

AFRICA LINK

Welcome to all new member schools from Jan—Nov 2014

Nigeria—35
Ghana—9
Mali—2
Cameroon—1



Nigeria Office Dedication

Jan—November 2014 Graduations

End Time Bible Coll—7
Christian Mission—13
Divine Action Sch—9
Believers End Time—22
Living Faith Bible Col—24
Glad Tidings Bible Col—12
Bible Life Sch of Min—27
Congratulations!
May God increase your
ministry to affect a lot of
lives for Christ.



Graduation of a member
Bible School

AABS 2014 CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA

Praise be to the Lord
God Almighty!!!

This year AABS had its
11th annual conference
in Nigeria which also
happened to be the first
time an AABS confer-
ence has been held out-
side Ghana.

It was an awesome, ex-
citing, equipping and
power-packed confer-
ence where all Bible
School Directors in at-
tendance were blessed
with the theme
“Missions My Vision”.

By the grace of God
AABS was privileged
to have Dr. David
Shenk and Jonathan
Bornman from the
USA, and a Professor
from Nigeria touching
on various topics.

There were over 150
participants from Nige-
ria, Ghana and Came-
roon.

After the 2 day confer-
ence, conference at-
tendees also participat-
ed in a 2-day seminar

about Christian and
Muslim relation.

There was the Nigeria
office dedication also
during the conference
where some selected
individuals from sever-
al countries were pre-
sent.

We are most grateful
and appreciative for the
effort and time invested
by those who attended.



Office Dedication

Testimony by a Bible School

The AABS Bible
School program offers
more flexibility than the
typical Bible School
program. Because we
can provide local

training in our church,
our students can remain
in their jobs, fit the clas-
ses into their busy plans
and enjoy the training
with little financial cost
required of them. All
our graduates are very
much involved in minis-
try .

AABS In Cameroon

Africa Association of
Bible Schools is now in
ten African countries. A
new Bible School from
Cameroon recently
joined AABS during
our 11th annual confer-
ence held in Port Har-
court Nigeria.



A School's Graduation

We encourage you to pray for AABS expansion in
Cameroon and other countries on this continent
where AABS has not yet reached.

Reflections for Servant Leaders

David: Following An Insecure Leader

AABS Office Location

The AABS office is located at Stop 69 on the road from America House to Adjiringanor. Look for the signboard at Stop 69. We hope to see you there!

Reflection and Discussion: Does my own leadership reflect jealousy or anger towards those who succeed under me? Am I able to bless and affirm the gifts of younger leaders?

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Going where the church is not... yet.

David seemed ready to lead! He had a shepherd's heart, a sense of identity, a clear life purpose, the anointing of God, and a true friend. But God had at least two more difficult leadership lessons that he needed to learn before he was ready for the throne. First, he needed to successfully follow an insecure leader.

Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well. When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced, they sang: "*Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.*" Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "*They have credited David with tens of thousands,*" he thought, "*but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?*" And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David (1 Samuel 18:5-9). Saul responded to David's success with jealousy and anger that continued to grow in intensity over time. Saul was an insecure leader, not confident of who God had called him to be and continually trying to prove that he was the real leader. Like all insecure leaders, he was threatened by the success of a subordinate. David's response to Saul in the rest of this chapter shows all servant leaders the ABC's of following an insecure leader.

Avoid the spears! Twice Samuel records that David eluded the spear of Saul which was intended for his death. (See 1 Samuel 18:10) Dodge the attacks from an insecure leader. Don't take these attacks personally and don't let them destroy your call to lead. Don't allow them to pierce your soul and convince you that God has not called you to leadership. These 'spears' will cause a loss of focus, kill initiative and plant seeds of resistance. They must be avoided.

Battle the enemy. When faced with vicious attacks from an insecure leader, David did not pick up the spear and throw it back! He was capable of this and no doubt thought about it. But he did not respond in the same spirit as Saul because David recognized that the real enemy was not the insecure Saul but the Philistine army. He knew God had called him for a higher purpose than fighting Saul and he recognized that Saul could not keep him from fulfilling God's purpose for his life. When leaders oppose you, it is natural to focus your energy on fighting them. But returning spears will never solve the issue since insecure leaders will respond with more spears! Servant leaders realize that those who rise to power through conflict will always be surrounded with conflict. Identify God's enemy and focus your energy on that battle, not the insecure leader.

Continue with humility. It would have seemed an easy solution for David to simply stop leading and avoid the wrath of Saul. But he was called to lead and would not allow Saul's insecurity to rob him of that call. It would also have been easy, and in some ways correct, for David to think "I am better than Saul." But David was twice presented with the opportunity to become a son-in-law to the king and both times responded with genuine humility. David understood Saul's evil intent; but he was not seeking Saul's position. David did not allow the insecurity of Saul to change his disposition nor keep him from moving forward. He continued leading with humility and passed the test!

Identify for yourself the prime enemy towards which God is calling you to invest your leadership energy.

Excerpts taken from an article written by Jon Byler titled "Reflections for Servant Leaders". For more information about Jon and his ministry visit his website at www.LeadersServe.com