

AFRICA LINK

Welcome to These New Members

Rev. Paul Ampofu-Williams—Ezra Sch
Rev. Samuel Gabora—Nazareth Theo. Coll.
Rev. Ebenezer Otoo—Army of Christ.
Ps. Silas Owusu-Boamah—The Divine Action.
Rev. Eva Adjonyoh—The Rebuilders.
Rev Solomon El-Oliver—Royal Life Ministerial Coll.



Rev. Eva Maku Adjonyoh
New Member



Visiting Overcomers
Institute of Theology

Jan—May 2012 Graduations

Coll of Theo & Mission—17
Nazareth Theo. College—11
Rohi Chr. Ldr, Inst.—38
Bible Life Sch. Of M.—11
Eastern Bible College—4
West Africa Chr. Coll—8

AABS REACHES BURKINA FASO

God continues to enlarge our borders, for which we are sincerely grateful. There are currently 325 member schools in AABS.

On the 15th and 16th March this year, AABS embarked on an expansion program in Burkina Faso.

We had our first meeting with Assembly of God leaders in Bobo with about 115 in attendance. AABS was well presented and 23 pastors showed interest in becoming members and therefore picked up information packets.

Another meeting on the 16th March was held with about 35 pastors from different denominations in Bobo and its surroundings. After presenting AABS many of the pastors showed interest in joining the Association. Very soon we will have some Bible schools in Burkina Faso joining our association.



Sharing in Burkina Faso

“ACTS” Magazine and The Shepherd’s Staff

The ACTS magazine is available for any pastor, evangelist or church leader who preaches to at least 20 people in a week. It is a free magazine produced by World MAP. They also have The Shepherd’s Staff for church leaders which contains very resourceful teachings. Please visit their website (www.world-map.com/) for more information and apply.

Christ Frontiers Mis-

sion Int’l
God is doing a great work in the three northern most regions of Ghana through the Christ Frontiers Mission.

Frontiers Bible Training School is affiliated with AABS and through the resources provided by us, graduates from this school are pastoring Christ Frontiers branch churches in numerous villages across northern Ghana.

Please pray for them.



Visiting Christ Frontiers Mission
on the field in Upper West R,
Ghana

We encourage you to pray for AABS expansion in Burkina Faso and other countries on this continent where AABS has not yet reached.

A Message for Servant Leaders

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!

Please if you do not have an email address we urge you to obtain one immediately and inform AABS. Email is our best way to communicate with you.

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Going where the church is not... yet.

Nehemiah: Vision is Based on Character

With this issue we begin a series of reflections on the life of Nehemiah, a great servant leader with strengths in many areas. We will focus on one aspect of his leadership which every leader needs; **vision**. Nehemiah's vision was to help his people build a wall around Jerusalem, the capital city of his exiled people. All of us as servant leaders can learn much from the manner in which he accomplished this vision. Several qualities reflect his strong character.

Nehemiah asked questions and listened. When some of his relatives returned from Jerusalem, Nehemiah promptly asked them about the condition of the city and people of Jerusalem and listened carefully to their response. The ability to talk less and listen more is a sign of a heart that has been disciplined by the Spirit. Servant leaders learn how to ask questions and listen carefully to what others are saying.

Nehemiah was concerned for others. Nehemiah had a secure and honoured position and had nothing to gain by caring about the condition of Jerusalem. But the questions he asked focused on the condition of others and reflect a heart that was focused on others. Servant leaders learn to put the needs and priorities of others above their own and God longs to find hearts ready to embrace His vision for others.

To think about:
Am I a leader
whose character
is prepared for a
God – inspired
vision?

Nehemiah was prayerful. When Nehemiah heard about the condition of Jerusalem his initial response was to pray. Recognize that Nehemiah didn't just pray when faced with a crisis. Prayer was a pattern of his life and a sign of a disciplined heart. This crisis simply called him to continue praying. Servant leaders don't pray only because of the current need; they develop patterns of prayer that keep them in an intimate relationship with Jesus.

Nehemiah was trustworthy. A simple statement says much about Nehemiah's character, "I was cupbearer to the king" (Nehemiah 1:11). Nehemiah had earned a position with the king that required the king to literally trust Nehemiah with his life. He had learned to serve others before he called others to serve.

All of these attributes point to a man who was prepared to receive a vision from God that would impact the lives of many. Many leaders look for a vision that will help them accomplish their own selfish agendas. Servant leaders focus on becoming people to whom God can entrust His vision. Character forms the basis for vision because it positions us to hear God's voice, it protects us from pursuing selfish agendas, and enables us to carry out the vision in ways that honour the people whom God will call to help carry out the vision.

*- Excerpts taken from an article written by Jon Byler titled "Nehemiah: Vision is Based on Character".
For more information about Jon and his ministry visit his website at www.LeadersServe.com*