



All-nations Association
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We Have a New Name!

Why change our name? Well, no, we're not changing it—we're adding to it. We have been officially approved to begin using two new DBA names: **All-nations Association of Bible Schools**, and also, simply **AABS**. But why a new name?

AABS began in Africa—that was our initial focus. We started in Ghana and worked in that country. Very soon there were requests to resource Bible schools in countries surrounding Ghana, and as it became known, primarily through those already operating Bible schools, it continued to spread naturally to more and more countries. Because it started in Africa and we were resourcing Bible schools there, we chose the name Africa Association of Bible Schools. The need was so great for church leaders to be trained in sound Biblical theology on site. Our Mission was "Making Biblical education available and affordable in the local churches and communities across Africa." And as God continued to bless and prosper the work, our Vision became "A Transformed Africa by the power of God's Word."

And then God surprised me! About two years ago, the leaders of the Hopewell Network of Churches came to me, inviting AABS to be part of the Network. There were international networks of churches that were part of Hopewell, and some of them were outside Africa—for example, India, Mexico, Haiti, Costa Rica. Their request was whether AABS would be willing to resource schools outside of Africa. We agreed, and in turn, the Hopewell Network leaders introduced us to their international contacts. One of those leaders outside Africa, when he looked at our brochure, said, "Africa? We're not part of Africa." I had known that we would want to change our name, and this was another reminder.



After a time of considering what name would be appropriate for Bible schools anywhere in the world, our friend, and the author of our MOTMOT curriculum, Dr. Mannion, suggested "All-nations Association of Bible Schools." This seemed right, especially since we could use the same acronym, AABS. Our Mission is now "Making Biblical education available and affordable in local churches and communities around the world" and our Vision, "Transformed Communities by the Power of God's Word." Please Note - We will continue to use the name "Africa Association of Bible Schools", but primarily within that continent alone.

At our 2022 Leaders Summit, our African leaders, having heard of this expansion, gifted Lois and me with this wooden sculpture of a group of persons lifting up the globe. It is a very meaningful symbol of their affirmation of how God is enlarging our borders.

As always, I am very aware that it is your partnership in this work that makes it possible. May God richly bless and reward you! Contributions may be sent to PO Box 556, New Holland, PA 17557, or given online through our website, www.friendsofaabs.com. Thank you!

All for Jesus,

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