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Abuja Bible College

Bridging the Gap

Reflections

...When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" ... ⁵ Then I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

Amos 7:1-5 NIV

God has shown Amos the prophet visions of coming devastating judgment on Israel and on these two occasions, we see the Prophet empathise with his people Israel; he does not stand aloof. He switches to intercession, "Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

He prays the Lord to forgive; His covenant people are too small. When it seemed things were not changing, he throws himself at the mercy of Yahweh; "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! **Please LORD, cease, for your own prerogative of mercy** became his plea.

As preachers, we can have our exegesis and our preaching very right for other people (our congregation) and yet be aloof and unaffected by the same message.



**Ezechi Iwuagwu
with Florence and baby Delight
Abuja, Nigeria**

Perhaps there are lesson on identification and influence to learn from Amos as we carry out our prophet mandate to our generation.

Family Updates

The LORD, through Crosslinks, provided for us to take some time away over Christmas to rest at a Missionary rest Home in Minago - Jos. We rested, played some games and made friends in the place. We were grateful that we didn't have to bother with cooking while there.

Ezechi

I have had the daunting and exciting privilege of teaching consistently since the re-opening of school in January. God has indeed been most gracious. I can testify to what it means for His power to be made perfect in my weakness.

The students' insatiable appetite has also been huge encouragement for Florence and I as we serve here and we pray that the LORD will continue to sustain this beautiful learning atmosphere.

Florence

Florence has graciously been cooking for the students since resumption; an assignment she hopes to carry on till end of the session. This responsibility, she has carried on with a great sense of ministerial devotion. We hope and pray that she is able to pick a job by the time the session ends. She has been a great help indeed!

Delight

Delight turns 1 Year and 7 months on 3rd March. She has recently been enrolled in the play group class in school in Kwali. The new experience was not funny for her in the early week as she preferred the security and fun of being with mom. But she is beginning to enjoy it and is making some friends. It is interesting to watch her mimic what looks like praying before eating and when we pray in the mornings. Pray that she continues to grow well into loving the LORD.

Ministry Updates

Abuja Bible College (ABC) News

By God's grace and arrangement, we were able to hold the first Board of Trustee meeting on the 3rd February 2012. It was attended by all. Praise God!

The students have been very excited as we work on the principles of interpretation and through bible books. They are really engaging as they ask real good questions. The teachers are motivated to work harder for each teaching session. It took a bit of time and explaining for them to see that the gobbets and other practice sessions are not competition and the feed backs not hurtful criticism. The practice sessions have continued to improve and becoming real fun. Also, they are beginning to give very helpful feed backs to each other.

The PT teaching DVDs have been wonderful help for us and greatly enhancing our lecture/study times. Using them, all I do is to pause periodically to respond to questions and make clarifications.

God has through the generous giving of His people provided us with a car at the college

One of the students, David T. Koromah, from Sierra Leone, took ill and was diagnosed to be diabetic. He has been discharged from the hospital and placed on drugs and strict diet regiment. Everybody on campus has been very supportive, especially, Florence who has worked to keep to his diet. Continue to bear him up in prayers.

We at Abuja Bible College want to thank you all for praying and for giving to us

PRAYER POINTS

Praise God for:

- Praise God for sustained good study environment at the college
- Praise God for the strength and energy he has given to us to work and teach regularly.
- Praise God for the provision of a car for our work at the college. Also for providing us with PT DVDs, DVD player, scanner and PA system.
- **Pray for:**
- Pray the LORD to bless the people who have been praying and giving to the work of ABC.
- Pray that all visiting Lecturers will come at their scheduled time and not reschedule at last minute.
- Pray for David Koromah that he continues to make progress as he is in good spirit and for the rest of us to give all the needed support



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