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Abuja Bible College

Bridging the Gap

"... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God". Heb 12:1-2 ESV

Jesus set his eyes on the joy that was to be revealed (many sons born into God's kingdom), endured the most cruel and shameful death on the cross. Many long distance race champions have confessed that what keeps them going when they reach the last lap of the race and when strength seems to have been exhausted is their eyes set on the finish line.

Long before the invention of formal athletic competitions, the bible has set before the Christian believer, the view of the beginning and the end of his Christian race; Jesus Christ. Keeping one's eyes on him not only guarantees rest and safe arrival, but also, the enablement to shed off sins and weight that would frustrate patient endurance, crucial to remaining and winning the race. I would love to encourage you to keep your focus on Jesus and do not be pressured to look away for a second.



Ezechi Iwuagwu with Florence and baby Delight, Abuja, Nigeria

Family Updates

Ezechi

Talking about finishing line, as we approach the end of the session, I feel very exhausted. Some days ago, I wished I could escape to somewhere I really don't know and I was afraid to open my eyes in the morning to embrace a day and the day's task. Teaching consistently since the re-opening of school in January and some occasional preaching in our local Church has not been easy. I continue to be amazed at the grace of God in helping me through my weakness and much physical tiredness. Thanks to Chika, the Administrator who has been working very hard on some of the admin issues.

We have three weeks to the end of session, and I can hardly wait: it does seem all my systems are grinding sluggishly along with me. I hope to devote the last one and a half weeks to much of preaching practices with the students. Pray for the much needed adrenalin.

Florence

Florence has stood by me, supporting and devotedly cooking

for the students. She has had her share of exhaustion and very much to the end of session. She was ill a while ago, but she is now well on her feet. Pray for a sustain flow of energy and strength.

Delight

Delight turned 1 Year and 10 months on 3rd June. She has made some friends in school and has been excited to go to school each day. She recite some of her rhymes sometimes at home. Driving home from church recently, we listened to her sing one of their Sunday school songs without missing a line. We thank God for her progress and pray she will keep doing well and continues to grow well into loving the LORD.

Ministry Updates

Abuja Bible College (ABC) News

We held the second Board of Trustee meeting on the May 18, 2012. And it well was attended by all. Praise God!

The students have been very excited as we inch towards the end of Course and have worked very hard. Some of the ex-Cornhillers who have been out to help with the teaching and have been able to sit in the students' expositions and preaching practice classes seem quite excited and encouraged by the students' performance.

David T. Koromah, from Sierra Leone, who took ill with diabetes is doing well and is responding well to treatment. Florence has worked to maintain his diet. Continue to pray

for him.

A few changes and additions in our profile

The Logo

ABC logo has been changed for the caricature Baobab tree, to two hands holding up the bible and a bright glow on it. Our logo is on the left of the prayer news. They represent for us the fact that we at Abuja Bible College believe that handling God's word is a **Sacred Trust** and our part is to faithfully hold it up and out so that it will shine forth in its glory and majesty. **Let God's voice be heard!**

The Vision Statement

That Jesus Christ is glorified in West Africa through faithful bible preachers and preaching.

Mission Statement

To equip and encourage Christian believers to understand the Bible accurately, apply the Bible appropriately and teach the Bible faithfully.

Byline

...equipping and encouraging Christian believers for faithful bible teaching

Ezechi E. Iwuagwu was confirmed by the Board as the Director, Abuja Bible College. Please pray for him.

Thank you all for praying and for giving to us.

PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Praise God for the strength and energy he has given to us to work and teach regularly.
- ❖ Praise God for helping us through to the last 3 weeks of the session
- ❖ Pray the LORD to help us with focus and energy to end well.
- ❖ Pray for clarity and wisdom as I provide leadership for the college
- ❖ Pray that God would give us good students for next session (2012/2013)
- ❖ Pray for our graduation ceremony which comes up on 21st June.
- ❖ Pray for my preaching in Church on Fathers' day, 17th June.



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