

Campus Connexion

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Events on Campus

This Semester 9 May–22 July Master of Arts Session

24 May Meeting of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee

Upcoming

11–28 July PAThS Session

17 Aug.–23 Sept. Second Semester

17 Aug.–9 Nov. 3rd-year Students' Final Semester

11 November WAAST 40th Anniversary Celebration

> *12 November* Graduation

12–13 November Board of Governors Meeting

Please Pray

• for the completion of the radio tower and for an even greater impact

• for the upcoming sessions in the 8 extension centers

 for traveling safety, health, and strength for the professors and students during the 10week MA session

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New Classrooms for MA Session

Master of Arts students are now meeting in the 3 newly-completed second-story classrooms. Seventy-three students from 14 nations began their courses on 9 May. Twenty-six of these are new students—15 French and 11 English. More than 30 others are writing theses.

Please pray that the 3 downstairs classrooms will be completed in time for the BTh session in August.



Provision and Protection in Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire

Dr. Daplex Ouentchist, Bible school director and WAAST center coordinator, reports miracles on the school campus. When more than 2,000 people took refuge there in April, the school had only enough food for the 150 students for 2 days. A few students from a nearby police training center were among the refugees. Rebels took their center, but their chief was able to retrieve the food stored there: 5.5 tons of rice, 1,200 liters of oil, tomatoes, and other foodstuffs. This fed all the refugees, and students are still eating it!

Despite the rebels' repeated threats to take over the campus, they were deterred by the number of people there. God's hand of protection was evident. Students ministered daily to the refugees during their 2 1/2-week stay, holding meetings at 6 a.m. and at 4 p.m. Some gave their lives to the Lord and are now attending AG churches in Daloa.

Classes at the school have resumed, but the WAAST session in May will be delayed. Dr. Ouentchist asks for prayer for peace, for unity in the churches, and for safety for pastors.

New Radio Tower under Construction



Since a strong wind felled the RJLY tower on April 4, the station's broadcast range has been severely limited. But a new, stronger tower will soon be ready for assembly. This tower will stand 46m high (10m taller), and the new antenna system will boost the signal farther than before.

Local churches and individuals and some U.S. churches have provided funds for the new tower and antenna system. A local businessman donated the steel. About 400,000 FCFA (US\$900) is still needed.

RJLY Director Dziwonou (2nd from right) and his technician (right) check on the progress.

Extension Center News

Sierra Leone: Coordinator Alfred Ensa reports that many potential pastors are opting for shorter, substandard training programs, and that more pastors from the provinces need WAAST training. This year he plans to visit "the four major headquarter towns to have a discussion program on radio about the importance of proper training and why students should choose WAAST as an option for their study needs." Please pray for these efforts. **Côte d'Ivoire:** This center hopes to hold classes in June/July, and to give an entrance exam for the many who are interested. Pray for wisdom as they plan in uncertain times.

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