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### SHEFFLER UPDATE - JULY 2023

This week we celebrate our political Freedom in the USA. However, there is an **ETERNAL** freedom that no nation or human ideology can give to mankind. It is only found through our Lord Jesus, the Son of God.

***So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*** John 8:36

#### ELEVEN CHURCHES IMPACTED BY 2023 WOMEN ENRICHMENT SEMINARS AND YOUTH COUNSELING

The **2023 theme was *Responsibilities in Marriage***. Emelia Mintah and her husband Godfred spoke on ***Men as Husbands and Women as Wives***. Georgina Afrifa-Konadu and her husband Francis spoke on ***How God Wants Conflict to be Resolved in Marriage***. Time was allotted for group discussion and open discussion on the topics.



**Emelia and Godfred Mentah**



**Georgina and Francis Afrifa-Konadu**



**Emmanuel Boafa spoke to the youth on *Maximizing Your God-Given Potentials Through Holistic Development:***

***Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional, Social and Physical.* By youth, we mean teenagers through early twenties. This addition to the seminar was welcomed and encouraged by all congregations. Many took advantage of Emmanuel's offer of one-on-one counseling for those dealing with problems in their marriage. Emmanuel recently received his Master's degree in Christian Counseling.**

### **FEEDBACK:**

**For the purpose of follow-up and encouragement, participants were asked to share how they had applied things learned in previous seminars and the results they observed. Here are some of the feedback responses:**

**One lady said she became a Christian and encouraged her husband to become a Christian because she witnessed that Christian Marriages were beautiful, peaceful and loving.**

**One lady said her whole household now believes in Jesus because she practiced Christian submission as taught in the Scriptures.**

Another lady said if she had this seminar earlier in her life she would not have divorced her husband.

Another lady confessed that she planned to hurt her husband, but she repented and promised to live peacefully with her husband.

**Strong marriages make the church stronger and make the witness for Christ stronger in any community.** We thank God for this ministry of the Christian Leadership Training Institute in Ghana.

## **NIGERIA UPDATE:**

**The government recently withdrew its subsidy on fuel cost.** Nigerian economy is based mostly on the sale of its high-grade crude oil on the international market. One way to share this income with the citizens has been to subsidize the price of fuel within the nation. The loss of this subsidy is putting further economic strain on the ordinary Nigerian citizen.

The churches, their leaders and the followers of Jesus continue to stand strong in the promises of God as they face increasing hardships. Leadership development through Cross River Christian Bible College's two training centers and through the T.E.E. extension classes continue. The Faith-Way school is in full operation and doing well. The building for the new medical clinic in the suburb of Calabar is still waiting for inspection from the agency that will issue its license to operate.

## **TAMALE CONSTRUCTION update:**



**The floor of the second level of the building will soon be poured.** Workers are preparing the steel and wood framework to hold the concrete and rebar until it is well cured and the supports can be removed. After this, finish work can begin on the first level where the family of the Supervisor of Extension classes will live.

## **PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- 1. Thank God for safe travels and the successful 2023 Women Enrichment Seminars that impacted eleven churches.**
- 2. Thank God for the success of the youth sessions and the one-on-one counseling led by Emmanuel Boafo.**
- 3. Thanks God for the faithful Christians in Nigeria who are standing strong in the Lord in the face of economic hardship.**
- 4. Ask God to strengthen the marriages within all churches so our witness for Jesus can be strong.**
- 5. Ask God to give Nigerian Christians strength and perseverance as they face increased economic hardship.**
- 6. Pray that the new clinic building in Calabar, Nigeria will be inspected soon so it can be used as a blessing to the community and a witness for Jesus.**
- 7. Thank God for the Freedom we have in the USA. Ask God to preserve it with political leaders who have integrity and respect for God.**