

AFRICA LINK

Welcome to all our members

Nigeria—293
Ghana—109
Togo—21
Benin—10
Liberia—2
Sierra Leone—2
Burkina Faso—1
Ivory Coast—1
South Africa—1



New Members

Jan—June 2013 Graduations

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

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



God's Will Bible Academy
Graduation

TESTIMONIES

A Bible School Director

I am a Christian convert from Islam and a graduate of the University of Ghana, Legon. My passion is to make the gospel of Christ understandable to Muslims and play an active role in Christian missions. I had a vision of starting a Bible school to train the intellectual minds of people for mission work in the northern parts of Ghana.

I was faced with difficulty trying to figure out the courses for this programme. By God's grace I was introduced to Africa Association of Bible Schools and with the material I have received, now I believe about 90% of my problem is solved. I believe the AABS ministry is just for me.

These are what some students have to say "The Motmot courses are simplified theological training materials. People with only a basic education can understand these studies." - Student in an AABS school



A Bible School Graduation

I have gained much knowledge about the Holy Spirit through the MOTMOT which has benefited my business, home and my personality—Student in an AABS school.

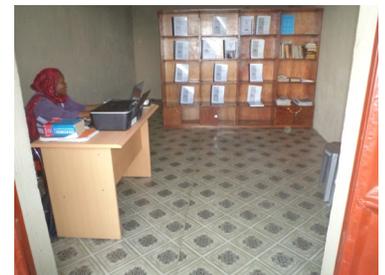
Many more continue to give testimonies.

AABS Website

Africa Association of Bible Schools is pleased to inform all Bible School directors about its' website - (www.africaabs.org). Please visit our website for numerous information.

AABS NIGERIA OFFICE

AABS has now establish an office in Nigeria Port Harcourt. Glory to God!



Nigeria office

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

Reflection 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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Going where the church is not... yet.

Quality Assurance: Not Violent but Gentle

In this short phrase (1Tim 3:3), Paul radically redefines what it means to lead. Most cultures honour military heroes, warriors who destroy all opposition by force and we honour those who push their way to victory. They have power and use it violently to accomplish their objectives. Not many heroes are characterized by gentleness, but Paul calls each of us to lead, not with violence, but gentleness. What does it mean for us to lead in this way?

Gentle leaders surrender their own agenda. All leaders have a cause that gives them energy to move forward. Sadly, for most leaders, the cause is their own. They lead to accomplish their own agendas, and build their own kingdom. They are filled with desire to see their vision accomplished and use their power in any way possible to see it come to pass. Christian leaders can quickly add a thin veneer of spirituality to their goals but at the root, it is about their desires, not God's. Paul calls leaders to surrender their own agenda, yielding their leadership to God's agenda and to replace a violent, pushy spirit with gentleness. This requires a deep brokenness to the plan of God and a recognition that all power comes from Him and is to be used for His purposes. There is no shortcut to this kind of brokenness as it demands a surrender of our own will to the Lordship of Jesus. Then, and only then, can a leader confidently, but gently, lead others to fulfill God's plans.

Take a moment to reflect on what most characterizes your leadership; violence or gentleness.

Gentle leaders influence from below. At first glance, it would seem that gentle leaders don't have a chance to make it in our competitive world. Jesus words, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5) seem impossible for the 21st century. Leaders who exert power and use force seem to have more influence. But Paul recognizes that as servant leaders reject violence, they are in a position to influence from below. Their gentle spirits reflect a quiet strength of character that over time allows them to influence others in greater and more transformative ways than those who use their positions and power to influence others. Martin L. King, Mahatma Gandhi, and Nelson Mandela are recent examples of the way leadership can be exerted without positions and without violence.

Gentle leaders fight only for others. Servant leaders are not weak leaders but they use their positions and influence to fight for others rather than themselves. They use their influence to fight for righteousness and justice. They champion the cause of the person with no voice and no influence. This is selfless leadership and gentle strength.

Moses is a biblical example of a gentle leader. In his youth he tried to accomplish God's plan through violence, but he later learned what it meant to lead with gentleness and earned the title of the meekest man on the earth (Numbers 12:3).

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