



## **Bridging the Gap with Delight, Florence and Ezechi Iwuagwu**

**November - December 2016**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and continued support and partnership with us in the work of Abuja Bible College.

I've been reflecting quite a lot these past two months on Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" This has been as a result of the Government's silence and covert complicity in the Fulani Jihadists attacks and threats of attacks on Southern Kaduna (where we live). Some communities have been sacked and re-occupied by the Jihadists with huge loss of lives and properties.

As human beings, we fear, despite of knowledge of God. In the chaos of our world, being still or calm is one of the most difficult virtues to exercise. Growing violence, political uncertainties, economic challenges (recession in Nigeria), unfavourable legislations that are opposed to Christian beliefs and persistent terrorist attacks make it very difficult to raise one's heads up to see the Sovereign God who is still very much in control of His world (vv. 6, 8 and 9). Yet the Psalmist sings of YHWH summoning His people to be calm and keep steady.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we raise our heads see the exalted LORD, the "prince of Peace," who is "our refuge, strength and fortress!" In Him, we are secure (vv 1 and 7). Despite my human fears in the "raging storms," I have come to know His peace, being assured of His constant presence. I pray that you may experience His peace, assured that He will never leave us or forsake us. Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2017!

## **Family News**

**Ezechi** - I have done quite a good amount of teaching. Thankfully, we have had some guest lecturers come out to teach for us these past two months. My health has been more stable.

**Florence** - Florence has managed well, running the admin as well as taking the course. In previous years she has either been supporting or producing training materials and watching from the side-lines as students wrestle with their passages. Now, she has decided to take a plunge. It is, however, a huge task to which she has displayed great determination.

**Delight** - Delight is doing well. She gave us a scare as she suffered an attack of Malaria and Typhoid and had to miss school for a full week. She has recovered well and is back at school. Her term exams went well, as she tells, excitedly!

## **College News**

College has run well so far and the students' excitement is still high despite the intensity of the course. We started the session with twelve students but two have had to defer until next year due to some personal

circumstances - we have kept in communication with them. Pray that we would have them join us next session, God willing.

One of the students, Aaron Awok was rescued from the jaws of death when he was knocked off his motor bike by a fast-moving, hit and run driver. He survived and was admitted in the hospital. He has been discharged and is recovering well, even though he is concerned about missed lectures. Please pray for his quick recovery.

## Students' Profiles

### Rev. Luka Abbah



Following Luka's completion of the Baptist Ministry Training in Taraba, he was ordained the Taraba State Baptist conference, Nigeria. He has served for nearly a decade in one of the rural churches in Taraba State. He is married to Cecelia and they have five children. He is a passionate evangelist who loves the Lord. He says that he has learnt a lot already since coming to ABC to be better equipped to understand and preach God's word, faithfully. Pray that he will continue to make progress.

With Luka, we are experimenting on teaching people in English who only preach in vernacular in their churches and encourage them to do their preaching practice sessions in the same vernacular. If this works well, we would be able to serve a wider range of the Hausa speaking Pastors in Northern Nigeria. Please pray for this to work well!

### Eric Onyango

Eric is a Kenyan and holds a Bachelor's of Science in Applied Statistics with Computing from Karatina University, Kenya. He had been a CU leader in his college days. He has passion for the Lord and His work. Before coming to ABC, he had served as an apprentice with iServeAfrica, who graciously worked out his being able to come out to study in Nigeria at Abuja Bible College. He is engaged to Esther. Please pray for the realisation of his vision and marriage plans.

He says that the course is impacting his life by teaching how to effectively preach the Bible to others by making a clear connection from the original hearers of the Bible to the 21st Century audience, while pointing them to Christ.



## PRAYER POINTS

### Praise God with us for the following:

- ❖ For the students' steady progress in their training.
- ❖ For health, protection and strength for Florence, Delight, Ezechi and the students amidst threats and fears of Islamist attacks.
- ❖ For all the guest lecturers who came out to teach for us.

### Please pray for:

- ❖ For peace and security in Nigeria.
- ❖ For God's protection for Christians in Southern Kaduna, against Fulani Herdsmen Jihadist attacks.
- ❖ For safety as the students travel for the Christmas holidays.
- ❖ For wisdom, grace and greater commitment for our guest Lecturers.
- ❖ For financial resources for students who are struggling with their finances due to the economic recession.
- ❖ For sincerity and faithfulness for Nigeria's leadership in their fight against Islamic terrorism and corruption.

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