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Hosea reads to his son, Zen's class. The school uses TPRA.

Wiebe Winter & Spring Activities (December 2018, - June, 2019)

Greetings dear praying friends,

We begin with an **invitation**. Global Scholars Canada is hosting the North American Retreat for Global Scholars at Tyndale University College & Seminary 3377 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 3S4 Thursday, 25 July 2019 from 4:30 PM (EDT) to Sunday, 28 July 2019 11:00 AM (EDT). **The Saturday evening session at 7:30 pm is free and open to the public to which you are invited.**

The retreat theme is *Exegeting the Global Church: Many Tribes, One Spirit* as this flows with our Saturday evening guest speaker. She is Reverend Dr. Esther Acolatse, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Knox College in Toronto. Dr. Acolatse's talk is entitled *The Spirit World in Africa and the West: Contextual Theology for the Global Church* and will discuss topics from her latest book, *Powers, Principalities, and the Spirit: Biblical Realism in Africa and the West*.

In light of our Retreat theme, I was reminded of Peter's words in Acts 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ESV).

Rudy taught 2nd year NT Greek with the Preus Grammar¹ Monday² evenings January to May. **Praise** the Lord that all four students completed and passed the 49 lessons. This included a translation and syntactical analysis of the Greek text of 1 John in this TBS³ extension course. **Pray** as Rudy prepares for ACTS⁴ to publish a second edition of the full grammar as well as a shorter version. This is his focus in the next Academic year (Aug 2019 - July 2020).



Rudy continued preaching through 1 Peter at Faith Baptist Church, Scarborough, during their pastoral search. It ended in June with Andy Osborne being called as their pastor. Rudy also preached at Grace Gospel Tamil Church and three other churches where we shared a power point of our ministry to Nigeria.⁵

Pictured is the English section of the Windsor Chinese Baptist Church. Peter Schuurman, our GSC executive director, is next to Rudy. Pastor Mario & Emelda Merginio are next to Marlene.

¹ Preus, Mary Catherine *Let's Study New Testament Greek* (Revised by R. A. Lillo and R. H. Wiebe) Bukuru: ACTS 2011.

² L to R: Front: Isaiah Joseph, R. Wiebe, Dahlia Karkanis. Back: Isaac Ma, Andy Tse.

³ TBS stands for Toronto Baptist Seminary.

⁴ ACTS stands for Africa Christian Textbooks.

⁵ Christie St Baptist Church, Toronto; Windsor Chinese Baptist Church – English Section; Grace Baptist Church of Ottawa.

TPRA Promotion and Instructional Workshops



Hosea instructs two ACSI⁶ groups: about 12 teachers in Abuja (left 2) and 30 teachers from 12 schools in Lagos (right 2). Below left, Hosea introduces TPRA to over 100 COCIN⁷ Proprietors in Jos, Nigeria. Hosea instructs 40 teachers at Hope Academy on Brain function and reading skills.



Pictured are some of the 200 NCE⁸ II students at TCNN⁹ whom Hosea is equipping in a twelve week course with literacy training for their teaching practice.

See the colourful brochure that Hosea is using to promote the TPRA curriculum. TPRA will be incorporated as The Phonics READING Adventure Africa Ltd. The Certificate of Incorporation is expected in two weeks. Rudy's cousin, Phil Hamm, has set up a website <http://tpra-africa.com> that is currently in progress.



Hosea's MA Early Childhood graduation certificate was received by Lillos in June. They will deliver it to him on their next trip to Nigeria. Hosea is thrilled to have developed wonderful skills in research, literacy and communication. Hosea aims to be self-supporting by September 2019, God willing. He is grateful for the prayers of all of our supporters.

We continue to need and to value your prayerful support. Our next yearly contract with GSC will extend from August 2019 to July 31, 2020.



With our love in Christ,

Rudy and Marlene Wiebe rudywiebe@sympatico.ca

PS: Please see following sheets for info on how to support our ministry.

⁶ ACSI stands for Association of Christian Schools International.

⁷ COCIN is Church of Christ in Nations. It is one of the largest evangelical groups in Nigeria. Proprietors own private schools.

⁸ NCE is the 3 year National Certificate in Education. It allows a graduate to teach up to Grade 9 in their area of specialization.

⁹ TCNN stands for Theological College of Northern Nigeria. It is in Bukuru where Hosea lives with his family.

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Note: The Wheelchair Ministry is listed separately on the next page and has been updated.

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For further information, pictures and videos on the Nigeria Wheelchair Ministry visit the website of one of the co-founders, Dr. Ron Rice at www.wheelchairsforigeria.org

“Ron and Sharon Rice visited Nigeria Oct 22-Nov 10, 2018 where, along with partner Ayuba Gufwan, they gave out 360 wheelchairs, in 8 major distributions in 5 states. Each involved 8-10 hours of driving round trip. Each had more disabled folks show up whose names were not on the list, hoping to get a wheelchair—heartbreaking. They also gave out white canes and voice recorders to the 85 blind students at the University of Jos and white canes to students at the Gindiri School for the Blind.”¹⁰ Here follow some of the pictures. From the left, a double amputee; a lady assisted by a friend; two ladies; a cheerful young man ready to move forward.



THE PALACE OF THE EMIR OF KEFFI

“We gave out 50 wheelchairs here, but they had 100 on the list. The Emir gave Ron and Sharon fancy (too big) Fulani hats. Protocol required Ron to wear his chief’s turban and robe.”¹¹ Chief Rice tries to greet each recipient. Ayuba Gufwan speaks to some of the 85 blind students at the University of Jos, who got their choice of a white cane or a recorder for recording lectures.



To make a wheelchair costs US \$150 / CDN \$180 (₦ 29,000). They are given away free as long as the recipient is either in school or learning a trade. Please consider a gift to provide wheelchairs for polio survivors who otherwise spend their lives crawling on the ground. See the info above for donations given in either Canada or the USA.

Note: Since 1999, 18,000 wheelchairs have been donated.

¹⁰ Ron Rice, *Wheelchairs for Nigeria* December 2018 Newsletter.

¹¹ Ibid.