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Welcome to Our New AABS Members!

Togo—12 Ghana—20 Nigeria—83 Sierra Leone—2



Ps. Andrew Anane



Rev. Godwin Apreku



Rev. Charles Boakye



Rev. Daniel Koranteng

AABS CONTINUES EXPANSION INTO SIERRA LEONE AND TOGO

At our conference last year we were introduced to Ps. David Ruth from Sierra Leone. He was lodging at **Legon University** but was attending another conference in the area. He was excited about what AABS had to offer and requested that we come to Sierra Leone and share with pastors there.

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In November 2010, Rev. Aloysius Godfrey travelled to Sierra Leone and met Ps. David. Several hundred pastors had gathered in 2 separate meetings to hear Rev. Godfrey share

what AABS has to offer. Two schools joined AABS at that time and many more will surely come. God is expanding our borders!



Sharing in Togo

In June, Ps. Ebersole, along with Bible School directors Ps. Joseph Duho and Rev. Prince Agbedzige, travelled to Togo and met Ps. Holonou Kodjo and Ps. Setodji Fianko.

Together these five men presented the AABS program to approximately 58 pastors who had gathered in Lome. We anticipate that many new Bible schools in Togo will join AABS in the near future!



Pastors in Togo

Success comes in "cans", failures in "can'ts".

AABS is now resourcing Bible Schools in 7 West African countries: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria!

AABS Office Location

The AABS office is located at Stop 69 on the road from America House to Adjiringanor. Look for the signboard at Stop 69. We hope to see you there!

It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you're not. So start believing in yourself.

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By God's Grace...

Grace is receiving things we don't deserve. God lavishes goodness to each of us. He provides us with grace to lead.

Grace provides perspective on our past. Except for God's grace we would still be lost. God has brought us a long way from our sinful past. As leaders we are grateful for the change God has made in our lives.

Grace perceives leadership as a gift. "And this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so no one can boast." The favor we received is a gift, not the result of our effort. The influence you have in your school, home community, etc. is a gift from God.

Grace provides perspective on victories. Leaders love to see results and celebrate victories. It's easy to focus on the leader and boast about success. Paul says that grace means "no

one can boast". Leaders need to recognize that leadership is not about them; it is about God. God has brought the victory. The leader is put in place for God's purposes, not to build his own kingdom.

Leadership is not about us. It's about God.

Grace promotes good leadership. A proper understanding of grace leads one to be free to lead with confidence. "We are created... to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Leadership is one of the "good works" for which God has created one to do. A leader must recognize that their servant leadership has eternal consequences and needs to extend grace to others just as they

have received it from God. - Excerpts from an article entitled "Grace To Lead" by Jon Byler

Congratulations to the students who completed the MCJMCJ studies in the past year!



Bible Life School of Missions & Theology—Kumasi, Ghana

Number of students: Ghana—171 Togo—19 And many in Nigeria.



Focus Theological College & Seminary—Kasoa, Ghana