

December 2020

## A Time of Celebration!

*"Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end." (Isa. 9:7a)*

As this year of chaos draws to a close, we celebrate the coming of our King as a baby on that first Christmas day, and also the hope that we have of His second coming when righteousness and peace will reign.

We are also celebrating the many ways in which God continues to bless the ministry of AABS. A few highlights from 2020:

**Kenya:** Several months ago, Randy Martin, a Petra Church missionary to Kenya, approached me to ask if AABS could assist church leaders who are asking him for help to set up Bible Training Centers.

Randy has accepted our invitation to be the AABS Interim National Director for Kenya. At an AABS introduction meeting held a few weeks ago there was good interest, and Randy thinks there could be eight schools joining AABS by March 2021.

**Uganda:** Both Ps. Francis Duku and Rev. William Mawa have students in Rhino Refugee Camp and additional students in other camps, for a total of three camps now in which AABS has a presence. The 10 teachers serving in these 2 schools have requested teacher training. Leon Zimmerman, who is an educator and travels internationally with EMM, prepared seven teacher training videos to be used in these 2 schools, and elsewhere.

**Botswana:** Although the government is now demanding that church leaders in Botswana have formal training, most have not. Many have come to Dr. Mothibi, our Botswana National Director, for help. He sees the AABS program as being a great asset in training these leaders. There are now 24 schools, located in 7 of the 9 total zones that comprise Botswana, that are either AABS members or are pursuing membership.

**West Africa:** For a variety of reasons, it is necessary that AABS be a government-registered entity in each country where we have member schools. We thank God that registrations with the national governments of Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Liberia, and Sierra Leone have either been completed or are in process.

2020 has also been a good financial year for us. In spite of the pandemic, many of you have continued your generous giving. Because of you our annual fundraising dinner and the Lancaster County Extra-Give Day were an encouraging success. In these final weeks of 2020, we invite you to consider a year end gift, if you have not given one. You can give online at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2710572> or by sending your check to AABS, PO Box 556, New Holland PA 17557. On behalf of the African people, our sincerest thanks to you for your interest and partnership in the AABS work! May God abundantly reward you and may His hope and peace be yours in the New Year!

All for Jesus,



JC Ebersole, AABS Executive Director

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*"Making Biblical education available and affordable in the local churches and communities across Africa"*