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Dear friends and supporters,

NIGERIA

The restrictions brought about by covid-19 have not kept the churches from carrying out several annual events. They are being held locally instead of in a central location to fulfill covid-19 restrictions. Teaching materials and sermons are passed out ahead of time to the local leaders to study and prepare before the events.



Thirteen of these youth were baptized in a hotel swimming pool.

The **annual Men's day** was held Sunday, July 19 with the theme "Victory Men" based on 2 Chronicles 20:1-37. The annual **women's seminar** was held August 6 and 7 with the theme "Enlarge Your Dream." **Thirteen were baptized** into Christ at the Calabar Christian Church on August 2. A **wedding ceremony** postponed in May

because of the virus was performed on August 8. Nine students are continuing their training at the Cross River Christian College. Two TEE extension classes are still meeting at Ekori with 12 students and Calabar with 15 students.



This wedding was postponed in May because of the pandemic (note: the groom has a mask under his chin)

Satan is not resting during this pandemic. Jihadist, Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen are terrorizing and killing Christians. False teachers are infiltrating the church. They water-down the Gospel, use it for personal gain and try to cause division. Pray for the Christians in Nigeria who are being attacked from all angles.

LIBERIA

This is an **annual report on the work in Liberia before the lockdown** caused by Covid-19. Two extension courses were completed at **Zondo** before the pandemic lockdown. One course was completed at the **Buchanan** center. Two courses were completed by a new center at **“God Bless You” community** in Buchanan. **Wyzohn** completed one course. Six students are ready to start a new extension center in the Gbateah area as soon as the lockdown is lifted. A partnership for training leaders of the Open Bible Standard Church in Liberia is being investigated.

Two workshops for leaders were held. These workshops provide training for leaders who have not had an opportunity to participate in extension classes. Only fifteen attended the workshop at Zondo due to the covid-19 restrictions. Forty leaders from ten churches

participated in the second workshop at Gbateah. **Six of those who attended the workshop at Gbateah have requested an extension class** for their area. Two topics were covered in the workshop: (1) The purpose of the church which is worship, train disciples and evangelism. (2) Shepherd Leadership.

Solomon Gargar, the supervisor for Liberia, is **very grateful for the new motorbike he received this year**. Some of the areas he supervises are in remote locations requiring travel on bad roads.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank God that Christians in Africa are hungry for training so they can better please God.
2. Thank God for the successful work done in Liberia before the pandemic lockdown.
3. Thank God for successful annual events held in Nigeria during July and August.
4. Pray for the safety of Christians in Nigeria as they face persecution.
5. Pray for the leaders of the churches in Nigeria as they are challenged by false teachers.
6. Pray that the covid-19 virus will soon be under control so the Lord's work can continue at a faster pace.
7. Pray that the pandemic will cause many to rethink their purpose in life and turn to God.