



BIBLE STUDENTS' COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Newsletter

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Greetings from the BSCFA

Today we live in an unstable world; elected officials are navigating uncharted waters where leaders propose solutions for safety they think will solve the impending crisis. Some stability may ensue for a season, but the Bible is additionally confirmed by history showing us wars and rumors of wars have been the norm for Millenniums. (Matt. 24:6-8) Even the noblest leaders with the best of intentions cannot solve the world's problems.

On the other hand, we know the long-term solution is the kingdom that we daily pray for in Matt. 6:10. Prior to the kingdom, during this present evil world we pray for a quiet and peaceable life so that we may serve and worship God without hindrance. (1 Tim. 2:1-2) During the Gospel Age God is developing a called-out people to be fitted for a work in restoring mankind from their fallen condition. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (1 Cor. 12:18 NRSV) Christ's kingdom is the only lasting remedy for true happiness for ALL mankind to live in harmony with their Creator and each other as was intended from the beginning of creation.

We live in the age of technology where we can communicate with one another throughout the world without restriction. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to live up to our covenant made and assist

our brethren to do the same. How can we do this? We can do this by not being distracted with worldly affairs, but to be focused on Christian living, prayer, personal study, ecclesia study, conventions, sharing our experiences and beliefs with others. Let us share with others the comforting message of peace and safety as stated. "But they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken." (Micah 4:4, NRSV)

Bro. Bill Dutka, *Chairman BSCFA*



WEST AFRICA

Nigeria

Ibadan Ecclesia

The ecclesia's end of year Thanksgiving Convention was held on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 2024. Its theme was "I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30) Six brethren gave discourses and two of the friends conducted the immersion service as seven brothers and six sisters symbolized their consecrations. Two elders moderated Testimony Meetings which were conducted, one on each day and a Question Meeting chaired by Bro. Cajetan Egbu



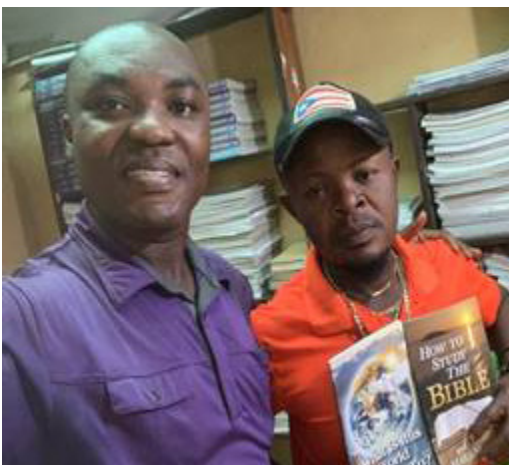
Attendees at Ibadan's Thanksgiving Convention

with panelists Bros. Ikechukwu Ashiegbu, Moses Shotunde, and Anthony Olinya who addressed the inquiries posed by the brethren in a satisfactory manner.

Liberia

Cletus Golen is steadily growing in his faith. Recently, he connected with his cousin, Daniel Gussin, whom I was introduced to earlier by Sr. Kula from Grand Bassa County. Daniel is currently visiting Monrovia, and Cletus met with him and joyfully shared how he had been consecrated. Daniel, who had been

disengaged for some time, expressed a desire to learn more, and they invited me to study with them at his place. I reassured him that while knowledge is important, it is the heart that will accept even the smallest detail of truth. It was a blessing to study with them, and I also provided some materials. Another significant activity I want to share is work-related. Some time ago, I mentioned that we are not permitted to emphasize a particular religion or faith over others at work, but we are allowed to teach religious and moral education. However, my travels with tracts and booklets in my backpack created opportunities for interaction. Some students and colleagues became interested and asked me to share with them. I did, and I continue to do so. Things recently became much easier when the Vice Principal for Instruction, Mohammed Kromah, collected the "Blessings" tract from a student, read it, became interested, and invited me to his office to learn more. As I shared with him God's plan for mankind, he expressed amazement and asked many questions: "How can an old teaching (referring to hell fire and the Trinity) be wrong?" "Is God



Bro. Nicholas Toe with Vice Principal Kromah

going to forgive me by giving me another chance?” and “Who will actually go to heaven?” I allowed the Scriptures to speak for themselves, and he later requested the booklet “How to Study the Bible and Have It Make Sense.” He encouraged me to freely share with others whenever possible. The foregoing reflects a portion of my activities during November 2024. (Bro. Nicholas Toe)

Ghana

Pilgrim Trips Throughout Ghana

By his unmerited assisting grace, I visited Cape Coast on November 9 and 10, 2024, to encourage the brethren to hold fast as Satan’s power is only temporary. I, therefore, emphasized not that we love God, but that he loved us first and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sin. (1John 4:10) On November 16 and 17, 2024, my companion, Sr. Sarah Asare and I traveled to Accra and met with the brethren and friends in a guest hotel to continue our study on “Consecration.” For those who desire to symbolize their consecrations, I made it known to them that the primary purpose



Attendees at Consecration Study in Accra

for preaching the Gospel, is to make people disciples of Jesus and inform all that the Kingdom of God is at hand. At the end of our fellowship, the brethren in Accra provided us with a lovely lunch before we all departed. It calls for gratitude to those who supported this idea by providing both spiritual and temporal food to all those that are in attendance. (Bro. Edward Nkansah)

Ghana End of Year Convention

The 2024 Ghana End-of-Year Convention, held virtually on November 30, 2024, was a spiritually enriching event hosted by the Kumasi Bible Students Class. It centered on the theme: “Surely, goodness and mercy



Servants at Ghana End of Year Convention

shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Psalm 23:6) The convention provided an opportunity for brethren worldwide to fellowship, reflect, and grow in the faith. The event commenced with a devotional session, including hymns, prayers, and reflections, setting a tone of reverence and gratitude. The welcome address by Bro. Isaiah Amoo highlighted the importance of unity in Christ despite any physical distances.

The program featured deeply insightful panel discussions and a vibrant question-and-answer session. Brethren from various countries shared scriptural perspectives on Christ’s instructions in Mark 6:7-13, the timelines in Daniel 12, and the spiritual lessons in Ephesians 4:12-13. These sessions encouraged lively participation and were instrumental in deepening understanding of key biblical themes. Testimonies shared during the meeting inspired many, showcasing God’s grace in the brethren’s lives.

The convention drew 63 brethren from across the globe, who joined via Zoom. Despite the virtual format, it successfully fostered a sense of fellowship and spiritual

growth. The event concluded with closing remarks, prayers, and songs of praise, leaving attendees encouraged and uplifted. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing gratitude for the edifying discussions and the opportunity to connect with brethren worldwide. (Bro. Noah Amoo)

Cameroon

Concerning our activities, the month of November was special because the entire class excluding the children went out to witness. You cannot imagine how we came back joyous and strengthened. Our goal was to give a tract or a booklet to all those who can read in the village of Paki. I told the brethren they did not have to stay long with anyone to dump the whole Gospel in one conversation but just explore it with them a little bit at a time, and let the handout of our books, booklets and tracts do the rest. The citizens in the villages here are not different from those in Athens. (Acts 17: 21) The video we once presented was “For this Cause.” After the 50 minutes of preaching, many came forward for counseling and questions. We are doing our best to spread the good news within and outside of our region. (Bro. Alex Mokom)



Witnessing in Paki

Typical Experiences in Africa

This was written to help us understand the great sufferings our brethren encounter on the continent of Africa. Many children find their way to Brother Alex Mokom's home. Unfortunately, their parents have been killed in clashes between Muslims and Christians in Cameroon. For example, in 2023, violent clashes broke out between the Christian Hourza community and the Muslim Mandara community in Warba, resulting in deaths, injuries, and displacement of people. "Boko Haram attacks are the most visible sign of radicalization in Cameroon. But changes in the country's religious landscape run much deeper." Boko Haram is a Salafist-jihadist group that seeks to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria and the surrounding region. They reject Western education, secularism, and what they perceive as corrupt Islamic practices. There have been reports of Boko Haram's connections with other Islamist groups, including those linked to the Muslim Brotherhood. (Contributed)



Brethren Attending Wedding Ceremony

Togo

Regarding the Lomé Ecclesia, we continue the local meeting daily with the participation of all brethren. As we agreed, we are witnessing every last Saturday of the month. We recently received two visitors, but unfortunately, they stopped coming. We have temporarily stopped the proofreading of the new French version

of Volume 3 but intend to resume this activity soon. We also participated in the wedding of Bro. Felix and Sr. Helen Afantchawo on December 15, 2024. (Bro. Sergino Kpoedzou)

EAST AFRICA

Rwanda

I traveled to Nyagatare in the Eastern region of Rwanda and met brethren on November 10, 2024. We studied "Bible Chronology" and "The Times of the Gentiles" based on Luke 21:23-24. I also traveled and met with the brethren in Kigali on November 24, 2024. We studied "the mission of the church" based upon Ephesians 4:8-12. Another study pertained to God's witness to the world. (Matthew 24:14) In December, I contacted many leads through the HTSB program. Thus far, some have responded well. Some of the leads in Ethiopia, Tanzania and South Sudan appear for online study every Friday evening. (Bro. Silver Mugisha)



Studies with Nyagatare Brethren

Uganda

We traveled 7500 kilometers between October 28th to November 10th, 2024 with servants from the following classes – Namaliri, Jinja, Bukedda, Naluvule and Musori. The ministry is progressing well with disciples who can further the Lord's



Bro. Laban (Extreme Right) with Busia Brethren

cause with or without our presence. Part of our efforts are funded by growing maize, potatoes, and bananas as well as tending to poultry and pigs. As of this writing, we will support the wedding of Bro. Obed and Irene Namusitwa and conduct a one-day seminar on December 31, 2024. We appreciate your prayers that we fulfill God's will. (Bro. Laban and Sr. Sarah Ssewanaya)

Kenya

Bungoma Ecclesia

Although Bro. Wilson Indakwa lives in Bungoma, he is extremely active throughout Kenya and sometimes even travels to Uganda. Furthermore, he calls in for Sunday meetings of various ecclesias in the United States and hosts a number of weekly meetings that various elders living in America conduct. He frequently travels long distances on foot to assist with the delivery of electronic equipment and Truth literature to individuals he has witnessed to in order to strengthen their understanding of God's plan. Having attended the Pan African Convention in Ghana during the spring of 2024, he has met and established close working relationships with many saints from countries near and far. His zeal for the Lord and the support he receives from his wife, Sr. Sarah, have proven to be a great blessing to so many with whom he regularly interacts.



Bro. Wilson with Brethren at Uganda Border

A Special Testimony

Much gratitude to the BSCFA for the privilege and opportunity to share my story. My name is Sr. Angie DiLoro from the Buffalo, New York Ecclesia. I have been in the Truth for 21 years, raised in a Catholic, adopted family since age of 7, and spent 14 years in the nominal system. After 5



**Sr. Angie
DiLoro**

**Bro. Eliud
Indawka**

years of searching, I remained still, waiting on the Lord, and found the Truth. While on Zoom at General Convention, I met a young brother from Bungoma, Kenya, Bro. Eliud. Sharing Scriptures, their application to life experiences, I was amazed how a young man of 26 years could have such a grasp of the Truth after only 3 years in his consecrated walk. The Lord blessed me with his uplifting and insightful use of Scripture. Bro. Eliud is a true ambassador for Christ, striving to share the Word, even enduring malaria and typhoid during a missionary journey. By God’s grace, he survived, continuing his missionary work and teaching a local Bible study group. I leave you with Matthew 11:28 for encouragement.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa Ecclesia

On October 12, 2024, we had our Zoom General Convention under the Theme: “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life.” (Rev. 2:10) Many brethren of different countries attended and several brothers served as noted in the photograph on page 8. The program was diversified with panels, discourses, a children’s presentation, testimonies and discussions concerning Israel. About 120 brethren tuned in for this gathering which commenced at 9 am and ended about 9 pm. (Bro. Israel Loji)

In Person Fellowship Gathering
I, traveled to and from Durban to Nelspruit from December 6-8, 2024 where I and other brethren were hosted by Brother Oscar and Sister Rose Katunga. We enjoyed very wonderful fellowship with the adults as well as with the children. Bros. Phiwo and Shawn as well as Sr. Jennifer were physically present. Additionally, class members from Zimbabwe and Ghana attended remotely. Sister Rose translated in the local language to an elderly lady not of our fellowship who came to the meetings because of her interest in learning more about God’s provision for all the human family. Our studies focused upon the divine plan as well as Luke 18:1-10. We also had a joyous time with the children by asking them some Bible questions to test their knowledge of the word of God. (Bro. Israel Loji)



**Bro. Phiwo’s Mother, Bro. Phiwo
and the Katungas**





Servants at South Africa Zoom General Convention

Our Lord's Memorial
Friday, April 11, 2025 (after 6:00 p.m.)

Joe Dolan, Bernard Hicks, Lee Hicks,
 Brian Montague and Homer Montague

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