



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

2016 has been a truly blessed year for African Christian Schools. Just over a year ago we were able to purchase the land where Nigerian Christian Bible College has been meeting for the past 64 years and this year we have made significant progress in restoring the buildings on campus, retaining our accreditation, and securing the support of local churches and brethren in Nigeria. While our brethren here in the United States provided the impetus for us to be able to begin restoration, the brethren in Nigeria have stepped up and done their part as well. Local churches in Nigeria have donated paint, tools, supplies and most importantly they have donated their time, skills, and labor. I couldn't be prouder of the partnership that exists between our brethren here and those in Nigeria who have taken up the mantle of leadership on this great project.

To see the progress of the restorations, go to [www.africanchristianschools.org](http://www.africanchristianschools.org).

~~The physical restorations on the NCBC campus are just the beginning of all the good that has been done~~ this year. Both Nigerian Christian Bible College and West Nigeria Christian College have been expanding their vocational programs, conducting workshops and evangelistic campaigns in the communities, hosting youth conferences, preacher's workshops, and community outreach programs. This year we saw record attendance at our lectureships and workshops, but the most encouraging aspect of the work has been seeing how committed the local churches are to the colleges. Our brethren have turned out to work, given liberally to support the colleges, and demonstrated what our brethren have told us for years - *"these schools are at the heart of the evangelistic work in Nigeria and our brethren will step up to see them continue to serve."*

It has also been a sad year in many respects. Three of our beloved staff members lost their spouses this past year. Our accountant Brother Sunday Elijah, our Director of Biblical Studies Goodnews Peter, and one of our long-term staff members Uyai Joshua all lost their wives this past year in unexpected fashion. Words cannot begin to express the sorry we have all felt as these faithful brethren have pressed on to continue their good work despite the loss of their beloved companions.

In the fall of 2015 we stood at a critical crossroads in the future of the work in Nigeria. Without significant investment in our schools, we were going to be forced to close the doors of Nigerian Christian Bible College after over 60 years of service to the church. We appealed to each of you to help us raise the funds to purchase the land and begin restoration. We were quickly reminded that "GOD IS GOOD." We not only purchased the land, but we also are well ahead of schedule on the restorations to NCBC, but there is still much to do. We are pleading for your continued to support in 2017. We have completed approximately 50% of the work that needs to be done, but we still need to raise approximately \$150,000 in 2017 for continued improvements and to launch our vocational training programs. If you would like a copy of our campaign brochure (or multiple copies for your mission committee or eldership), please give us a call at (615) 306-9097, or (615) 427-8688 and we will get that out to you promptly.

Let me conclude by thanking each of you for your contributions in 2016. We have been so richly blessed by your partnership and we look forward to sharing the good news of our work in the coming year. As always, if you have any questions, would like us to come and make a presentation, or just want to chat concerning the work, please feel free to call me on my personal cell phone at (615) 427-8688.

Blessings in Christ,

  
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