

NEWS UPDATE – October 2018

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor 4:5)





Bible Interpretation Class with Dr Musa.



Summer School Graduation



23 students participated in the Summer School held 15Aug – 7Sept. This three-year journey started in 2016 with 27 students including pastors and church leaders. The syllabus covered: Principles of Bible Interpretation; Effective Preaching; Biblical Leadership; God's Grace; Women in Ministry. Dr David Musa is an adjunct Professor with Carthage University, USA. Richard is a retired Aircraft Engineer and Cathy is a retired Maths Tutor and Computer Analyst, both with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary, USA. They serve as Elders in their Church.

Dr Musa, Cathy & Richard Gurley .

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2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR

We had an encouraging start to the new school year on 15th September with 12 new students, and 6 continuing students moving to Year 2 of the Preaching Course.



The History of SOW going all the way back to 2000.



UPDATE ON OUR NEW CAMPUS - TUBAKUTA



Find us on google Maps at: <u>13°15'19.9"N 16°34'49.0"W</u>

Farming on vacant land (Potato & Water Melon).



PROPOSED STUDENT DORMITORY (A): We will launch the construction work for the first student Dormitory this November with the aim to get the building ready for use by 1st September 2019. Estimated cost for this building is at GMD5.2M or GBP84,000. Praise God that 25% of this amount has already been raised from various sources. If you would like to partner with us, you can give online: https://mydonate.bt.com/events/gambia-bible-college,



Or by cash / cheque payable to "Co-Mission Churches Trust"

posted to Gambia Bible College Appeal, c/o Co-Mission Churches Trust, 577 Kingston Road, London SW20 8SA, UK. Fundraising Period: 1st Jan 2018 – 31st Aug 2019. For further details, please contact: mark.l.vernon@gmail.com

PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1. Join us in praising God for the successful completion of the three-year Summer School Curriculum with 23 Students from 11 Churches/Ministries. Thank the Lord for the immense sacrifices of the Faculty.
- 2. Praise the Lord for the great prospects He has set before us this School year. Pray that the tempo set at the opening of School on 15th Sept will be maintained and improved upon. Pray that there will be no dropouts of students this year. Pray that Faculty will be able to go the extra mile; be faithful teachers, and everyone on the staff team greatly encouraged and strengthened to serve in the grace that has been lavished upon us.



- Praise the Lord for His provision for the Building Project so far.
 Pray for enough funding to be able to complete the first dormitory block and make the move to Tubakuta, possibly by September 2019.
- 4. Pray that the Tubakuta campus will be used by the Lord as a powerful tool in building His church and His kingdom throughout The Gambia, across the subregion of West Africa, and on the continent of Africa.