

The Gospel For Ghana

News from the Ghana Bible College

Three Ways You Can Bless The Ghana Bible College Students in 2010: Financial Support to Upgrade Computer Lab, Purchase Books for Library, and Monthly Financial Support to Operate the College

Introduction

Ghana Bible College was founded in 1962 as a project of churches of Christ to train ministers to spread the Gospel in this newly independent country of Ghana. Today, although other training programs in different parts of the country have emerged, a greater percentage of all the preachers in Ghana were trained at the Ghana Bible College. Also, most of the instructors in the newly established preacher training colleges graduated from Ghana Bible College. In the last 10 years, the college has graduated 360 preachers, who are preaching in all ten regions of Ghana. Besides, over 30 Liberians have also been trained at Ghana Bible College and students have also come from other African countries including Sierra Leone, Central Africa Republic, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Togo, and Ivory Coast.

Three years ago the college embarked on an aggressive faculty development program. Seven participants in this effort have all progressed in their studies towards their master's degree. The college has assembled these faculty members in readiness for accreditation for the Bible and other academic programs. Currently the ongoing discussion points to the addition of academic programs that will enable the preachers to obtain other skills in addition to ministry so that they can be self-supporting. These include Community Development, Elementary Education, Business, and Entrepreneurial skills.

Governance

The college is overseen by a Council representing churches of Christ from northern and southern Ghana, the preachers and alumni association, faculty and staff, and the students. In recent discussions, it was decided that a local congregation should oversee the work. As a result, the Bomso church of Christ which meets on the Ghana Bible College campus, has accepted this responsibility of leadership. Therefore, the college is now under the elders who appoint competent leaders to constitute the College Council.

Ministry Preparation Outreach Program

The college is currently involved in extensive outreach programs. Careful observation has shown that there are many people who would like to study with Ghana Bible College, but there is the difficulty of becoming preachers without having sufficient means for supporting themselves. Therefore, these faithful and good students elect to study at the major universities instead of the Ghana Bible College. The college has designed academic programs for this category of members of the churches of Christ which are nearly 600 total. Therefore, our faculty members teach courses in Accra (University of Ghana, Knutsford University, and Ghana Christian University College). In Kumasi, we teach courses outside our college to students at Kumasi Polytechnic, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and College of Technology – Kumasi. We have also developed courses for students at the Cape Coast Polytechnic and at the University of Cape Coast. Besides, we have established more active relationships with the churches all over the country. We organize seminars and church growth projects with several congregations to equip the leaders for service in the kingdom.

Finance

The college has done very well with limited financial support from faithful Christians in the U.S. and Ghana. Realizing that the college does not have sustained sources of support, it is recommended that several congregations and individuals should consider donations for an endowment for the college. This effort will ensure that the Bible program will be supported for several years to come from the return on the investment of these funds. Other programs which are being developed can then be sustained on their own through fees collected from students.

Current Needs

The college has been blessed with the buildings for teaching and a dormitory for students. We have also received many reference books that are helpful to the academic research of our students. **We need to develop a computer laboratory to be equipped with twenty computers.** We also need to **increase our library holdings** to enable the college apply for accreditation in the coming year. **We hope that we will you will remember this important work in your end of year giving.** Blessings.

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