

*Equipping Leaders to Train **More** Leaders*



## IVORY COAST CHRISTIAN MISSION

sponsors of:

**Christian Leadership Training Institute** (west Africa)

Faith Way Global Outreach (Nigeria)

and

**Grassroots Leadership Development** (international)

### **SHEFFLER UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2023**

## **Ivory Coast students receive *Vocational Diplomas in Christian Ministries***

**Godfred Mintah, Administrative Director of Christian Leadership Training Institute, traveled to Ivory Coast** in mid-October to hold a two-day seminar for extension students, extension teachers and church leaders in the Abidjan region. The two-day seminar covered the topics of “A Healthy and Effective Teamwork for a Church” and “Serving the Lord with your Best – Christian Stewardship.”



**Godfred presented three of the students with *Vocational Diplomas in Christian Ministries*.**

These students successfully completed eighteen extension courses. Each course takes twelve weeks to complete.

Students must do home study, take weekly quizzes, attend weekly discussion classes, complete practical assignments and pass an exam to complete each course. Three courses are

offered each year so **it takes six years to earn a diploma.**

Abidjan is the capital of Ivory Coast. The students are Ghanaians who have migrated to Ivory Coast for employment. The seminar and the graduation ceremony were held on the Island of Vridi, a fishing village on the ocean side of the lagoon that protects the busy Abidjan sea port. The fishermen are from traditional Ghanaian fishing tribes. About half of the extension students live in the city and half are fishermen who live on the island. The only way to reach the Island is by boat.

There are seven extension classes and thirty-two students in the Abidjan region. The Institute has forty-eight (48) extension classes and three hundred and thirty-five (335) students in four west African nations. **Thirty-four students earned a diploma in 2023.**

## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

The economic and social difficulties in Nigeria are having a negative impact on Christian marriages. A seminar for married couples was held the first of October. The seminar reminded Christian couples of God's pattern and design for Marriage. Eleven (11) topics were covered to give a full understanding of God's plan and purpose for Marriage. Sunday Obeten and the other facilitators responded to disturbing questions and issues with Biblical answers. The couples attended willingly and **God used the opportunity to heal a lot of wounded marriages.**



The national women's Day was held in the churches on October 8. The theme was "Trusting in God's Plan". Women made the day colorful with their special matching dresses.

The annual conference for the churches will be held in two locations (Calabar and Ekor) this year because of the high cost of transportation. Sister Margaret Ezekwa has undergone surgery for

breast cancer. Pray that follow up treatment will be effective. Faith-Way School is thriving by God's grace. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## Looking for a Thanksgiving or Christmas Project?

As we come to the end of this year, there are several needs that require extra funds. If you are looking for a Christmas or Thanksgiving project, please contact me: robertsheffler@yahoo.com. Here is a list:

- Two years rent in advance for a church planter in Kintampo - \$5,250
- Two years rent in advance for a church planter in Jato Kura - \$450
- \$575 to rebuild a church planter's motorbike
- A new motorbike for a church planter - \$2,800

## PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST

**Ivory Coast Christian Mission thanks you and God for your prayers.**

1. Thank God for those who completed eighteen extension courses and earned a Diploma in Christian Ministries.
2. Thank God for the successful seminar for students and leaders in the Abidjan region of Ivory Coast.
3. Thank God for the successful marriage seminar.
4. Thank God that Faith-Way School is thriving.
5. Ask God to heal Sister Margaret Ezekwa.
6. Ask God to provide funds for the above mentioned year-end needs.
7. Pray for Alan Rabe, David Doyle and Chris Bailey as they travel in Ghana from November 2 through 13 to hold seminars for leaders and extension students.