



BIBLE STUDENTS' COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Newsletter

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Greetings from the BSCFA

There has never been a time in history when attending a Bible Student meeting has been so accessible to join. The brethren quickly adapted to Zoom during Covid. Now that Covid is over many brethren have continued this practice of meeting online. Zoom benefits brethren who are both geographically close and for those who are too far a distance or isolated. The online meetings have afforded brethren the opportunity to join meetings worldwide. This has been a blessing for many that are in isolated areas and also for those who venture out of their local areas to expand both their studies and fellowship. Many brethren in Africa, Australia, England, European Union and the United States are availing themselves of this opportunity of Cross-Pollination.

Technology is a blessing when used for the betterment of mankind. Not that far in the distant past all communication was done by snail mail unless you physically traveled to a foreign land. Today we have our brethren in Africa joining meetings in the United States and this is also reciprocated by our brethren in the US attending meetings in Africa. This was not possible not that many years ago.

Since the advent of the smartphone, brethren in remote areas of Africa are able to join meetings on a regular basis and have all the Bible resources at their fingertips. Brethren in Africa are active in witnessing and bringing new interests to these meetings.

With the Smartphone, brethren worldwide are able to communicate freely for the least possible cost. This method allows for Biblical subjects to be taught, questions answered, personal testimonies and relationships formed. Let us all the more earnestly strive to take heed to the Apostle Paul's words in Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus ... 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NRSV

Bro. Bill Dutka, *Chairman BSCFA*



WEST AFRICA

Nigeria

Servants' Seminar at Agwa

Nineteen ecclesias were represented at this gathering between May 23 and 24, 2025. The theme text was based on Matthew 6:10. Discourses and/or studies focused upon "God's Kingdom, Consecration, The Name of Jesus and Consideration of Lessons from Specific Chapters in Volume Six of Studies in the Scriptures." There was a distribution of Truth related literature



Group Photo at Servants Seminar

to those in attendance with appreciation expressed to the various sources in the United States who provided these materials. (Bro. Cajetan Egbu)

Ikorodu Lagos Ecclesia

Our ecclesia meets in person on Sundays and draws strength from the fellowship and study of God’s word. During the week there are in depth studies from the Volumes and several Truth related booklets. The children are engaged in various phases of our class activities including public witnessing. It is a privilege to spread the message of hope to those in the world who need it. (Bro. Ike Ashiegbu)



Group Photo of Ikorodu Ecclesia

Cameroon

Recently, we traveled to Moloundou, a remote town some distance from my home to visit an isolated brother who is a teacher for fellowship. The next day I visited the local school to distribute Truth materials and the following day gave out tracts to those in the area, promising I would return for follow up activities. (Bro. Alex Mokom)



Bro. Alex Witnessing in a School

Ghana

West Africa Convention

The April 2025 West African Convention, held from the 16th to 17th of April 2025, was a spiritually uplifting gathering of brethren

from across Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Liberia, and Cameroon, centered around the theme from Psalm 37:25. The event took place over two days and featured a carefully curated schedule of devotional activities, doctrinal studies, panel discussions, and fellowship. Wednesday, April 16th began with a discourse on 1 Corinthians 14:33 by Bro. Isaiah Amoo. This was followed by a panel discussion from Volume 6 (pages 273–293) addressing the importance and structure of class elections, featuring insightful contributions from Bros. Cajetan Egbu, Sergino Kpoedzou, and Felix Daddah and moderated by Bro. Edward Nkansah.

The afternoon session included a song service and study on “Social Obligations” drawn from Volume 6 (pages 588–590), presented by Bro. Alex Mokom. An engaging question meeting allowed brethren to share thoughts and seek clarifications. The evening concluded with a panel discussion on Revelation 8:1–5 led by Bro. Moses Obire with panelists Bros. John Isife and Jerome Rogers.

Thursday’s program began with a devotional service. Subsequently, a comprehensive panel discussion on 1 Timothy 3:1–13, moderated by Bro. Donatus Onochie with participants Bros. Leonard Plange, Ike

Ashiegbu, Moses Shotunde, and Peter Eke, addressed the Biblical qualifications of leadership. After another series of questions and intermissions, the afternoon ended with a study on “Self-denial and Cross-bearing” from Luke 9:23 and 14:27, 33, led by Bro. Moses Obire. The final evening services included a testimony meeting led by Bro. Edward Nkansah, highlighting personal spiritual experiences, followed by heartfelt closing remarks from Bro. Noah Amoo. The event concluded with hymns and announcements, leaving attendees spiritually nourished and inspired. (Bro. Noah Amoo)

Pan Africa Convention

April 16th

On Wednesday evening April 16th, Bros. Richard Doctor, Brian Montague, Homer Montague and Richard Warner as well as Srs. Karen Earl, Cathy Sandridge, Claudia Tosa and Marva Warner had delightful fellowship at the JFK Airport before their flight to Accra, Ghana.

April 17th

After the plane landed at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra and retrieving their luggage, the U.S. brethren were greeted early that morning by a group of brethren from Ghana and Togo that had



West Africa Convention Attendees

attended the West African Convention. After many pieces of luggage were packed in and on top of the chartered van, all of the brethren traveled together to the PWC. Later that day, brethren from Southern Africa arrived at the PWC.

April 18th

Following breakfast, those brethren at the PWC either traveled to a witness effort led by Bro. Jay Sreekanth or remained at the center to decorate the meeting hall. During the day East African, Indian, additional North American and African brethren arrived via the airlines or public transportation.

April 19th

The convention began, featuring a welcome address, a theme discourse from John 16:22, mini talks on the plagues of Egypt and a panel discussion where the audience was given an opportunity to pose questions to the speakers, a sisters’ testimony meeting and an evening devotional service. At the end of this day’s service (as well as the next two to follow) there were distributions of humanitarian aid packages as well as many donated tracts, booklets and other Truth materials.

April 20th

The day’s services consisted of mini talks and a panel

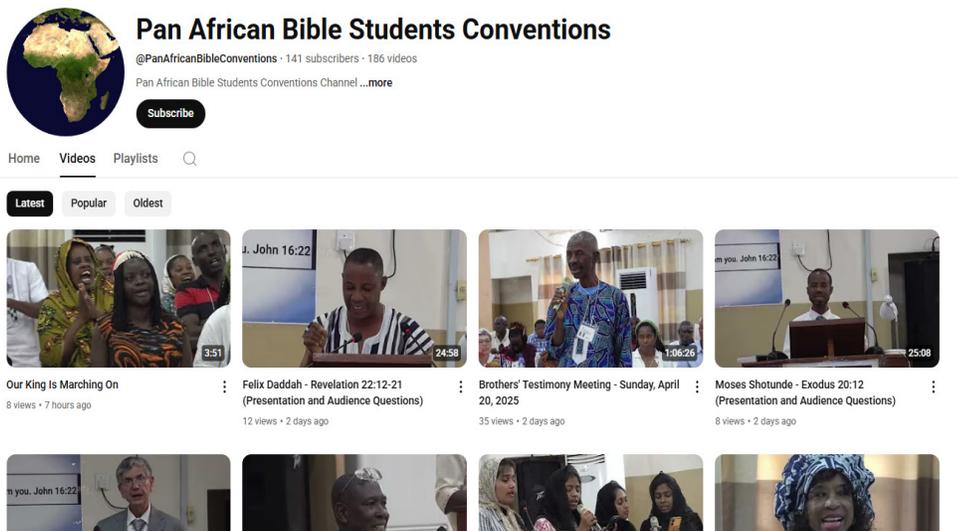
discussion. In both instances, the audience shared comments or posed questions to the speakers. During the afternoon, a group photograph was taken and a brothers’ testimony meeting occurred. In the evening a Nigerian Service Report was shared.

April 21st

The third day of convention continued with mini-talks and question/answer opportunities from the audience, a baptismal discourse and immersion service where 3 candidates (Sr. Julian Acquaye as well as Bros. Eric Acheampong and Kenneth Kwao) were welcomed into the fellowship. There was also a 2nd sisters’ testimony meeting and a devotional service.

April 22nd

Today’s program included a mini-talk, a general testimony meeting and the closing discourse. During an intermission, the staff from the PWC treated the brethren to juice and pastries. Thereafter, the closing remarks were given and some children whose Bible Student parents are members of the Accra ecclesia sang Christian songs and recited Scriptures. A beautiful Vespers service ended the convention and during the emotional singing of God Be with You the brethren shared hugs and tears.



**PAC
YouTube Channel**

www.youtube.com/@PanAfricanBibleConventions

April 23rd

Most of the convention attendees prepared for their journey home throughout the day. Some which remained extended their fellowship time in town.

April 24th

Following another small group of brethren departing Accra for home, those that remained joined Bro. Jayanth Sreekanth for two additional public witness activities. Finally, additional brethren caught flights out of Accra that evening. It was a blessed convention and we give all the glory to God.

May Pilgrim Activities

After the Pan African Convention, Bros. Lee and Bernard Hicks as well as Bro. Jayanth Sreekanth from Germany and others took part in witnessing activities in Accra. Subsequently, I saw Bros. Lee and Bernard off at the airport before returning to Kumasi. On May 15, I returned to Accra and met with Bro. Kenneth Kwao to speak with teen aged students about “How to Study the Bible and Have It Make Sense.” This was such an encouraging visit that I hope to incorporate it into my regular travels there. The following week I went to Accra again, arriving on Friday, May 23 and had another opportunity to meet these children over the next two days. Bro. Kenneth encouraged

me to create a WhatsApp study group for their teachers and we meet with them at 7:30 each Sunday evening. Finally, on Sunday, May 25, I was joined by Sr. Sarah Aare of Kumasi and we had in person fellowship with the Accra ecclesia before departing together for our respective homes and arriving approximately six hours later. (Bro. Edward Nkansah)

Togo

During the blessed conventions in Ghana, one of the key subjects that deeply touched our hearts was the study concerning the election of elders in the ecclesia. We were encouraged by the spiritual depth and practical guidance provided. Upon our return to Togo, we felt moved to take this matter seriously and to begin a systematic and prayerful study concerning elders and deacons, using Volume 6 of Studies in the Scriptures. Our desire is that those serving the class do so in harmony with the Lord’s will. Motivated by this season of growth and reflection, we are also preparing to resume our public witness efforts starting next month, God willing. We plan to go out with the message of the Kingdom, using tracts and personal testimonies, in an organized and prayerful manner. We thank the Lord for the encouragement received from our brethren across Africa and for the unity of



Group Photograph of Accra Ecclesia

the Spirit we continue to enjoy. Our hearts remain focused on spiritual development, service, and the orderly functioning of the body of Christ. (Bro. Felix Afantchawo)



Bro. Felix Afantchawo

Liberia

During a recent window of five weeks, I have had the privilege of following up upon leads from the Christian Resources App, both personally as well as via telephone. Through the faithful witness of Bro. Cletus Golen, four other brethren have symbolized their consecrations and there is now active participation by a total of thirteen who meet together on Tuesdays, Wednesdays

and/or Sundays. We have also been engaged in public witnessing. Bro. Aluah Sheldon, a teacher and long-time friend in the faith, uses Truth materials as part of his curriculum. Accordingly, he invited me to his school and I told the children about the divine message using the Chart of the Ages and the God's Plan booklet. Our Sunday meetings include among other topics, Chapter 14 of Studies in the Scriptures. We appreciate your prayers and support. (Bro. Nicholas Toe)

EAST AFRICA

Rwanda

I traveled to Nyagatare and met the friends on May 15. We focused on the promise to Abraham and also reviewed the Hidden Mystery, using a variety of appropriate Scriptures. Time was allocated for the giving of testimonies and a desire was expressed to have even deeper studies. We were joined by a man named Alexander who is a Pentecostal from Cameroon who heard our voices from the upper room of the hotel in which we were studying. He joined us and we had an opportunity to share with him information on topics such as Ransom, Restitution and Restoration. He had some



Bro. Nicholas Witnessing to Students



Brethren at Nyagatare

arguments but we provided Scriptural support. I gave him some Truth booklets and if he has a yearning to understand, we hope they will prove beneficial to him. We continue to follow upon the leads received. Those posted recently appear to be bearing some fruitage as most of them appreciate studies in God's Grand Plan of the Ages. (Bro. Silver Mugisha)

Uganda

Memorial activities included a convention on April 10, 11 2025. Eleven candidates symbolized their consecration via water immersion. The following Sunday at Ssesse Island in Kalangala District, we were highly blessed to witness another large group of friends make a commitment to walk in

newness of life. Our attendance at Wakiso during the Memorial was 65 and after studies of the typical Passover and antitypical Memorial of our Master, 43 members were able to partake of the emblems. The number of disciples has highly increased and throughout the country, the need for a Radio or TV program to promulgate the Truth is apparent. The influence of the Master's return is at full strength in Africa. (Bro. Laban and Sr. Sarah Ssewanaya)

Kenya

Migori Weekly Radio Witness

The importance of sisters as part of the body of Christ (Galatians 3:28) is illustrated by the following. Below is a weekly radio report for Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Study VII: Why God Permits Evil. God's Grand Plan of the Ages

Subtopics: 1 Would Another Plan Work? 2 The Great Plan of Resurrection.

After welcoming and thanking my audience who joined in and prayed, I read my previous lessons where my listeners learned about: Death-- Not Torture. That the wages of sin is death, not eternal torment. The penalty was the loss of life-- not endless suffering! (Revelation 20:14; Romans 6:23; Acts 24:15) Then I went on to the last two paragraphs of the topic; 1 Would Another Plan Work? In this section, I discussed the question; Could God have chosen a different plan to save mankind-



Wakiso Ecclesia Members Attending Memorial Celebration



**Sr. Grace Odera Witnessing
from Radio Station**

-one without the experience of evil? The answer is deeply rooted in God's wisdom, love and justice. While God certainly has the power to do all things, the permission of evil serves a higher, eternal purpose. It is not only for the punishment of sin but for the development of character, obedience and appreciation of righteousness. (1 Peter 1:12) May we all be inspired to share the Good News of God's Kingdom. (Sr. Grace Odera)

SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa Ecclesia

One illustration of the principle articulated in Hebrews 10:24, 25 is that if we are serious about meeting together as brethren, a way can be found to accomplish that even among those who do not live in close proximity to each other. Here is a brief report from the elder of the South Africa Ecclesia who sometimes travels as much as eighteen hours one way for monthly in person fellowship with the rest of the class. I was at Nelspruit this past weekend from Friday to Sunday. We had a very beautiful fellowship with the brethren. Though I was not feeling so well we were all very happy.

On Friday afternoon, we had a study about salvation and knowledge, what comes first? We shared some ideas about the Battle of Armageddon and what the Bible teaches. (1 Timothy 2:4) On Saturday, we had the visit of Bros. Mica and Sesikisa. We spoke about Matthew 7:13-14, the difference between the Soul and the Spirit, the Narrow way, and the Broad way; Terrestrial bodies and Heavenly bodies. We prayed and shared together our meal of the day. We also joined Bro. Matthew Kerry's study, and after our Sunday meeting, I left Bro. Oscar Katunga's house for my bus back to Johannesburg. (Bro. Israel Loji)



Group Photograph of South Africa Ecclesia

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