

# AFRICA LINK

Welcome to all our new members who joined the association from December last year to the month of June this year.



Graduation

## Dec 2014—May 2015 Graduations

Covenant Bible School—8  
Crusades for Christ—16  
Bible Life School of Mis-  
sions—9  
End Time Bible Coll.—9  
Wordfirst Ministerial Col-  
lege—11  
Blessed Lamb Ministerial  
Academy—13  
People of Faith B. Coll—7  
Congratulations!



Graduation of a member  
Bible School

## A DIRECTOR'S TESTIMONY, 2015 CONFERENCE AND AN UPDATE

### TESTIMONY

As a director and living in a village community where Bible schools are hundreds of kilometers away, and where cost of schooling in these Bible schools are a disincentive to many, to have access to MOTMOT courses within our door step is a big miracle and a relief. Currently, about 98% of the students are workers, yet they make time for the course due purposely to its proximity and cost effectiveness.

Due to the simplicity of the courses we are fashioning out some courses to start a literacy training programme for those who have not been to school or climbed higher in secular education. Thanks to AABS, we have this advantage. May the Lord expand AABS, prolong the life of the author and directors.

### Togo 2015 Annual Conference

Another year has quickly passed and we are now gearing up for our 2015 conference program. The theme for this years' annual conference is

**“Empowering your Life and Ministry”** the dates are 21-23<sup>rd</sup> July and the venue is at Togo Lome. We are delighted to have seasoned Ministers as our keynote speakers. Registration is open for two hours on the evening of the 21st of July.

The conference starts at 8:45am on Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will conclude on Thursday evening the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please contact your national director for more information.

### Report/Update of our Members in Sierra Leone and Liberia

AABS has members in Sierra Leone and Liberia who were affected one way or the other by the ebola crisis.

When we contacted them several months ago the crisis had compelled them to close their Bible schools and their movements were also restricted.

However, glory be to God that things are normalising in their countries based on our last contact with them two weeks ago.

Lets pray for God's restoration for them.



A School's Graduation

We encourage you to pray for members in Liberia, and Sierra Leone for God's healing, protection and provision as they recover from the ebola crisis

# Serving People with Place and Purpose

## AABS Headquarters Location

The AABS headquarters 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!

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When we meet a leader we quickly ask what position they hold but we seldom ask why they hold that position. King David had a healthy perspective on the place God had called him to serve as well as the purpose. *“And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and that his kingdom had been highly exalted for the sake of his people Israel”* (1 Chronicles 14:2). David understood two things about his leadership that shaped the way he led and challenges each of us as servant leaders.

**Servant Leaders lead in an appointed place.** David knew that *“the LORD had established him as King.”* He was a skilled leader; but acknowledged that it was not his skill that brought him to power. He was an anointed worshipper and loved God with his whole heart; but he understood that it was not his character that earned him his position of leadership. David recognized that it was God who called him to his role as king. He saw his position as the place God wanted him to serve. Since God called him to that place he could serve with confidence and resist the temptations many leaders face to be proud or to feel unworthy. Leaders who believe they are in a position because of their own skill are filled with pride and lead with a sense of superiority. Others may feel overwhelmed with a position that seems far above their capacity and lack the confidence to lead well. Servant leaders learn from David and find peace as they accept the place they serve as God's call for their lives. Their confidence comes not from their own abilities but from their understanding of God's plan for their leadership and in His ability to guide them. They readily acknowledge that God is the one who established them in their unique place.

When we serve in the right place for the right purpose, our leadership, like David's, is an act of worship!

**Servant Leaders lead with divine purpose.** David also understood that the purpose of God for his position was *“for the sake of his people Israel.”* His kingdom was *“highly exalted”* and successful in many ways. But David realized that his leadership success was for a higher purpose. He was not a leader to make a name for himself or to build his own kingdom. He was not in a position of authority to accumulate wealth for himself or to impress others with his power. The people he led were not even his own people but God's. The purpose of his leadership was simply to serve God's people.

Many leaders think of their positions only in terms of what they desire to accomplish. Their vision and dreams become the guiding purpose of the leadership. Church leaders often begin their leadership with the goal of accomplishing God's purposes, but lose that perspective as the work grows. The focus gradually shifts to becoming bigger and more prosperous. Business leaders can easily forget that God's purpose for their leadership is larger than the profit/loss statement. Servant leaders reflect on the purpose of their leadership role and understand that it is not about them; it is all about accomplishing God's purposes. This takes the pressure off of the leader. Leadership is no longer about my position or purpose, it's all about Him! If He calls a leader to a high place, no problem! If He appoints another to serve in obscurity, the response is joyful obedience. In whatever place He calls, leadership is for His purposes and to serve His people. The results are no longer the measure of effectiveness and there is no need to compare the position to which He called me with anyone else's position.

*Excerpts taken from an article written by Jon Byler titled “Serving People with Place and Purpose”. For more information about Jon and his ministry visit his website at [www.LeadersServe.com](http://www.LeadersServe.com)*