



BIBLE STUDENTS' COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Newsletter

Summer 2022

Greetings from the BSCFA

As we passed through the spring and are now entering into summer, we have witnessed increased turmoil throughout the world. The fall of the Soviet Union brought freedom to the Satellite countries of the former USSR. Who would have ever imagined that Russia would have invaded Crimea and then the Ukraine? When viewing world events, we should look not just for what is momentarily transpiring but we should focus on its effect. Are the events that are taking place in the world a confirmation of the prophetic word of God? In 2014 Russia invaded Crimea and not much thought was given to this event at the time. However, in hindsight, we can see the start of something much larger that is looming on the horizon. We need to keep our prophetic eyes on Ezekiel 38 and all the corresponding modern-day countries involved, such as, Russia, Turkey, Iran etc. Are they lining up against Western Europe and their allies? As we look back to when the Covid pandemic started to affect our fellowship, approximately March of 2020, we can see the many positive effects that this has brought about. Many ecclesias went from meeting in person to Zoom meetings. These meetings have allowed brethren from all over the globe to meet together in wonderful Christian fellowship. We have Zoom conventions which allow those who would have never had the opportunity to travel to distant lands to join electronically. Just to name a few additional activities that the brethren are involved with: radio station ministries, sisters' studies, personal follow-up

studies with new individuals and groups of brethren. These electronic meetings have kept the brethren together during these difficult times. As we see Covid restrictions being lifted, brethren have started having face to face meetings. Electronic meetings have enabled the brethren to continue to meet together. Nevertheless, these meetings have not replaced the sweet fellowship of in-person meetings. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us to not neglect meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. NRSV As we experience the disconcerting fluctuations of our financial markets and the disparity of natural resources, this leads to an increase in worldwide anxiety. This disconcerting outlook can possibly lead to a global war. What can we do to bring about an increase of spirituality? We need to foster our relationships at home ensuring the local brethren's spiritual and temporal needs are met. Does this need to end at the local level? No, we have Zoom, and can make connections with brethren around the world. It is important to be aware of world events, but not so consumed that they steal our peace. Let us continue to grow in the fruits of the spirit as we continue to be examples of Jesus to one another. 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. NRSV We continue to pray, "Thy kingdom come," and yes, it's closer than we can imagine! ---

--- Bro. Bill Dutka, Chairman BSCFA



Pre-Memorial Seminar with Brethren at Juba

**EAST AFRICA
Uganda**

Kampala Ecclesia

Bro. Eliezer Jjuuko has continued to be actively involved in serving the brethren in

person including visits to Sudan for seven days and Tanzania for two weeks. Pre-Memorial conventions were conducted in Morogoro as well in Bro. Magei Joseph's home, involving the Lolwe Ecclesia, consisting of six consecrated members.

Wakiso Ecclesia

Bro. Laban Ssewanyana was instrumental in organizing a convention spanning three days during the April 2022 Memorial season. Several discourses related to the final period of Christ's earthly ministry were provided. Other highlights of this special fellowship included a baptismal and immersion service for Bros. Arnold Mugerwa and Odwori Boniface. Additionally, early morning witnessing activities were conducted in the local community and prior to the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, a business meeting was held to consider pertinent matters related to the ministry.



Group Photograph of Some Attendees at Wakiso Ecclesia Convention

Kenya

Following a Servants/Elders meeting, Bro. Ondigo Ochieng continues to express appreciation to the Dawn Bible Students and others who have assisted with his Harvest activities. His efforts in conducting a weekly radio ministry through discourses have attracted numerous phone calls for additional information as well as follow up visits to pastors and individuals who desire further understanding of the Truth message.



**Bro. Ondigo Ochieng
Sharing Truth Literature**

Rwanda

The following encouraging report from Bro.



Some Elders at Rwanda Convention

Silver Mugisha describes some of the joys experienced at the Kigali Zoom/in person convention on May 14,15, 2022. The theme text was “Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.” (Colossians 1:26) Discourses were given by Bros. Ric Cunningham, Brian Montague, Larry Davis, Cajetan Egbu, Silver Mugisha and Gerald Kwesiga. A highlight of this gathering was the immersion of Bros. Jesusmarie Ngogumonosaba from Burundi and Milton Fapiri from Uganda. Since this was the very first convention we hosted, it was an extremely blessed occasion.

WEST AFRICA

Cameroon

Bro. Alex Forjindam reports the following



Bro. Alex at Extreme Right with Brethren

concerning his activities. “This year I did not celebrate the Passover in Doume but took the risk to commune with Sister Angeline and some of the brethren in Kumba, a town in the English-speaking war region. I carried along a good quantity of materials that were distributed to take home. Doume Ecclesia is growing in number and knowledge despite all the challenges. The sisters are really progressing since their senior counterparts in America initiated the Zoom meetings with them. Concerning the Harvest work, despite all the odds, our King is marching on. The number of people reading our booklets, tracts and books is increasing. You cannot imagine how busy I am in calling and answering calls, writing and what not. I thank God for permitting even me to spread the gospel.”

Nigeria Aba/Igbere Convention

The convention was chaired by Bros. Japhet

Ukaegbu, Valentine Ebepu and Donatus Onochie on June 11 and 12, 2022. The following brethren also served.

1. Bro. Peter Ekeh gave the welcome address “God Has a Plan.”
2. Bro. Cajetan Egbu gave two discourses, “Why Are You a Christian” and “Glossolalia” (Speaking in Tongues).
3. Bro. Ikechukwu Ashiegbu spoke on “Hell.”
4. Bro. John Isife entitled his remarks “Resurrection.”
5. Bro. Moses Shotunde’s talk was “The Activities of Prayer.”
6. Bro. Chuks Edward’s sermon was “The Kingdom of God.”
7. Bro. Godswill Egbu led the Testimony meeting.

The Ecclesia thanks all that contributed in one way or the other for the success of this convention.



Group Photograph of Aba/Igbere Convention Attendees



Bro. Moses Obire

Agbarho Class

Bro. Moses Obire reports that Telegram is a platform which can facilitate Truth meetings in an economical manner, both within Nigeria but also throughout Africa. If anyone would like information as to how they can participate in these Bible Studies which he coordinates, please contact him at menabire@gmail.com. Some of the materials used for these sessions include Volumes 1, 2 and 6 as well as “God’s Plan for Man” and the “Character Development Book.” The utilization of “Adam to Zion” though designed for children, may be effective towards aiding some adults to better comprehend the Harvest message.

Ibadan Ecclesia

Bro. Cajetan Egbu arranges Nigeria Bible Students Monthly Zoom fellowship sessions on Sundays. They involve brethren from various countries globally. The topic for July 2022 was “Perilous Times and the Consecrated.”



Bro. Cajetan Egbu

Please email him at egbucaje@gmail.com

if you would like to be notified as to the details of similar gatherings in the future.

Agwa Bible Students Convention

This convention was held on April 16, 2022. Its theme was: “After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:25) It was chaired by Bros. Harrison Uzor and Valentine Ebepu in the morning and afternoon sections respectively.



Agwa Convention Attendees

The following brethren also served.

1. Bro. Vitalis Ekeh gave the Welcome Address.
2. Bro. Cajetan Egbu entitled his discourse “Eventide Reflections on Jesus’ Last Week.”
3. Bro. Boniface Onyenwe’s discourse was “Vessel unto Honor.”
4. Bro. Chuks Edward spoke on “Resurrection.”
5. Bro. Godswill Egbu led the Testimony meeting.

We watched two films, “Messiah the Biblical Message” and “Israel Fulfilling Bible Prophecy.”

Togo

Bro. Sergino Kpoedzou reports a few highlights from the brethren’s activities for approximately one month, commencing the end of May 2022, during which time they welcomed Sr. Lisa Dragos from Romania. Many discussions brought the local friends up to date concerning Truth activities occurring in Poland, Romania, Ukraine etc. Other highlights included proofreading the French translation of Volume 1, engaging in Volume 2 studies with participation of a Brother Samuel who lives in Uganda and participating in hymn singing with brethren from Ukraine. A significant portion of the Togolese endeavors pertained to tent witnessing in various

locations and sharing the Harvest message. Finally, the friends in Togo capitalized upon the opportunity to present God’s divine plan one evening in a church located in Kpalime. Bro. Felix Afantchawo gave a discourse that was received very enthusiastically. This led to Bro. Sergino’s presenting the “Chart of the Ages” to several attendees the following night at the same location. The Harvest has not yet ended!

Liberia

Bro. Nicholas Toe reports that the Harvest work in Liberia remains active despite the rainy weather. Nevertheless, during meetings they were able to speak with 14 leads from the Christian Resources App who have expressed interest in receiving a hard copy of the HTSB



Follow Up Witnessing Efforts in Liberia



Fellowship In Togo Ecclesia

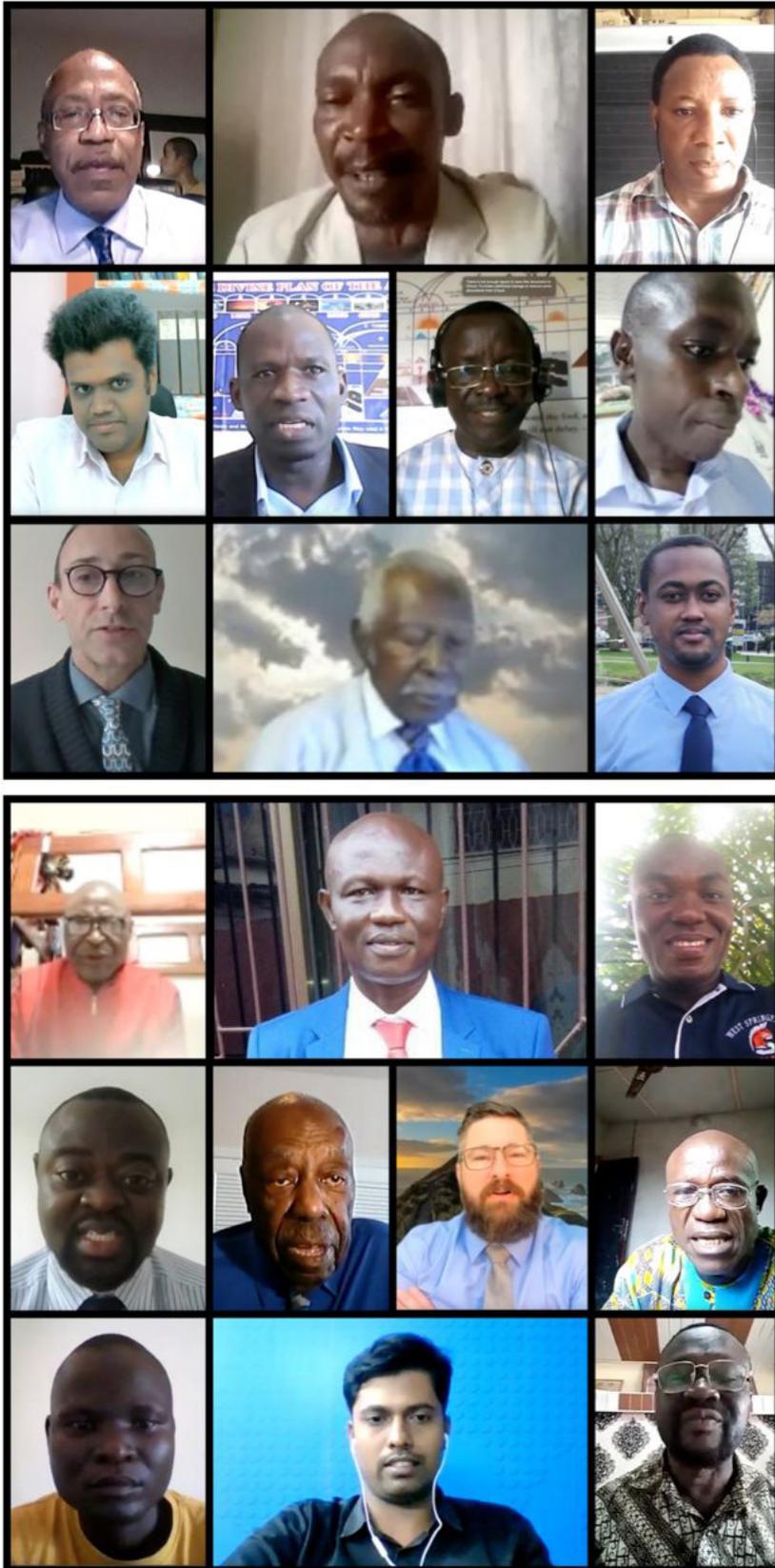
booklet. Many were invited to attend their weekly Q & A Bible studies via phone with those who were curious to learn the Truth. Additionally, the “Blessing” tracts have been very effective for witnessing. I have passed out several and receive calls from individuals who appreciate their content, desiring more information. May the Lord be praised!

Ghana

The brethren in Kumasi, Ghana continue to enjoy and participate in the abundant blessings from our Father in heaven. We continue to study

“People of the Bible” on Wednesdays, “How to Study Revelation and Have It Make Sense” on Fridays, and have our regular Sunday meetings in the First Volume, and the Book of

Matthew. Our monthly Joint Ecclesia Meetings have now crystallized into a 1st Corinthians study with elders from participating ecclesias serving in turn as moderators. In addition to our quarterly mini conventions where small talks are assigned to all brothers on various rounded topics followed by comments and questions, we have included extended studies where all brethren get extra minutes to share their thoughts and research findings on assigned verses of the study followed by questions and comments. Discourses are given where the elected elders of the class make a one-hour presentation on their selected topics followed by questions and comments. Equally important are prayer as well as testimony meetings where brethren share their various experiences on the narrow way to both encourage and intercede for one another. On the 4th of June, we hosted the Ghana Mid-Year Convention which was served by brethren from different countries including Cameroon, England, India, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Uganda and the United States of America. There were three panel discussions, a discourse, a study session, a testimony session and a devotional service. The convention was attended by many brethren around the world. All in attendance were greatly encouraged and blessed to share in the “feast of fat things.” We continue to have all brethren globally in our thoughts and prayers. We love you and urge



Ghana Mid -Year Convention Servants

you to remain steadfast in the faith and to the high calling. (Bro. Noah Amoo)

SOUTH AFRICA

Though physically separated by great distances, Bro. Israel Loji reports that up to ten attendees regularly participate in meetings of the South Africa ecclesia. While six of them hail from this country, one of them lives in Ghana, another in Nigeria and two call in via



Bro. Israel Loji

Zoom from the United States. Class studies are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings while Sundays are devoted to fellowship. A children's meeting is provided by Srs. Jeannie Cohmer and Sarah Asare. Lord willing, a report from our annual convention in August will be included in the next issue of this publication.

Sisters' Meetings

The following information has been submitted by Sr. Sarah Asare. "The international sisters' meetings are still on going and we will be having a special two years of being together celebration in November, Lord willing. We are being blessed by the fellowship, encouragements and the prayers of each sister in the group. So far, we have 13 countries from which these connect to the meetings. We recently added a sister from Zimbabwe who was introduced to us by Sr. Carina Butler and her name is Merrylene



Sr. Sarah Asare

Zivanomoyo. Our contact with Merrylene was preceded by Bro. Brian Montague's forwarding her name to Sr. Barbara Ostermann as follow up to a "How to Study the Bible and Have It Make Sense" lead, and the rest is history. She is a young lady who is hungry and thirsty for the Truth and her presence with us is an additional blessing to us all. Despite the time differences and the various trials, the sisters might be going through, they always want to fellowship and to study the word of the Lord. The zeal, the love and their enthusiasm for the Truth are very remarkable. I am encouraged by Proverbs 31:30 that says, 'Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that fears the LORD is to be praised.' We continue to ask an interest in your prayers as we do likewise for you."

2023 Pan African Convention

Lord willing, the next Pan African Convention will be held in Ghana from April 8-11, 2023. For those of you who reside in North America or Europe who might desire to attend this gathering, kindly "hit reply" to receive an update concerning this matter and it will be sent to you with further details later this summer.

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