

AFRICA LINK

Welcome to all our New Members

Nigeria—88

Ghana—13

South Africa—1



New members from Nigeria



2012 annual conference

June—Dec 2012 Graduations

Congratulations to all students who have graduated within June—December of this year.

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



God's Will Bible Academy
Graduation

AABS 2012 EQUIPPING CONFERENCE

Glory be to the Lord Almighty!

Once again AABS had its' annual conference from the 19th to the 21st of June 2012 with the theme "The Changing Face of Leadership II" at the University of Ghana Legon campus.

It was an awesome, equipping and power-packed conference where Africa Association of Bible Schools was privileged to have Bishop Tackie Yarboi, Professor Stephen Adei, Rev Gerald Keener from the USA and many other speakers touching on various topics in style.

There were over 200 Bible School directors from Ghana, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso in attendance as well as some from the general public.

We are most grateful and appreciative for the effort and time invested by those who attended. For more information and useful resources from the conference please visit the AABS website.



Bishop Yarboi - "Is Leadership Spiritual?"

AABS Website

Africa Association of Bible Schools is pleased to inform all Bible School directors about its' website - (www.africaabs.org).

There are numerous items of information to

find on this site; information such as the current member Bible school list, the latest "Africa Link", latest happenings in the association, resources from the conference and much more.

AABS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Living Faith Bible College is a new member of AABS from South Africa that joined us in July, 2012.

AABS now has over four hundred (400) member Bible schools in nine countries.



Professor Stephen Adei - "The Leader and His Family"

We encourage you to pray for AABS expansion in South Africa 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!

Bible S. Directors: 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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Nehemiah: Vision Responds to Need

We have examined the foundation of Nehemiah's vision to build the wall. It was based on his character and birthed in prayer. In this issue we'll observe that Nehemiah's vision was not about himself but about others. It came as a response to the report he received about Jerusalem. They said to me, "*Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire*" (Nehemiah 1:3). Nehemiah's vision to build the wall was a response to the desperate need of the people in Jerusalem. All visions meet some need. However, visions of servant leaders like Nehemiah focus clearly on two objectives.

The vision of servant leaders focuses on the needs of others. Nehemiah's vision was unique in that it had nothing to do with himself; it was focused on the need of the people in Jerusalem. The visions of many leaders are more about themselves than others. The issue is not so much in the outcomes but in the motive behind it and whether it is focused on self or others. If your vision is about yourself and your own ego, at least acknowledge that it is not a Nehemiah vision. Many so called 'visions from God' have very little to do with God but more to do with the ego of the leader who is sharing the vision. As Christian leaders we must be very careful not to clothe our own visions with spiritual language that seems to make the vision come from God. Servant leaders like Nehemiah have the high privilege of saying to others, "I believe God is calling us to..."

With so many needs around us, how do servant leaders know on which needs God is calling them to focus?

God will not call us to meet every need. Vision that comes from God will continue to burn in our hearts and grow stronger with time. Nehemiah's vision grew as he spent time fasting and praying over the needs of the people.

The vision of servant leaders seeks to glorify God. Nehemiah acknowledges in his prayer that the reason Jerusalem is a significant city is not simply because his relatives live there but because God has identified this city as "*the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name*" (Neh. 1:9). The focus of Nehemiah's vision to restore the wall was to bring glory to God and to restore the city that represented His presence. Whether we serve in the world of business, church, politics, education, or at home, our vision should first and foremost, be one that brings glory to God. True leadership is not simply about growing a bigger organization or increasing the numbers. Rather, it is about finding the need that God wants us to fill and glorifying Him as we lead others in fulfilling the vision.

These two elements must be in place for the vision of every servant leader. Ask yourself whose need the vision will meet and whether it brings glory to God. This again calls for prayer which helps guard our hearts against visions that promote self and take glory from God. May we all find visions that truly meet the needs of others and glorify God.

Excerpts taken from an article written by Jon Byler titled "Nehemiah: Vision Responds to Need". For more information about Jon and his ministry visit his website at www.LeadersServe.com