed us with eighteen men who will spend the next two years studying His word. Please keep TIBS in your prayers!

Southwest School of Evangelism - Nigeria

Bombings, kidnappings, ethnic and religious violence, poverty, corruption, and disease are some of the headlines you may see in the news for Nigeria. Could you imagine living among all these problems? Almost 170,000,000 Nigerians must deal with these challenges every day, and about half of those are under the age of 14. This is truly a nation of impoverished children. The Southwest School of Evangelism, established in 2003, is bringing this troubled nation a message of hope in Christ. A recent practicum for our students resulted in thirty-two baptisms and thirty-five restorations. The school has graduated over 100 preachers since its inception, and on August 24, 2013, we sent eighteen additional men into the mission field of Nigeria. There are now thirty-one students studying at the main campus located in Ibadan. Brother Gary Fallis with Bear

Valley wrote a wonderful report of his recent trip to the graduation in Nigeria that you can find on the Bear Valley website. The school is doing a magnificent work, but continues to struggle with funding needs. If you would like to become a direct financial partner with these brethren, please let us know. They can definitely use our help!

West Coast School of Preaching - Ghana

(NEWS FLASH - Fourteen precious souls are baptized into Jesus Christ!) Joshua Aidoo, an instructor at the WCSOP, and eight other gospel preachers traveled to the northern Ghana town of Yeji recently to preach the gospel of our Lord, and God gave the increase. Many wonderful works are taking place at the school of preaching in Takoradi Ghana. The school sent out five men into the Ghanaian field of lost souls after they completed their two-year program during this period. These men will participate in a joint graduation ceremony with the eleven remaining students when they complete their studies at this time next year. We are presently working diligently to recruit twenty new men before then, so we can fully utilize the school facilities. Please keep our efforts in your prayers.

Cameroon Bible Institute – Wotutu

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15). The Bear Valley program in Wotutu Cameroon continues to bring the gospel to the lost throughout the community. The school’s reports on the Bear Valley website are filled with personal work, and evangelistic campaigns that are bringing many souls to Christ. In addition to all the work in the field, they continue to teach men in the classroom! Twenty-seven preaching students recently began their third semester of training. We are amazed how many faithful Christians in Cameroon have a desire to dig deeper into God’s word. May our Lord bless their efforts as they continue to labor in His vineyard!

Center for Biblical Studies – Kpalime, Togo

“Bonjour Mes Amis.” How do you bring the truth to the people in a French-speaking country where the church is very weak? The Bear Valley program in Kpalime may have the answer! They bring in pastors, teachers, and leaders from many different faiths, teach them the truth about Christianity, convert them, and then send them out to teach others. Our third class of fifteen students completed

the two-year program in August, and we will have photos on their graduation in our next report. We now have twenty new students who have begun their program of study. We thank God for this opportunity to make a difference in West Africa.

Bear Valley Bible Institute Website

You can read all the up-to-date information about each of our extension schools on the Bear Valley Bible Institute website at the following address:

<http://www.wetrainpreachers.com/extension-news/>

*Who shall separate us
from the love of Christ?*

*Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

(Romans 8:35)

Financial Support

We want to thank all the supporters for their contributions to this exciting work in West Africa. Without you, this effort would not be possible.

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*Thanks So Much,
With Christian Love*

Steven Ashcraft

Some New Christians In West Africa



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Joshua Aidoo with the West Coast School of Preaching recently participated in an evangelistic campaign in the northern Ghana town of Yeji.



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Four precious souls were baptized on a recent evangelistic campaign to revive the church in Ediki village. Thirty-one souls were present for worship on the first day of the week.

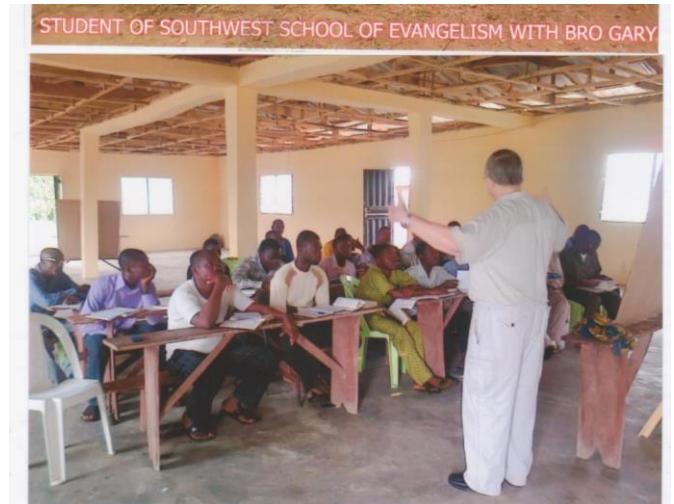
Brother Agbor James baptizes Anthony into Christ in the village of Mundemba in Cameroon. The brethren at Cameroon Bible Institute are very busy indeed!

Southwest School of Evangelism Ibadan, Nigeria



Eighteen students graduated from the Ibadan campus of the Southwest School of Evangelism in August 2013. Brother Gary Fallis with Bear Valley was blessed to participate!

The new Doug Wheeler Hall was available for the recent lectureship and graduation at the SWSE. Funds are still needed to put the finishing touches on this wonderful building.



It was a double celebration for the brethren at the SWSE. They reached the milestone of their ten-year anniversary along with the graduation ceremony.

Brother Gary Fallis had the opportunity to teach the Scheme of Redemption and the book of Hebrews during his recent visit to Nigeria. May God bless his efforts!

Cameroon Bible Institute of Wotutu Wotutu, Cameroon



One of the preacher students baptizes our new sister, Tongo Nadesh. Her husband was already a Christian, so now the blood of Christ has blessed their marriage!

A recent evangelistic campaign resulted in the revival of this congregation in Ediki Village. Four souls were added to our Lord's Kingdom, and many were restored.



Our preacher training programs all include practical study in-house to house evangelism. Here one of our graduates is using that training to share the gospel with others.

Twenty-seven students began their third semester of classes during the current period. With your help, many men are given the opportunity to study the word of God.

Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies Tamale, Ghana



Thirteen Students graduated from the Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies in July of this year. Twenty-eight men have now graduated from this school over the last four years.

The valedictorian of the graduating class, Timothy, is seen here receiving his diploma from one of our instructors, Adjei Mensah. We thank God for His faithful servants.



Many of you know Kojo Beenyi seen here in this photo holding a training session for our new and old students. We thank Kojo for taking the time to help us train men at TIBS!

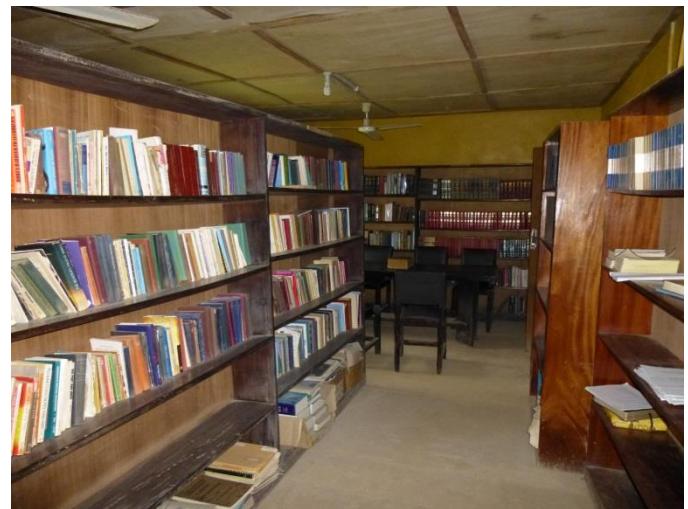
The students have planted a farm made up of corn and yams that are to help feed the students when they go out on evangelistic campaigns. Every little bit helps!

**West Coast School of Preaching
Takoradi, Ghana**



Joshua Aidoo, an instructor at the WCSOP, baptizes a man into Christ during a recent campaign in the town of Yeji. We thank God for our new brother and Joshua!

Public preaching and personal work make up most of our evangelistic campaigns. As it is written, "... How shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rm 10:14).



Joseph Mensah, a graduate of WCSOP, was blessed with a used laptop to use in his work through your generous donations. He wants to thank every one of you!

Recent renovations at the WCSOP have resulted in an enlarged space for the school library. With your assistance, we are slowly building up a substantial learning center here.

Other



Instructor Aklao is teaching the new students at the Center for Biblical Studies in Kpalime Togo. Seventeen students began classes, which has now increased to twenty.

These students have only begun at CBS in Togo, but you can see that they are already diligently digging deep into God's word. We can make a difference in someone's life!



A motorbike is a wonderful tool for those in the villages, or those living in areas where they are the predominant means of transportation.

What is wrong with this picture? Shouldn't the baby have a helmet too?

The Children



More Children

