



Campus Connexion

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November 2017

Events on Campus

Upcoming

December 5

Entrance Exam for BTh & MA (must preregister)

January 2017

School Offices Closed

February 23 & 25

Student Registration

February 26–April 27

BTh/Diploma Sessions

Please Pray

- for the new graduates as they re-engage in their ministries. May they wisely apply the knowledge and skills gained at WAAST to better serve the Church.
- for more professors qualified to teach at WAAST, particularly in the MA program.
- for funds, and personnel to meet the physical needs of the growing central campus in Lomé, and for library resources for various extension centers.

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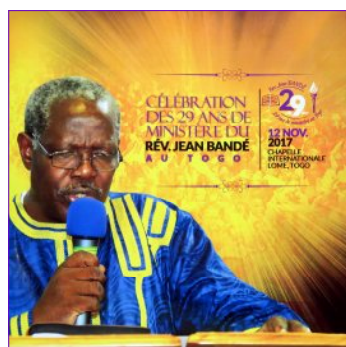
“Co-laborers in the Great Harvest”

On November 11, 115 Harvest workers from 14 nations were awarded their diplomas: 19 the Post-secondary Diploma, 73 the Bachelor of Theology degree, and 23 the Master of Arts in Missiology. Three students received the PhD degree from the PATHS doctoral program, including Rev. David Akonsi, an alumnus and WAAST professor. Guest speaker Rev. Greg Mundis, director of Assemblies of God World

Missions-USA, spoke of the vast harvest fields and the pressing need for Spirit-empowered co-laborers. Special honors were presented during the ceremony to Dr. John Ikoni, retiring chancellor of PATHS, and to Dr. Mary Ballenger, WAAST president, for her 50 years of service in Africa. (Photos: Graduation ceremony: <http://bit.ly/2Bbnagl>; Graduation banquet: <http://bit.ly/2hPUbEP>; 2nd semester 2017: <http://bit.ly/2rJo7W>)



WAAST Vice President Rev. Jean Bandé: A Celebration of Ministry



Rev. Jean Bandé was honored with a retirement celebration in the WAAST International Chapel on Sunday, November 12, for his 29 years of ministry to the school and the Chapel. When Pastor Bandé came with his family in 1988, he had already spent 22 years in ministry in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. He instilled in students his passion for planting churches and mobilizing people for missions as a WAAST professor and as academic dean and then vice president of the school. He worked with the WAAST International Chapel from its beginning in 1989 and became the senior pastor in 1998. His wife, Clarisse, also

taught at the school and ministered in the Chapel, especially to the women. She was promoted to heaven in 2014. (Photos of the celebration: <https://tinyurl.com/bandalbum>)

1967-2017: 50 Years of Education in Africa!

In October 1967, a young educator landed in Dakar, Senegal. Mary Ballenger served her first missionary term as a teacher and director of Dakar Academy, a school for missionary children. But her passion is training African pastors and leaders, and for the next 20 years she directed the Bible Institute of Senegal. She arrived at WAAST in 1995 and served as registrar, then as academic dean. In the midst of her teaching and administrative duties, she completed her doctoral studies in missions in 2005. Dr. Ballenger was named president of WAAST in 2010 and continues to serve in this position.



Greg Beggs, AGWM-USA director for Africa; Mary Ballenger; Gregory Mundis, AGWM executive director

Pray with Us throughout 2018

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