



SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Motto: Every servant a disciple and a disciple maker

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY NEWS UPDATE – February 2018

*“For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake”
(2 Cor 4:5)*

TUBAKUTA CAMPUS - UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION



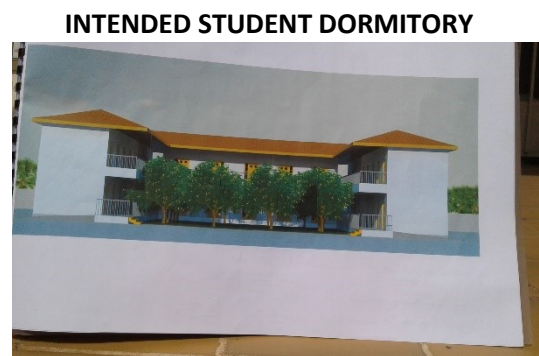
CLASSROOM BLOCK

We are delighted that plastering the walls is in the final stages, and finishing work on the floor will commence in mid-February, and is expected to be completed in four weeks. Our target is to get the Classroom Block completed by end of April 2018.

Progress can already be seen via the Google Maps satellite! Find the Tubakuta site using these coordinates:

[13°15'19.9"N 16°34'49.0"W](https://www.google.com/maps/@13.2666667,16.5666667,15z)

We have now launched fundraising for Phase 2, the first Student Dormitory, which needs to be ready before we can start using the campus. We have agreed that once we have the Classroom Block and the first dormitory ready, we should move to the new site, and then continue building while we are there. We had hoped to be able to do this in September 2018, but that is now unlikely. So please pray with us for sufficient funding to make the move to Tubakuta possible by September 2019.



INTENDED STUDENT DORMITORY

PLEASE JOIN US TO BUILD

Let me take this opportunity first of all to say **THANK YOU** for your financial contributions so far, and to invite you to continue, or to join us for the first time, in building God's Church in the Gambia and in our sub-region through your financial support of this work.

Estimated cost of dormitory block: £84,000

Fundraising Period: 1st January – 31st December 2018

Give online at: www.charitychoice.co.uk/cmct/appeals/gambia-bible-college-phase-2

Or by cash / cheque payable to:

Gambia Bible College Appeal, c/o Co-Mission Churches Trust, 577 Kingston Road, London SW20 8SA, UK

For any further details, please contact: mark.l.vernon@gmail.com

PRAISE & PRAYER

- *Join us in praising God for the wonderful testimony of His faithfulness to His worldwide church, and for the overwhelming generosity of His saints, particularly our brothers and sisters the UK.*
- *Give glory to the Lord for the great progress on the Classroom Block and pray for wisdom and guidance throughout the future planning and construction phases.*
- *Pray for sufficient funding to be able to complete the dormitory block and make the move to Tubakuta possible by September 2019*
- *Pray that the Tubakuta campus will be used greatly by God to strengthen and grow His church and His kingdom throughout The Gambia, and across this region of Africa.*

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY UPDATE

GRADUATIONS

Our first graduation ceremony was held on December 16th 2017. We certified 15 students and acknowledged two for participation. Among these are ten men and seven women.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED:

'Christian Ministry' by SOW (15); 'Administration' by The Good Book College (10); 'Missions' by South Africa Theological Seminary (9); 'Preaching' by The Good Book College (8); Abuja Bible College (1); Cornhill (1); Moore Theological College (1).

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Ministry - Pastor Sam Gomez, Manjako Outreach Ministries (for radio program to Manjako tribe); Scholastic – Paul Mamudu SAT Mansaray; Service - Daniel Gyamfi (for Outstanding Servant Leadership).

HONORARY CERTIFICATES:

Fadil Ceesay: Founder, Indigenous Mission (Training indigenes as missionaries to their tribes); Modou Camara: Founder, House of Wisdom (Training Muslim converts as missionaries to Muslims); Daniel Jatta: Church Planter and most diligent Moore College Student with a distinction.



STUDENT TESTIMONIES

I am **Daniel Anderson Obeng**, Founder and Senior Pastor of Truth Gospel Ministry. Although I was a missionary for a couple of years in West Africa, my leadership ability was lacking. As a prophet-preacher by calling, I narrowed my interpretation of scripture to only the prophetic angle. Being a young minister also, many were offended by my ministry. I began to search for a place where I could get a balanced theology and improve my Christian leadership skills. This desire led me to SOW. In three years SOW has gradually remoulded and re-balanced not just my theology and leadership skills, but also my character and attitude. My sermons changed from been confrontational to expository. My church is now more willing to embrace the truth of God's Word.

My name is **Seidu Musah Oubdah**. Before I came to SOW, I was running the Guiding Light Ministries International, of which I am the founder and Senior Pastor. At SOW I realized that though I had been in Ministry for nine years, I had a problem delivering the Word of God accurately, and that most of the time I was quoting the Word of God out of context. In addition to learning how to handle the Word of God correctly, I have learnt practically from the Director the art of humility, hard work and sincerity in ministry. I acquired skills and learnt principles in disciple making which I never knew. My three years of study and improved handling of the Bible have been of great benefit to my congregation and there is healthy growth in my ministry. SOW has also imbedded in me a hunger and thirst for more knowledge in the art of discipleship and has enlarged the scope of my thinking on kingdom expansion and growth. I am eternally grateful to SOW and recommend this institution to any church leader who wishes to be equipped for gospel ministry.

I am **Ernest Pratt**, an entrepreneur. While at SOW School of Ministry, I decided to sincerely and honestly put into practice what I learnt, all of which stands on trusting, obeying and depending on God for everything that pertains to Life and godliness. My friends, I have never regretted attending SOW, where I was taught how to faithfully interpret and teach scripture; what the duties and attitude of a Christian Administrator should be; and how I can be a disciple and disciple maker, particularly for people from other faiths. At SOW I was able to identify the specific ministry God has called me to. I have received the necessary coaching with the emphasis on depending on God to help me accomplish the task He has given me. Like Joshua, I will boldly say "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord".

Steven Musa-Kormaya, February 2018

Dormitory Block Estimate (Breakdown of Costs)

| | 2015 Estimate (GMD) | Change (Jan '18) | New Estimate (GMD) | New Estimate (GBP)* | If exchange rate changes to... | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | D61 | D66 |
| | | | | D64 to £1 | | |
| Preliminaries / Site Clearance | 4,000 | 0 | 4,000 | 63 | | |
| Substructure | | | | | | |
| EXCAVATIONS | 4,000 | 0 | 4,000 | 63 | | |
| BACKFILLINGS | 74,375 | 0 | 74,375 | 1,162 | | |
| CONCRETE | 407,965 | +50% | 611,948 | 9,562 | | |
| MASONRY | 124,000 | +10% | 136,400 | 2,131 | | |
| <i>Substructure total</i> | 610,340 | | 826,723 | £12,918 | £13,553 | £12,526 |
| Super-structure | | | | | | |
| FRAME | 661,880 | +10% | 728,068 | 11,376 | | |
| UPPER FLOOR CONCRETE | 728,000 | +50% | 1,092,000 | 17,063 | | |
| STAIRS | 44,020 | +50% | 66,030 | 1,032 | | |
| METAL BALUSTRADE | 30,000 | +10% | 33,000 | 516 | | |
| ROOFING | 440,000 | +10% | 484,000 | 7,563 | | |
| EXTERNAL WALLS, INTERNAL WALL & PARTITIONS | 528,000 | +10% | 580,800 | 9,075 | | |
| <i>Super-structure total</i> | 2,431,900 | | 2,983,898 | £46,623 | £48,916 | £45,211 |
| Finishing | | | | | | |
| DOORS | 138,000 | +10% | 151,800 | 2,372 | | |
| WINDOWS | 181,000 | +10% | 199,100 | 3,111 | | |
| FINISHES | 673,200 | +10% | 740,520 | 11,571 | | |
| PLUMBING | 112,500 | +10% | 123,750 | 1,934 | | |
| ELECTRICAL | 121,460 | +10% | 133,606 | 2,088 | | |
| <i>Finishing total</i> | 1,226,160 | | 1,348,776 | £21,075 | £22,111 | £20,436 |
| ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST | 4,272,400 | | 5,163,397 | £80,678 | £84,646 | £78,233 |