

2019 Report of Work

Nigeria – January/February 2019

In January 2019, I went to Nigeria to visit several works, preachers, and schools of preaching to check on their work and progress. I was given the opportunity to speak on the Gospel Chariot (a mobile Gospel Meeting housed in a large red truck). I was also able to preach at the Two Towns Church of Christ, visit the Mfon Obasi Orphanage, travel to Abuja to speak at a WBS seminar there, speak in Enugu and take 4 laptops to Herbert Chukwu which will be used for evangelism and preacher training, and many other things done during that trip.

Also, while in Nigeria, I attended the Nigeria Great Workshop. This year, it was held in Imo State at the Mbaise Christian Clinic, a Church of Christ based operation serving an underserved, rural community. We had over 700 evangelists in attendance! We were able to hand out Bibles and some materials to those in attendance.

Malawi/Tanzania – June 2019

In July 2019, my wife and I traveled to Lilongwe, Malawi to work with two preachers. These two men graduated from the preacher school I taught at in SW Tanzania. It was quite a joy to be able to work with these two men. We were able to see where they have been working and doing since graduation.

The first stop on our trip in Malawi was to work with **Biliat Chunga** in central Malawi. Among other things, Brother Chunga works with 2 schools of preaching in central Malawi. The Nkhotakota Bible School (a severely underfunded seasonal Bible school) is located in a Muslim community along Lake Malawi. They have 30+ students studying God's word, sleeping on the floor of the church building they have classes in, and eating only 1 time a day (due to lack of money for food). The visit there was very encouraging for us as it was good to see the spirit of these students studying – despite the hardships. The other school is a part-time school located in Lilongwe. Part-time schools are important for those who want to study God's word but also have jobs/businesses and cannot get away to study full-time. We also met with many Christians and spoke in se



The second stop on the trip was to work with **William Tembo**. Tembo is a young preacher who is working in northern Malawi. While there, we moved every day speaking in up to 3 congregations daily! One congregation asked me to teach a Bible class there where I spoke for over an hour. After that, we took questions from the audience. There was one man who was asking many questions – to which I answered. After the class was over, I was told that this man was only visiting from the community and that they had been trying to discuss the church with him before.



After Malawi, we traveled up to Tanzania to visit Chimala, our former homeplace, and then over to Dar es Salaam, on the Indian Ocean. While in Dar, we visited the congregation at Mbagala, spoke to the church, and made some more visits while there.

Nigeria – July 2019

Quickly after my trip to Malawi and Tanzania, I travelled to Nigeria in late July and early August. We went to visit two schools of preaching in Nigeria called the **Nigerian Christian Bible College** and the **West Nigeria Christian College**. I was accompanied by Gary Roeder, the preacher at the Austin Chapel Church of Christ. We spoke at lectureships and preached in various churches while we had the opportunity. We also visited a church in the southern part of the city of Lagos (21 million people). We were blessed with the opportunity to teach and preach on that Sunday.



Nigeria Mission Support Work

When not traveling, I am busy at work (I work from home) trying to manage all of the work going on in Africa. This includes speaking in churches, visiting donors, handling funds, helping report of the good work on preachers, updating websites, etc. Truly, the behind-the-scenes work of this ministry is quite time-consuming.

If anyone would like a personal update or for me to speak to their congregation in 2020, I'd love to have that opportunity! Just let me know and we'll schedule a time.

Evangelism Plans for 2020

As all our plans are dependent upon God, I will include a short list of trips planned for 2020. I don't know if I'll be able to do all of these trips, but we will see what the Lord provides.

- **Nigeria** – January/February 2020. I will be in Nigeria to visit schools, preachers, and mission works. I will also speak at the Great Workshop in Abuja, Nigeria's capital city.
- **Swaziland** – July 2020. I hope to attend the Africans Claiming Africa for Christ (ACAC) conference. This conference is only held every 4 years in various locations throughout the continent. The purpose of ACAC is to encourage African brethren to take up the mantle of evangelism among their own people.
- **Tanzania/Malawi**. If time allows, I would like to stop by for a short trip before or after the ACAC conference to see how the work is progressing at the schools there.
- **Nigeria** – July/August 2020. I plan to be at the lectureships of both the Nigerian Christian Bible College and the West Nigeria Christian College which are held in August.

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