

# Bridging the Gap with Delight, Florence and Ezechi Inuagwu (February, 2016)



**Abuja Bible College in Kagoro**  
*Equipping and Encouraging Christian believers for faithful bible teaching*

*Reflections*  
*Living for the highest ambition*

*He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. **Luke 24:46-48(NIV)***

The Church has been influenced, unwittingly, to a triumphal separation of Good Friday from Easter. However, the whole of Old and New Testament scriptures treat them as two parts of one event.

Just as God's people in the old covenant rejoiced with exceeding joy when the High Priest went into the most holy place with the blood of atonement to the mercy seat and came out alive (Ex. 18:31 – 35), God's new covenant people – church – exceedingly rejoice over Good Friday and Easter, and not just for Easter. Why? It means that full atonement is accomplished, reconciliation between man and God is achieved; thus all the privileges and blessings of the atonement are guaranteed, forever! Amen!! (Heb. 9:11- 28). He has made the hope of resurrection a reality!!!

*Luke 24:46-48*, has given the believer a higher purpose for living - "*The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*" They went out to preach repentance and forgiveness in Christ's name as his witnesses (through their personal experiences of repentance and forgiveness). Notice how the disciples moved from unsettlement to being a confident and assured. They became a worshipping and an obeying community (Acts 5: 29-32) who eventually, in a brief time, "... *turned the world upside down.*" (Acts 17:6). "...*he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again*" (2 Cor 5:15). This is the true attitude and ambition and mood from Easter, instead of living for wealth, health and fame.

## *Family News*

### *Ezechi*

College started as scheduled, though with fewer students than we had anticipated. The first term has gone on well. The students and teachers have all enjoyed the time and look forward to the Good Friday and Easter events. I am still working on my thesis as we plan to resume. My health has been up and down. Please pray for energy to pull through successfully. I have equally been busy with some preaching engagements in church and have done bible exposition at a NIFES leadership conferences.

We have also started advertising for recruitment for the 2016/2017 session. We are seeing encouraging signs, with a few people picking up the forms and more enquiries than before. Pray along with us that we would be able to have more people applying.

### *Florence*

Florence is doing well as the College Administrator. Training materials have been ready for each day's classes, more than before. Pray that she continues to enjoy her work. She has so far succeeded excellently well at managing the administrative role and family responsibilities

## Delight

Delight is doing well in school. She has made new friends and probably plays more than before and is distracted. She is becoming slower in her writing speed at school and faster at home. We are working with her teacher to bring her up back to speed. Please pray that she would continue to grow in wisdom, intelligence and love for God's word.

## College News

Teaching has gone well so far. Because the students are fewer this session, it has meant that they are having to do loads of preaching exercises, which is very good for them, though tasking for the facilitators.

A good number of the guest teacher have not come at their agreed scheduled times and have had to phone in to reschedule. This has meant that I had to teach more than I should. This, in turn, has taken its toll on my health. Pray that the teachers come as scheduled, even in the event of urgent, but unplanned, intrusions.

We started recruitment publicities earlier this year and trust that people will be coming to apply for the training course. Please continue to pray for more students, assured that we would achieve greater results with extra teaching hands.

We are in touch with Rev. Luka Abbah, who had an accident on his way and could not join us after he was discharged from the hospital. He is well and desires to join in the next session. Pray for him.

*John Nipeh*, is a student from Liberia. His first visit to Nigeria was during the Liberian civil war in the late 1980s, as a refugee.

He is a member of the Fundamental Baptist Church, Gaye Town, Monrovia, Liberia. He is a passionate bible preacher.

He has previously undergone training under the Reformed Gospel Mission (REGOM) in Sierra Leone, whose leaders were Ex-Cornhill students and joined their staff team for some years before returning to Liberia to train preachers in faithful bible preaching.

He is in Abuja Bible College (in Kagoro) to deepen his knowledge and sharpen his bible expository skills, with a view to returning to Liberia to strengthen training for people in bible preaching roles in the church.

Sadly, he recently lost his fiancé and is grieving. *Pray for God's comfort for him and wisdom for us at ABC to know how best to support him in his grief.*



Thank you for your partnership with us through this past year. May the LORD richly reward you. Amen!

## Items for praise and prayer:-

- ❖ Praise God for the ABC students as they are making steady progress, taking seriously their lectures and practical sessions.
- ❖ Pray for all the guest lecturers, for wisdom and grace to teach and also to continue to come as scheduled.
- ❖ Pray for good health and strength for Ezechi as he goes on to teach and juggles the completion of his thesis.
- ❖ Pray for God's blessing on our recruitment publicity. That more people would be inquiring and applying for the 2016/2017 college session.

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