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## EVANGELISM WORK AT SBS

The Evangelism Program at SBS, Jos, resumed officially and practically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August, after the resumption of classes and our annual Evangelism Seminar on 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August. This seminar is conducted to teach our students our evangelism methods, and to make them aware of the current social conditions in our city.

Evangelism had been going on during the break from June until the beginning of the first semester in August under the Internship Program. From June until November there were **fifty-six (56) baptisms and twenty-one (21) restorations** recorded by Brother Naphthali Dagasamah, our Evangelism Coordinator. More work is going on regarding evangelism as our students are sent out each weekend the classes are in session. Keep praying for us on this and support us further by providing funds and study materials. Expect more on this in our next issue, Lord willing.

*Naphtali H. Dagasamah, Evangelism Co-Ordinator*

## FROM ENROLLMENT TO SALVATION



*Left to Right: Shadrach Mayamba, Eunice Yunana, Pam Vincent, and Gloria Aruwa*

At the beginning of this academic session in August 2025, **four (4)** out of the newly admitted students, heard the gospel, believed, and were baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. They are Eunice Yunani, Gloria Arewa, Shadrach Mayamba and Pam Vincent. Let's continue to remember them in our prayers daily for spiritual growth. May the good Lord continue to bless us all in Jesus's name, Amen!!!

*Naphtali H. Dagasamah  
(Evangelism Coordinator, SBS Jos)*

### Personal Note:

In the last edition of this journal, we asked everyone receiving a journal to help us with a donation of \$105.00. If everyone did this, we would be able to start and finish our security wall around our permanent site. Will you help by sending a check to the Savannah Church of Christ, 1175 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372?

(a hardy thanks to all who sent checks!)

## CAN YOU HELP?

This year, we purchased a compound with a three-bedroom house located beside our Medical Center compound. We plan to connect these compounds and renovate the house. We will add a Dental Clinic, Eye Clinic, a Pharmacy, and a doctor's apartment to our Medical Center Compound. We will then become a Medical Plaza! We need these to be a service to our students and the local community. We conduct daily devotionals at our clinic.

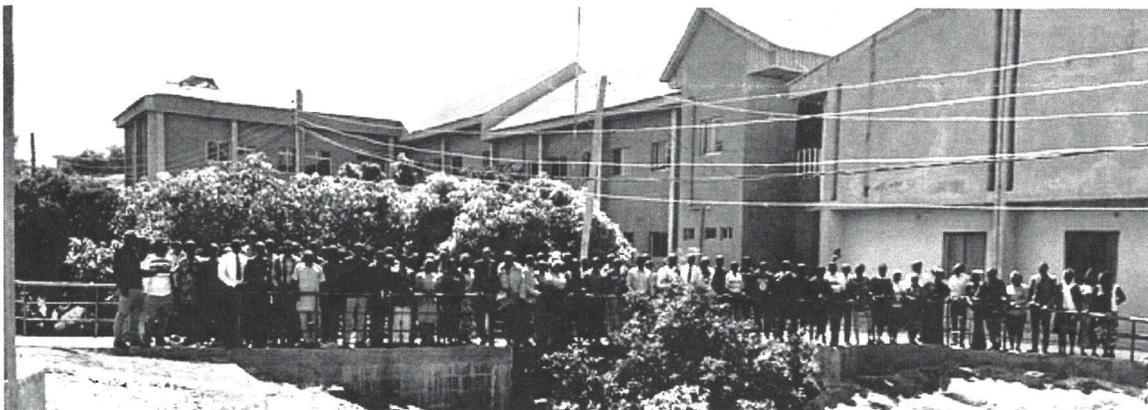
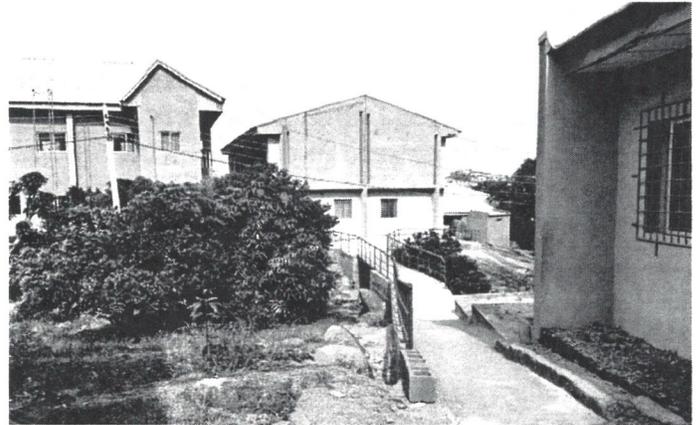
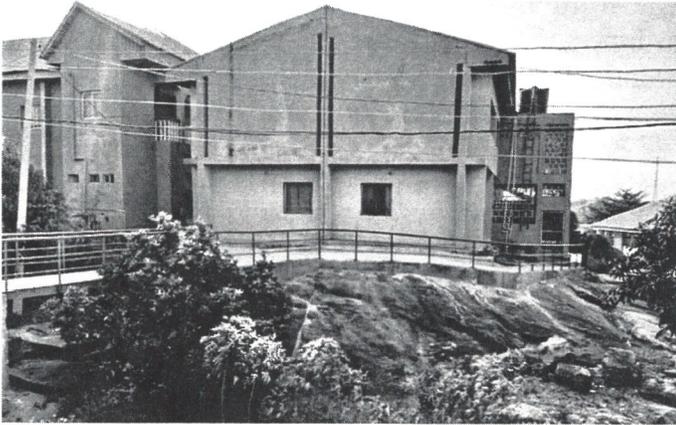
We need a dental chair along with dental equipment. We also need the equipment for our future Eye Clinic. If you know anyone who would be willing to donate this equipment, please contact Brother Steve Worley at 731-607-6603.

## FOR OUR STUDENTS

Our present campus of 6 hectares (15 acres) is made up of large rocks and hills. This has generated a saying among our students, "To obtain a degree at SBS, one has to be part goat". To help soften this truth, founded on experience, we completed two construction projects this year. The first required truck loads of fill dirt to produce enough level ground for a football pitch, one half the size of a standard football pitch. First, a concrete retainer wall was constructed, then electrical poles had to be moved, next came fifty truckloads of fill-dirt. Then last, came the leveling and placing of the goals. The teams had to be reduced from 11 to 6 players on each team before games could begin. Each game helps reduce the stress of intensive study and weekend evangelism of all our students.

The second project was the construction of a long foot-bridge across a deep gully on campus. Many scraps and bruises have been experienced by students taking this pathway to classes and daily chapel. A tremendous thank you goes out to all our supporters who helped with these projects.

*Steven L Worley*



## OUR AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Brother Bala Turgong, who is in charge of our Agriculture Program, and who recently obtained his Master's Degree on the internet from Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee, passed on some good news. He said our first-year students receive training in our Drip Irrigation Farming Program. Their training extends into one half of their second year, then they receive lectures on the fruit trees we have on campus the rest of that year. The third-year-students receive rabbit then fish lectures, while our fourth-year students spend their year learning our Poultry Program. All four programs are doing well.

Of special note is our Rabbit Program which was taken over by Brother Mutudo Albert who came to us from Kasese, Uganda, three years ago. His success in the program is truly remarkable. While maintaining a high-grade point average in our four-year Bible Degree Program, our rabbit population has grown, not only in numbers, but it now has six breeds of rabbits. They are: American Chinchilla, Angora, Dwarf, California White, Dotted (German Giant), and a local breed. His work has come to the attention of the Plateau State Rabbit Breeders Association. They encouraged Brother Albert to obtain nine more breeds of rabbits, so we may become a Demonstration Farm that people from different States in Nigeria can come and learn rabbit raising. Brother Albert hopes to obtain this goal in the latter months of 2026. This will also expand our Evangelism Program. He is now training two first-year students, and hopes to return to his family in 2027.

## OUR MA IN MINISTRY PROGRAM GROWTH, AFFORDABILITY, AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCY

Access to affordable higher education remains a central concern in the global academic community, particularly in the fields of theology and ministry where resources are often limited. In many developing contexts, the cost of education functions as a gatekeeper, excluding qualified but financially constrained individuals, from pursuing advanced studies. The MA in Ministry at the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, stands as an intentional response to this challenge.

Launched in 2024, the program began modestly with four students and a small faculty. By 2025, enrollment had expanded to 36 students, supported by six doctoral-level professors and two lecturers with Master's Degrees. This rapid growth, achieved alongside a symbolic tuition of one hundred U.S. dollars, challenges conventional assumptions about the trade-off between affordability and academic quality. The case provides a valuable lens through which to explore the dynamics of access, excellence, and sustainability in theological education.

The MA in Ministry Program was conceived to meet Nigeria's growing demand for advanced ministerial training. The curriculum integrates core areas of biblical studies, theology, pastoral leadership, and applied ministry practice, aligning with global standards in theological education. The faculty composition of six PhD holders and two lecturers with master's degrees ensures academic depth and mentorship for students. Despite its relatively recent establishment, the program's structure demonstrates an institutional commitment to scholarly excellence and practical ministry formation. The defining feature of the program, however, is its tuition policy. By setting fees at one hundred U.S. dollar, the institution has removed nearly all financial barriers to participation. This unprecedented affordability, likely underwritten by donor support, grants, and partnerships with churches, represents a paradigm shift in the economics of higher ministry education.

While the MA in Ministry program demonstrates commendable innovation and impact, several challenges must be addressed to ensure long-term viability and quality assurance. These include: A tuition rate of one hundred dollar per student is not economically self-sustaining. The program needs funding from donor contributors as without diversified income sources, this model may face financial strain as enrollment grows.

Increased enrollment places pressure on physical and digital infrastructure. Effective teaching in theological education increasingly requires technological integration, especially for online learners. In this regard, investment in digital libraries, Internet services and hybrid instructional platforms can broaden access while maintaining educational quality.

The MA in Ministry Program at the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, represents more than an academic innovation, it is a moral statement about the democratization of knowledge. By proving that high-quality theological education can be both affordable and excellent, the program challenges long-standing assumptions about the economics of learning. Its journey from four students to a thriving academic community demonstrates that when access barriers are removed, potential flourishes. Yet sustainability remains the program's defining test. The next phase of its evolution must balance idealism with pragmatism, coupling visionary affordability with institutional resilience.

*Dr. Joseph Igbudu Azembeh, Program Coordinator*

## YEAR END MESSAGE

Our Dearest Brethren,

As we come to the end of our 40<sup>th</sup> year of working for the Lord in Northern Nigeria my wife, Delores, and I stand in amazement while contemplating all the works in which our Master has allowed us to begin, participate in, and witness success. Some of these include the family's move to Jos, 1985 for 2 years, our World Bible School Follow-up work converting thousands, establishing over 300 congregations, starting the School of Biblical Studies, graduating over 700 Bible students, and the purchasing of 100 hectares of land for our future Sonlight University. We give a heartfelt thank you to our Lord. The most enjoyable experience was the brethren we have worked with; men and women who love the Lord and are willing to work for the growth of His Kingdom.

During my three-month trip in the Spring, we conducted our annual SBS lectureship and graduation ceremonies. We graduated approximately 25 students. Brother Randy Baker attended and spoke at these events. Our Salvation Station hosted three gospel meetings that resulted in over 44 baptisms. We purchased two plots of land located outside our main gate. One plot contained a three-bedroom house. We are planning to make the alterations required to make the house part of our new Medical Clinic compound. The house will include, Lord willing, an Eye Clinic, Dental Clinic and a Pharmacy. It will also contain a doctor's apartment. These changes will cause our Sonlight Medical Clinic to become our Sonlight Medical Plaza! This year we were blessed to plant about 80 hectares of crops on our permanent site. This will prevent encroachment of local farmers until we complete our security wall.

I returned in October/November to help harvest our crops, complete our new football pitch, and a foot-bridge over a large gully on campus. These projects will help to dispel the saying, "one has to be part goat to be a student at SBS"). We have started preparations for starting a Christian Secondary School (High School) to operate on our present campus when we transfer to our permanent site and become the Sonlight University.

In the last issue of the Jos Journal, I asked for help to build our security wall at our permanent site. You were one of many who responded to our plea. Next week our plans are to harvest our 14 acres of dry rice then a few weeks later we hope to harvest our 150 acres of Guinea Corn. Then we need to clear the land and start the security wall. I want to thank you again for your help on this project. Please keep us in your prayers. To our God be the glory!

Brethren, if you have been watching the news, you are aware of our struggles with our Muslim neighbors here in Nigeria. Many thousands of Christians continued to be killed because of their faith in Jesus. We continue to be on the front lines of the battle for souls for our Lord Jesus. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to spread the wonderful words of Jesus that will set mankind free. Thank you for your continued love and support.

In Christian Love,

  
Steven L. Worley

## A GIFT OF A LIBRARY

In early September, I contacted Mr. Clint Banz, the librarian at the Lancaster University in Lancaster, PA. I heard they were closing a satellite location in Greenbelt, MD. (very near Washington, DC) and were willing to donate their library, with its shelves, at that location to a religious school. Clint informed me that many people had submitted requests, but he would add me to the list. He said that site had to be cleared by late October. I informed him that I was booked to leave for Nigeria in mid-October so their decision would need to be soon to give me time to execute the moving of the library. In faith, I then began making our transport plans. When I phoned him in late September, he informed me that we could take the library.

I then recruited three men from the Savannah congregation to take my car and drive the 13 hours to Greenbelt, MD, on Monday September 29. I ordered 300 boxes to be delivered and the biggest U Haul truck to be available to rent on September 30. Local congregations were contacted to help us pack, label, and load the two trucks in MD, and unload the trucks in Nashville, TN, before returning to Savannah on Friday. I then left Savannah with Brother Brady Stewart in his truck after services on Sunday, September 28, so we would have Monday to make the preparations to load the library on Tuesday. With the arrival of our brethren Monday night, and local brethren



*Our packing, labeling, and loading crew!*

from area congregations, we loaded the 6,000 plus books and shelving on Tuesday, then traveled to Nashville on Wednesday. Thursday we unloaded the library and shelves into a 40' sea shipping container at Healing Hands International in Nashville, then returned home. We hope to ship the 6,000 plus Master's level research library with the shelves to Jos, Nigeria, early next year. We thank and pray God's blessings on all the brethren involved in this four-day adventure.

*Steven L Worley*

## TWO UGANDANS ON CAMPUS



*Brother Ekilaka David*

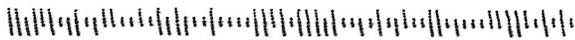
Brother Ekilaka David hails from the Nakawa Division of Kampala, the capitol city of Uganda. He was raised in a family that valued faith and discipline. David was introduced to Christianity at a young age, and after careful study and conviction, he obeyed the gospel and was baptized into Christ, beginning a new journey of commitment to the Lord.

Brother Anguaza Ezati Rhone, President of the Ugandan Christian Bible College, recommended Brother Ekilaka David travel to Nigeria from Uganda in August of this year to attend classes at the School of Biblical Studies, Jos. Brother David will be our 12<sup>th</sup> student from Uganda to complete his Bible education at SBS, Lord willing. He joins his fellow third-year student, Brother Mutudo Albert. David's desire is to pursue a deeper knowledge of God's word at SBS, Jos, which provides a structured and Christ-centered environment.

David's greatest desire is to dedicate his life to the preaching of the gospel. After graduation, he hopes to return to his community, sharing the message of salvation and strengthening the faith of others. His dream is to be a vessel in God's hands, helping to expand the borders of the kingdom of Christ in Uganda and wherever the Lord may send him.

As he continues in his studies, let us keep praying for David, that God may grant him wisdom, boldness, perseverance, and that his life may remain a shining example of what it means to live for Christ.

*Dr. Emmanuel O. Egyegini, Dean of Students, SBS, Jos*



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