



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Tim. 2:2

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## Africa Update

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Greetings of the season. This fall letter is getting out late, because we wanted to bring you a report on our graduation in Lomé, Togo. On Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, the West Africa Advanced School of Theology graduated 5 with two-year diplomas, 75 with BA degrees, 32 with MA degrees, and our own PAThS graduate with a Doctor of Ministry. All these graduates are either in full-time ministry or will begin full-time ministry soon.

As the provost of PAThS, it is always Bill's distinct honor to give special awards to the graduates. Dr. Faith Ojo, pictured below, was the recipient of the Delta Epsilon Chi honor for her exemplary spiritual and academic qualities. For many years, Faith and her husband Adeyinka, have served as missionaries from Nigeria to Togo supported by the Nigeria AG. Their focus is reaching Islamic unreached people groups in Togo.

Faith's doctoral project focused on a study of Christian converts from the Islamic Kotokoli people of Togo. Her research provides excellent insights regarding how to keep Islamic converts in the Christian faith rather than see them eventually return to Islam. In her dissertation, Faith notes that "Twenty-five of Togo's forty people groups are not yet reached with the gospel and eight of these are Muslim groups."

The biblical citation to the left pinpoints what God has called us to do. Faith is just one example of the hundreds we have had the privilege of influencing over our nearly 40 years of discipling leaders in Africa. While the American church has tremendous resources, we have insufficient resources to reach the entire Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, and pagan populations of our world. Thank you for supporting our work that multiplies those funds through training a multitude of men and women who will train others and greatly increase the impact of every dollar invested in this Kingdom work!



This series of photos shows Dr Faith Ojo, receiving her Delta Epsilon Chi honor certificate and gold chord.

Second Timothy 2:2 is sometimes translated 'reliable people,' in keeping with Paul's advancement of women. God is using women to do some incredible things for His kingdom. Faith is one of those whom God is using in powerful ways to reach the Islamic people of Togo. Thank you so very much for your support of this work!

Sincerely, Bill & Judy Kirsch

