

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



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SHEFFLER UPDATE - JUNE 2023

NIGERIA: A second center for training evangelists and Church planters has been established at Ekori.

The first center was established in Calabar, the capital of Cross River State. The students for the new center will come from the districts of Ekori, Ugep, Assiga and Mkpani. Training manuals, enrollment forms and a video projector were presented to the facilitators of the Ekori center.

The courses are video lectures produced by the World Mission Center in South Africa using experienced missionaries and experts in the field of missiology from all over the world. Twenty-eight courses take 120 hours to complete. The courses are divided into six categories: Character Development, Basic Theology, Basic Missiology, Ministry Skills, Research Principles and Acts of Kindness. Each course is basic in nature and concise in content. Each course is presented in a way that is practical and easily understood.

Each course takes from two hours to eight hours of lecture time to complete depending on the amount of material needed to cover the topic. **After each lecture, there is a time to discuss the information presented and a requirement for each student to write a one page summary of what they learned.**

The courses are led by local facilitators who have been trained by the World Mission Center. The courses are not intended to be academic, but to be **informative, inspirational and practical for the purpose of developing evangelist who can successfully fulfill the Great Commission in remote unreached areas and in the back streets of large cities in undeveloped countries.**

Sunday Obeten and the Cross River Christian College have been making a slow, careful transition to this new method of training evangelists and church planters. **Care has been taken to be sure the courses work for them and that they produce the desired results.**

In many ways this method is similar to the TEE program that Sunday is using to train leaders for the local churches. The courses are focused on practical application and basic Bible knowledge. The video courses are presented on a level that many can understand. The requirements are a bit higher in that the student must understand spoken English well because the lectures are from all over the world with various accents to their English. Also there is the requirement of using a higher technology for showing videos that come via the internet.

Other updates: The churches in partnership with Faith-Way Global Outreach celebrated a national event of support for orphans, widows and the less privileged by giving the needy bags of rice, other food items, clothes, etc. The Mini Medical Clinic is completed in Calabar and work on the upper level of the school is almost complete. The roof for the Ekori Beach Church is completed and work is progressing on the Gateway Christian Church roof.

GHANA:

The annual tour of presenting two-day Women Enrichment Seminars started May 25 and will continue to the end of June.

Work on the **residence and training center in Tamale** is progressing. The floor has been poured and the walls are going up. The next step will be to pour the floor for the second floor which is the ceiling for the first floor.



IVORY COAST:

Roujee Morris is not doing well. He is unable to walk or talk. Local Christians are helping in many ways. Roujee's wife Juliet is supervising the TEE classes with the cooperation of the TEE teachers.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Thank God for the second center for training evangelists and church planters in Nigeria.**
- 2. Thank God for the progress on the construction projects in Nigeria.**
- 3. Thank God for the progress on the residence and training center in Tamale, Ghana.**
- 4. Ask God to use the new training center in Ekori to raise up more church planters for the Kingdom.**
- 5. Ask God to guide the facilitators of the video courses as they encourage those they are training.**
- 6. Ask God to bless the women who attend the Enrichment Seminars in Ghana and to guide those who are leading the sessions.**
- 7. Ask God to be with Roujee and Juliet Morris as they struggle with Roujee's health.**