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"Are You Reaching People for Christ?!"

This question was put to me by a foundation. Here's the answer: This year is the **40th anniversary** of the establishment of the seminary. Forty years ago, the seminary, then known as Good News Training Institute, was dedicated and put into the hands of African instituted churches (AICs) in Ghana. Now the seminary has trained nearly one thousand AIC members and leaders. Those trained at the seminary are now ministering in: Ghana, Liberia, Republic of Benin, Republic of Togo, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sudan, USA and many other countries. GNTCS has laid theological foundations of people who were theological novices to become holders of theological degrees — most of whom are pastors, evangelists, bishops, musicians, missionaries, church planters, teachers, scholars, administrators, etc. **The answer to the question? YES!** Because of the training provided at GNTCS, our graduates are winning and discipling and ministering to uncounted thousands of people for Christ.



Dancing for joy is an important part of worship for AICs.

Forty years ago, AICs were mocked at and despised because they did not have any place to train their pastors. Now they have every reason to praise the Lord through dancing because of the Good News Theological College and Seminary, a credible seminary whose credibility is acknowledged by the Govt of Ghana, the quality alumni it has produced, and those who support it through prayer and financial donations.

AROUND CAMPUS



At Good News, only the Principal and the Vice Principal have offices. All other faculty members make do with whatever space is available.



Students playing soccer - to stimulate their physical fitness.



Spirituality at the Seminary

Forty years ago, AICs in Ghana were called "Spiritual Churches" because of their emphasis on spirituality. The seminary is keeping aloft the spirituality of the AICs. They are still called Spiritual Churches.



Worship time at the seminary; the seminary community worships thrice daily - 5:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Pastor Willard Roth preaching at a Communion service on Wed. Jan. 19. They eat with the Lord on Wednesdays.

Meeting between Willard Roth, and Prof. James Anquandah, the first Academic Dean of the seminary on January 21.

Forty years ago the AICs in Ghana asked James Anquandah, then a lecturer of the University of Ghana, Legon, to be the first Academic Dean of Good News Training Institute. You can imagine the joy that was exhibited when Willard Roth, the first Director, met Prof. James Anquandah, the first Academic Dean, at the campus of the University of Ghana, Legon.

The First Director of GNTCS visits Campus

The success story of the seminary cannot be told without recounting the contributions of some individuals, mission institutions and churches — both local and abroad. We cherish the giftedness of some people, the donation of cash to buy properties and to run the seminary, donation of books, bookshelves, computers, scholarships for the education of faculty, staff and students, the teaching and administrative skills, words of encouragement, counseling and directives to the administrators of the seminary, prayers, provision of manual labor, short and long term missionaries, free publicity, etc.

Forty years ago, the Mennonite Board of Missions appointed Willard Roth as the First Director (Principal/President) of Good News Training Institute. In January 2011, Willard, Alice, Carla and Kevin Roth, who saw the commencement of the seminary visited the seminary. They came with Simon, their son-in-law and two granddaughters. They donated books, the uninterruptible power supply and provided other services for the seminary.



Carla (daughter) Willard and Alice Roth donate an uninterruptible power supply on behalf of the Roth Family to the Seminary. Carla was about 10 years when her parents provided leadership at Good News Training Institute.

Meeting between the Roths and some Board members on Jan. 20. L-R, Bishop Thomas Agyare, Alice Roth, Bishop Isaac Wontumi, Willard Roth, and Mr. Emmanuel Nsiah (Board Secretary). It was a great joy when the Roths met with Bishop Isaac Wontumi, another eye-witness of the commencement of the seminary.



We are working on various documents on the renewal of the accreditation. We have to request for the renewal of the accreditation before the end of March. We are doing well. After the reapplication, we will then receive a team of evaluators from the National Accreditation Board. Please pray with us.

ACCREDITATION RENEWAL

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Dedication of a baby at one of the congregations of the Eternal Sacred Order of the Cherubim and Seraphim Church, Abuja Province, Nigeria. The minister who is blessing the baby is a student of Good News Theological College and Seminary, Abuja Campus, Nigeria.



Forty years ago, Good News Training Institute, like a child, was dedicated and put into the hands of AICs in Ghana for parenting.....