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CEO'S DESK



I give all glory to God for you my beloved friend. This year is going to be an extraordinary year of God's blessings for us! We are already seeing the signs here at The Bible Society of Nigeria! Our collaborative efforts and programmes are fast making tremendous impact! We had a robust forum earlier this month when we held our Founders' Day. From the presentations made by representatives of government and civil society, there is no doubt that our advocacy is sure gaining grounds at decision making caverns. Our concern as a Society is to make a difference! I admonish us therefore to go out and make a difference in every little way we possibly can.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to me." Matthew 25:40.

Every blessing,

Samuel Sanusi
General Secretary

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The People Make The Place



“When I was in the North-East, I never believed in one Nigeria because I had nothing to do with any Igbo or Yoruba man, or anyone from other tribes in Nigeria. But coming here (IDP camp), people have been flying in all the way from South-South, South-West, South-East to give us food in this place. I now believe it is one Nigeria, since these people have been placing food on my table, unknown people! I think the number one thing I have learnt and which I never learnt in the classroom is never to lose hope in society.”

Those were the words of Mr. Umar Gola, one of the internally displaced persons we encountered at the Durumi and Kuchingoro IDP camps on the outskirts of Abuja where we had gone to identify with them and distribute relief materials. The new Nigeria we eagerly anticipate that is free from tribalism, hate, fanaticism, bigotry, sectionalism and all other forms of sentiments which threaten our national coexistence can only be made possible when we reach out to one another in love, all for the sake of humanity! Indeed, places don't make people, people make places!! Here are some file photos from Durumi and Kuchingoro.





The Bible as Blueprint for Justice in Nigeria

On Tuesday, 8 February, 2022, professionals from all walks of life converged at the iconic Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, venue of this year's Founders' Day celebration. The subject of discourse was "*Justice: Catalyst For A Progressive Nigeria.*" The Guest Speaker, a renowned professor of Law, Professor Yemi Akinseye-George, SAN, FCI Arb was very clear in his affirmation of The Bible as the foundation for entrenching true justice in Nigeria. He cited copious scriptural passages that attest to this fact. Making a strong case for the weak, vulnerable, and less fortunate ones in the society who are daily deprived of justice by a system that cares less for them, he called on government at all levels to go back to the provisions of The Scriptures in crafting policies, laws and actions which according to him is the only pathway to a truly progressive nation.



Guest Speaker, Prof. Yemi Akinseye-George



Representative of the Lagos State Governor, Mrs. Cecilia Bolaji Dada, Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation



Cross section of guests at the event



From left: BSN Ambassador & Awardee, Mr. Tom Otuaga; BSN Awardee, Deacon Tom Ogboi; another Awardee, Barr. Dele Adesina; BSN General Secretary/CEO, Pastor Samuel Sanusi; General Overseer, Foursquare Gospel Church Nigeria, Rev. Samuel Aboyeji; BSN President/Board Chair, Bishop Dr. Timothy Banwo and former BSN President and Awardee, Dr. Aaron Nuhu.



Mrs. Bolaji Dada, representing the Lagos State Governor (right) presents BSN 2022 Award to Barr. Dele Adesina, while Prof. Akinseye-George looks on.

We Are Their Eyes



Popular visually challenged hymn writer, Frances Jane Crosby a.k.a. Fanny Crosby, now of blessed memory, once said **“I see better without eyes.”** That metaphorical statement can only find a living expression when we demonstrate willingness to help the blind see. Indeed, we are their eyes and with us, they can see even better! Is it wonder then that Miss Crosby went on to become the most prolific hymn writer the world had ever seen? We visited some visually challenged people to distribute the Braille Bible to help them read and appreciate the depth and magnitude of God’s love and promises as professed in the Bible. Indeed, they could not resist the joy and ecstasy in their hearts as captured in the pictures below.

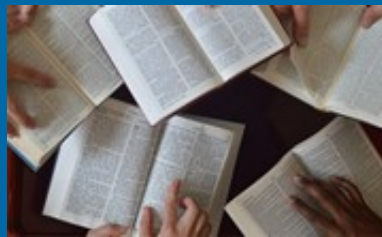


Mr. Ortese Gabriel and wife Gabriella all smiles as they receive their set of Braille Bibles in Benue State



Another set of beneficiaries receive their Braille Bible in Imo State

Is The Bible Written In Your Language?



As at today, The Bible has been translated into 26 Nigerian languages. Have you seen the Bible in your own mother tongue? Do you know it is not everyone that can read the Bible in the English Language? Indeed there are millions who can only read in your local language and are thus deprived of the eternal Word of God because there is no Bible in that language?

We at the Bible Society of Nigeria are working very hard to translate the Bible into all Nigerian languages, but it is never an easy task. It costs at least N70 million to translate the Bible into one Nigerian language if completed in 12 years. We encourage you to support our effort at translating the Scriptures into every Nigerian language to ensure the propagation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



*Prototype of proposed
Bible House*

Rise And Build For Our God

We implore you to prayerfully consider giving to our N2.2bn Bible House project (Rise And Build For Our God) to enable us have a befitting environment to continually impact lives with God's word through translating, publishing, distributing of The Scriptures and executing life-transforming programmes. Our bank details are: **GTBank A/c No. 0003723644**. God bless you!

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