

AFRICA LINK

Welcome to all our new members from June–November

Nigeria—99
Togo—5
Benin—4
Ghana—4
Mali—1
South Africa—1



A cross section of Bible
School Directors

July–November 2013 Graduations

Congratulations to all students who graduated from July–December of this year.

May God increase your ministry to affect a lot of lives for Christ.



AABS is 10 years old,
Hurrah!!

AABS 2014 CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA

Praise be to the Lord God Almighty!!!
This year AABS had its 10th Annual conference which also happened to be the 10 year anniversary of this great association.

It was an awesome, exciting, equipping and power-packed conference where all Bible School Directors in attendance were blessed with the theme “The Making of the Minister That Makes The Ministry”. Please visit our website (www.africaabs.org) for some of the teaching materials.

By the grace of God next year’s conference promises to be another power packed one with great teachings which is going to be held in NIGERIA—PORT HARCOURT!!!

AABS is reaching the entire African continent. The Theme is

“Missions-My Vision”. All member Bible Schools are encouraged to contact their national director for more information about next year’s conference.



2013 Conference

AABS 10 Year Anniversary

AABS was established in 2004 and celebrated its 10 year anniversary during the last conference. There were testimonies from Bible Schools, singing and dancing from the various countries where AABS is represented.

AABS In Mali

Africa Association of Bible Schools is now in ten African countries. A new Bible School from Mali recently joined AABS in our 10th annual conference.

CONTAINER OF BOOKS

Christian Literature for Africa (CLA) in the US by the grace of God shipped over 800 boxes of Sunday School materials, Bibles, Mixed books and Educational materials to AABS for our Bible Schools. May God increase CLA in all their endeavours.



Off-loading of container of books

Join AABS in giving praise, glory and honour to our God for His grace, favour, and provision in this 10 year life of Africa Association of Bible Schools.

Reflections for Servant Leaders

Passing the Baton: Why it's Needed

AABS Office Location

The AABS office is located at Stop 69 on the road from America House to Adjiringanor. Look for the signboard at Stop 69. We hope to see you there!

My leadership effectiveness is not simply about myself and doing well as a leader. Rather it is determined by how successful I pass the baton to those who will follow.

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Going where the church is not... yet.

Wherever I travel in the world I find that developing, equipping and releasing the next generation is a significant challenge for parents, church and business leaders. Yet handing over leadership to younger leaders is one of the greatest things servant leaders can do for the sake of the Kingdom of God. The baton is used in a relay race to signify the end of one runner's effort and the beginning of another. Psalm 45:16, *Your sons will take the place of your fathers; you will make them princes throughout the land.* Why is this process crucial to my success as a leader?

Passing the baton is the only way to grow new leaders. Think for a moment about how you developed your leadership ability. Was it by reading a book on leadership or practicing? I can guess with certainty that your answer is that you learned leadership by practice. Someone gave you a responsibility or assignment, and you learned how to do it. Giving responsibility allows others to grow and develop. Selfish leaders do all the work themselves; servant leaders pass the baton.

Passing the baton is the only way to multiply leaders. Servant leaders are desperately needed in every home, business and community. We not only need to grow a new generation of servant leaders, we need to multiply them! One son is not enough in leadership! We need more than one son in the natural realm and we need more than one "Timothy" in our realm of leadership. If we do not multiply leaders we cannot fulfill the Great Commission. Two billion persons still wait to hear the Good News of Jesus. We cannot reach them alone but each of us can pass the baton to several others. Servant leaders are passionate about the multiplication of other leaders.

Passing the baton is the only way to finish the race. Our leadership journey is not a single lap around the track; it is simply one leg of a much longer race. We will finish our portion, but not the race. The only way for the race to be completed is for us to pass the baton well to the next runner. Selfish leaders see their leadership as one lap around the track. Servant leaders know they are not finished until they have served the next generation by passing the baton to the next runner.

Paul is an example of a servant leader who ran well and passed the baton to the next generation. He not only reproduced himself in Timothy's life, but multiplied leaders such as Titus and Luke. He visualized the baton being passed to several generations as he said, *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others* (2Timothy 2:2).

Wherever you are on your leadership journey, take a moment to reflect on how you will measure the success of your leadership. Where are you in the process of putting your baton into the next runners' hand?

The only way we will be able to grow new leaders is to allow them to learn in the same way we did.

Excerpts taken from an article written by Jon Byler titled "Reflections for Servant Leaders". For more information about Jon and his ministry visit his website at www.LeadersServe.com