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20th Anniversary of AABS!

This year we joyfully celebrate the 20th anniversary of the beginning of AABS in Accra, Ghana in January 2004! Four months before this, Lois and I, with our children, Andrea and Kyle, began missionary service in Africa, having been commissioned by Petra Church and Eastern Mennonite Missions to serve with Agape Gospel Mission. My assignment was to teach at the Agape Bible College founded by Rev. Richard Whitcomb. After one semester of teaching in the college, the Lord gave Rev. Whitcomb, myself, and another missionary a vision to expand the training of church leaders and workers using a new model that would reach many more men and women in many more places than could possibly be trained at a campus-based college. We envisioned this training would increase exponentially if it were made available “on-site”, that is, in local churches and communities across Africa and beyond.

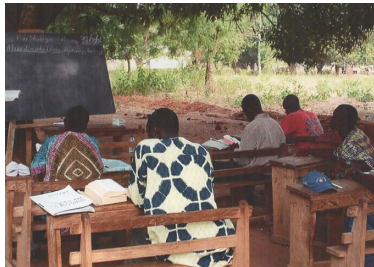


Bible school in northern Ghana (2013)

At the start, AABS offered a curriculum of 48 theological courses, a packet of documents providing guidance to start and operate a Bible school and numerous additional resources for our members. In October 2004 we organized our first annual equipping conference in Ghana attended by 25 school directors. In 2006 we reached the milestone of resourcing member schools in all the regions of Ghana, as well as schools in the countries of Nigeria and Liberia. By 2013 there were hundreds of member Bible Schools equipping leaders in 10 African countries. To hear more growth highlights, you are invited to our annual banquet!



Bible school in southern Ghana (2005)



School in northern Ghana (2006)



AABS Africa Leadership Team (2011)

We give God all the praise for what He has done and eagerly anticipate what He will continue to do in the future! **We hope to see you at our annual banquet, Thursday, October 3rd**, to hear more of what God has done and together celebrate His faithfulness and your generosity.

As always, contributions may be sent to AABS, PO Box 556, New Holland, PA 17557, or given through our website, www.friendsofaabs.com. Thank you for your vital partnership in prayer and finance!

All for Jesus,

JC Ebersole, Executive

Director

AABS Mission Statement:

*“Making Biblical education available and affordable
In local churches and communities around the world”*