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UPDATE ON AFRICAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Quick Update by Chad Wagner

While the world is reeling from COVID-19 and the aftermath of this pandemic, we are blessed to have faithful partners who have seen the long-term value of supporting Christian education in Africa. Many faithful donors and churches have stepped up to the need and have generously contributed to the effort. My thanks go to all of those who

have stood by us during this pandemic, and I am grateful for your continued partnership.

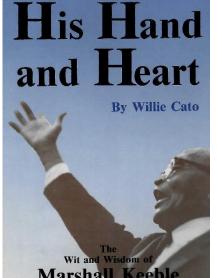
We are saddened at the passing of Katherine Sneed recently. She attended at the Church of Christ in Green Hills, Nashville and was a regular attendee at many African Christian School functions. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and the family.

With this pandemic, combined with the uncertain future economic outlook, we need to make sure that all of our final plans are ready and prepared. African Christian Schools offer to you a *free* booklet on making your final estate plans. With this booklet, you are able to do most of the work on preparing for your final estate and then finalizing those plans with a lawyer in your state. If you do not currently have a lawyer, ACSF



Katherine Sneed was a familiar face at many ACSF dinners and events.

office can suggest a lawyer in your area who know about the work of ACSF and is a member of the Churches of Christ. Call the ACSF office for a copy of that booklet, a lawyer referral, or for any other question you may have.



We have had great success in placing an ad in the Christian Chronicle for the book His Hand and Heart: The Wit and Wisdom of Marshall Keeble. There is still a huge interest in the life of this great servant of the Cross in the US. Many have called to say that they personally were baptized because of the preaching of Keeble. If you would like a copy of this book, all of the proceeds go toward Christian education in Africa. Call the ACSF office to order a copy today OR go online to: africanchristianschools.org/shop/

Please be prayerful for the schools and the Christians in Nigeria. The country is passing through some very trying times with unrest, violence, etc. While none of that has touched our schools (Praise the Lord!), it has not left the Christians untouched. Let us pray for peace and safety for our brethren in the Lord in Nigeria.

NCBC Hires New English Teacher by Joe Obinna

The **Nigerian Christian Bible College** (NCBC) remains an institution committed to the training of preachers, teachers and missionaries for the service of

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Nigerian society and beyond. Towards ensuring that students acquire good speaking and writing skills, Utibe George Ibanga, a minister of the gospel and an alumnus of NCBC has been employed as a fulltime English Teacher at NCBC. He studied in NCBC from 1997 to 2000 and obtained a Diploma in Religious Studies. He holds a Diploma in Religious Studies, a Bachelor of Arts (Ed.) in English, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE). His Master of Arts degree in English is in view. He has, not less than, 15 cognate years of teaching experience in English.

the church and government in the entire

Utibe is a staunch Church of Christ faithful into which he was baptized since August 5, 1993. Following his commitment in the Lord's work and leadership prowess in the Lord's Church, Utibe was among the few who were given "Award of Excellence" by the NCBC Alumni

Association in 2020. Utibe is a gospel Minister in the Church of Christ who has consistently preached for not less than 22 years. At present, he is preaching with Township Church of Christ.

Utibe is married to Sister Aniema Utibe Ibanga and the marriage is blessed with four lovely children.

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Renovations at WNCC by Dr. Biodun Owolabi

After over 20 years of existence at the **West Nigeria Christian College** (WNCC), some of the college's facilities are due for renovation and some facelifting. The on-

going renovation work on the main campus of the West Nigeria Christian College are in phases. The first phase comprises of the construction of window nets and door nets for the male dormitory kitchen. This was put in place to prevent rodents and crawling animals from gaining entrance into the kitchen, thereby destroying kitchen cabinets and contaminating students' food items. The dining tables were repaired, and the kitchen floor was beautifully tiled. In addition, the bathroom nets which was old and torn as a result of passage of time were equally replaced.

The next phase was the female dormitory renovation. Here, the old worn-out louver windows were replaced with modern aluminum framed glass including mosquito nets. Furthermore, the kitchen floor was tiled to make it colorful and neat. The next place of call was the library. Window nets were provided and fixed at the library, to allow ventilation and prevent mosquitoes. Plumbing work was equally carried





out at the staff quarters to repair some faulty plumbing materials.

Finally, renovation works are also ongoing in some of the offices in the administrative block. The tiles at the ICT Centre were weak and some are already breaking. The entire ICT main classroom was retiled and now in good shape. Tiling work is equally in session the

deans' and the bursar's offices.
The campus entrance wall is also scheduled for post-Covid painting/facelift as part of the ongoing renovation work.





Meet Jasper Kizito by Dr. Biodun Owolabi

Kizito Jasper is an instructor with **West Nigeria Christian College** and **School of Biblical Studies** (WNCC & SBS), Abeokuta, Ogun State Nigeria, since Fall of 2018. He is a 2014 alumnus of WNCC & SBS in the diploma program, and, served as the

student's leader and church maintenance personnel during his time in the college. After graduation from WNCC & SBS in 2014, he proceeded to the School of Biblical Studies Jos, an affiliate with the University of Jos, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in Christian Religious Studies. While at SBS Jos, he was involved with several congregations of the Lord's church both in Jos and Abuja, Nigeria. He is presently running a Master of Arts program in Theology with a specification in Old Testament at Harding School of Theology (HST) Memphis, research interest includes Tennessee. Jasper's Pentateuch studies, Deuteronomistic History and Hebrew Poetry.

He primarily serves as an instructor with WNCC & SBS Abeokuta Ogun State Nigeria, with further responsibilities such as: the college's Compliance Officer, assistant chapel and part-time center (Lawanson, Lagos, Nigeria) coordinator, assistant

program, and, served as the

coordinator of evangelism ministry of the college, coordinator of the edification program of the church of Christ Obasha, Abeokuta Ogun State, Nigeria, and a member of the degree curriculum committee of the college. Jasper desires to proceed to a doctoral program in Theology/Old Testament at the completion of his Master's program

at HST Memphis TN, and continue to serve with the college.

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ACSF to Attend Connect Conference

Chad Wagner, African Christian Schools Foundation President, plans to attend the Connect Conference in Nashville, TN in June 2021. We will have a display at the event and will be available to answer any questions you may have.





If you'd like to give to support Christian education in Africa quickly and easily, text GIVE to 615-219-2492





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WNCC Offers Virtual Learning Opportunities

West Nigeria Christian College now offers a degree program entirely online for students in Africa. The classes are held via the zoom platform. This has presented both good results but also some challenges. One of those challenges is outfitting a classroom at WNCC for virtual learning. We are thankful for our ACSF donors who have met this challenge! We now have a classroom outfit for virtual learning at WNCC.

One of the good opportunities of virtual learning is the opportunity for American teachers to teach students in Nigeria via zoom. If you are interested in teaching at WNCC from the comfort of your own home, contact the ACSF office for more details.

ACSF Needs Field Representatives

Are you a retired preacher BUT would still love the opportunity to be in the pulpit on a regular basis? Are you interested in helping missions? Interested in Christian education in Africa?

ACSF is looking for men to be field representatives in their vicinity. This would currently be a volunteer basis to go and present the work in Nigeria to churches within a 2-3 hour drive of your home.

Contact Chad at the ACSF office for more information on how you can get involved in supporting Christian education in Africa.



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African Violet Gala a SUCCESS! Make Plans for "Partners in Progress" Dinner

While we could not have the African Violet Dinner in person this year due to COVID-19 concerns, we were able to hold it online using the zoom platform. We had two live presentations online in April 2021. We had good representation at both zoom meetings. If you missed the dinner, you can still see the recording on the ACSF website at <u>africanchristianschools.org</u>. This presentation is different as it takes you directly to the schools to hear from the ones actually making a difference in Nigeria AND see for yourself what your partnership is making possible. Take time to see about that today! Because of you, we have been able to raise over \$22K for

Christian education in Africa!

We are planning on having our **Partners in Progress** Dinner (IN PERSON) on September 16, 2021 at the Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville. We will have Duncan Campbell speak on "The Intersection of Everything"...a live experience during the dinner. Please make plans to be a part of this live event. RSVP at: https://africanchristianschools.kindful.com/e/pip2021 or calling the ACSF office at 615-542-6282.



Duncan Campbell will make a live experience on life and Jesus at the Partners in Progress Dinner.