

# AGAPE LINK



Rev. Godfrey

## AABS EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN NIGERIA

Rev. Aloysius C. Godfrey is a part-time coordinator for AABS in Nigeria. However, he is working passionately to expand AABS into every state and corner of his country. In the past 11 months, he has brought in 60 new members. And he continues to enroll new ones each month. He hopes to bring all his members to our conference this year in Accra. Please pray for great grace for him.

## ACCREDITATION

AABS anticipates an affiliation with Trinity Theological Seminary, a Chartered Institution in Ghana. By this our schools who qualify could offer accredited certificates and diplomas.

## MEET NEW AABS STAFF



Rev. Dr. George Bonney

Rev. Bonney is married to Stella and they have three children. He comes to us from Ho where he served as a head pastor, church overseer and head of a Bible School. He had both his Masters of Theology and PhD from Evangelical Christian University of America in Abuja, Nigeria. Mr.

Tuffour is serving as the Administrative Assistant and a Receptionist at the AABS office.

He is currently a student in his final year studying Business Administration at Institute of Professional Studies, Accra.

Please welcome these new staff into our family.



Joshua Tuffour

## CERTIFICATE & ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Upon consultation and other interviews, AABS has decided to give schools the option of awarding CERTIFICATES and ADVANCED CERTIFICATES to students who would like to embark on some short studies such as:

1. Certificate in Christian Leadership—130 instructional hrs.
2. Certificate in Missiology—130 instructional hrs
3. Certificate in Counseling., and other certificates.

However, students would be required to complete the associated instructional hours before these certificates are awarded.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations to these Bible Schools for a successful graduation of students during the past year. The number of graduates follows each school name.

Great is the Lord Deliv. Min. Bible Sch., Accra—5; Holiness Mission Int'l, Tema—8; Kingdom Bible Coll., Kasseh-Ada—26; Agape Bible Tr. Center,

Sunyani—13; Coll. Of Theo & Missions, Kpandai—9; Ambassadors Bible Coll., Kumasi—15; Bible Life Sch. Of Missions, Kumasi—15; Crusades for Christ Bible Sch., Accra—12; End Time Bible Sch., Accra—9; Believers Bible Coll., Kumasi—15; Focus Theo. Coll. & Seminary, Accra—20; Living Faith Bible Coll.,

Kumasi—25.



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## AABS OFFICE LOCATION

The AABS office is located at East Legon, Accra. Look for our signboard on Abotsi Street just off Lagos Avenue near Banku Junction. This location is nearby the Agape Gospel Mission International Headquarters on Awulen Kojo Street. Come and visit us!

“Courage and valor go undetected until it is seen through the lens of adversity.”

# FIVE TRUTHS LEADERS UNDERSTAND ABOUT PROBLEMS

In the comic strip, Peanuts, a hapless Charlie Brown occasionally would be stalked by ominous rainclouds. Although the rest of the sky would shine bright and blue, poor Chuck would be stuck under a dark cloud, getting doused by its showers.

While we do not have to contend with perpetual drizzle like Charlie Brown, many of us live under the gloomy shadow of self-induced rainclouds. When life's twists and turns work against us, we retreat into a rotten attitude or heap blame on our surroundings. By doing so, we neglect to deal with our problems and only add to our misery.

### 1. THEY'RE UNAVOIDABLE

For the aspiring leader, problems may be the most faithful companions of all. The road to success is seldom paved smoothly, and is oftentimes under construction. Potholes and barricades abound. At every bend in the journey, a leader's vision must peer around obstacles and through formidable walls to foresee a positive future.

### 2. PERSPECTIVE ON THE PROBLEM.

We see problems, not as they are, but as we are. That's why attitude plays such a crucial role in separating those who lead from those who follow. Alfred Armand Montapert said, "The majority see the obstacles, the few see the objectives."

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### 3. PROBLEM SPOTTING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Anyone, even the fairly imperceptive, can identify problems, but few people have the initiative to tackle them. As rule, don't voice complaint about a problem

until you're able to put forth a recommendation and the willingness to take action to solve the problem.

### 4. SIZE OF THE PERSON IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM

You can tell the caliber of a person by the amount of opposition it takes to discourage him/her. To lead at the highest level requires wrestling with problems seemingly beyond our ability to apprehend.

### 5. PROBLEMS, RESPONDED TO CORRECTLY, CAN PROPEL US FORWARD

Leaders are not discovered in the limelight; rather they are forged in the darkness under heat and pressure. Leaders gain respect on difficult terrain, after taking a few blows and being shaped by the problems they encounter.

As a matter of fact, courage and valor go undetected until seen through the lens of adversity.

- By Dr. John C. Maxwell

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## More Graduation Pictures



Living Faith Bible Coll.



Frontiers Mission Bible Sch.

People tend to look at problems in different perspectives. The following constitute the right and the wrong perspectives about problems.

<u>RIGHT</u>	<u>WRONG</u>
SOLVABLE	UNSOLVABLE
TEMPORAL	PERMANENT
NATURAL	ABNORMAL
BETTER	BITTER
CHALLENGE	CONTROL
STRETCH	STOP