Bridging the Gap with Delight, Florence and Ezechi Iwuagwu – Jan. – Mar., 2013

Abuja Bible College

Equipping and Encouraging Christian believers for faithful bible teaching

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Reflections

All religions of the world have their heroes, Martyrs; principles for living and means to attaining spirituality, piety and perfection. They also have their model(s) of the perfect one or perfected ones (Saints in Christian parlance). But one of Christianity's most distinguishing features is the certainty of hope of eternal glorious reward through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is because the one who promised, experienced, and modeled it.

After death, for most religions, there is nothing but void and emptiness or at best, uncertain tortuous rounds of multiple re-incarnations. Even the closest copy- Islam, have the uncertain hope of heaven because one only gets to know after one is already dead.

Peter says here in 1Peter 1: 3, that the believers have been born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Thank God! You don't have to die and then wait for a surprise verdict or outcome. You can know with certainty, your eternal destination. Halleluiah!!

That the father raised Jesus from the dead means that he is perfectly satisfied by his atoning sacrifice. Hence, pardon is obtained, atonement made, salvation secured, peace realized and hope of ultimate redemption at Christ's return is sealed. Eternal life from now to all eternity is guaranteed!! Praise, Praise the Lord!!!

Family Updates

Ezechi

I was to apologise for not briefing you our news these past months. The year began very busy for me and the college. We had most of the Lecturers turning up and a few who couldn't and I had to take their sessions.

We went for Florence's mother's funeral during the half term break and returned into Alan's visit, though very tired from the long drive from the East to Abuja.

The Easter break was very timely. It gave me the opportunity to rest and recover from a bout of Malaria. But the rest was interspersed with preparations for the next term. I am sufficiently strong to go on for the rest of the term which start on January 8th and ends on June 22nd 2013.

Florence

Florence as well has been well comforted after her mother's funeral. She had too many trips to the village for some crucial planning meetings. The programme went well: God was most gracious to us. We are very thankful to all of you who supported us during this period, in prayers, phone calls, visit, and giving. May the LORD richly bless and reward you.

Delight

She has continued to be a lovely girl and also growing in wit. She did very well in her term exams and was well commended. Which each added month, she is beginning to play hard and sometime some risky plays that keep us on edge, while she just smiles away. This is really tasking. It has been difficult for us to keep up with her energy level.

We pray that she continues to grow to know and serve the LORD. Also, we pray that she would grow in wisdom and intelligence.

Ministry Updates

Abuja Bible College (ABC) News

Rev Alan Purser of Crosslinks UK was on hand in February to teach the book Isaiah and Principle of Exposition, Apocalyptic literature for two week. After him, I taught 1&2 Peter. Steven Musa-Kormayea came down from the Gambia to take the class on a journey through Paul's letter to the Romans, which was very challenging in every way. We indeed had a rich feast of God's word this past quarter.

Trustee Board Meeting

With Alan's visit, we planned and held a successful Board meeting and top on the agenda was the prospect of purchasing the College property. We continue to pray and trust God to send us help his own way.

Office and Administrative Matters

Chika Okefiena, the Administrator has been doing very well, organizing us and pushing mails to keep us up and running. She has managed well coping with little baby and the office affairs. This is multi-task at work!

Recruitment

As we run unto the last term of the session, the current students have been very good. We have started advertising for recruitment of students. We have produced Fliers and Brochures for this purpose. All the Board have taken up the challenge to be actively involved in recruitment drive. We have a couple of requests for the application forms and enquirers whom we hope would apply. Please, pray for more to come on.

Needs

1. College Property Purchase: - We have serious need to purchase the property as the Landlord's deadline of June draws near. Please give and connect us to groups and individuals who may be able to give to help us secure the property and strengthen the future of training faithful bible teachers.

2. Laptops

My Laptop, which is what I work with, has gone bad and attempts to fix it here have not worked. It is not charging with many replacement batteries, including the one that Alan ordered and brought as he visited. They have tried to check the charging port for fault with success. It is a serious need as we have to always power the Generator any time we have to work, during office hours. This translates to more money spent on power and slowing down when one ought some pressing preps.

Thank you all for praying and for giving to us.

Items for praise and prayer:-

- Praise God for good health and strength for Florence, Delight, Myself and the ABC crew.
- Praise God for his gracious provision of friends and resources.
- Praise God for the success of Florence's mother's funeral.
- Pray that God will be bringing good students to study at ABC as we recruit for a new session.
- Pray for God's blessings on all efforts to raise fund for the purchase of the College property.
- Pray for the preparations and my teaching sessions in this last term of the College session.
- Pray that Delight would continue to grow well and to love the LORD.
- Pray that God would provide a job for Florence.

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