

Campus Connexion

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Events on Campus

This Semester

March 1–April 30 BTh/Diploma Sessions

Upcoming

May 7–9 Registration MA Students

May 10–July 20 MA Session

May 20 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors

June 3, 8 a.m. Entrance Exam - BTh & MA (must preregister)

Please Pray

• for God's protection from COVID-19 and for an end to the pandemic.

• for the continued good progress of the dorm and protection for the workers.

 for students whose churches have been struggling economically during this time, that they would see miraculous provision.

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First Semester 2021: Masks & Tasks

Despite pandemic restrictions and economic challenges, 84 students from 7 nations are registered for the first semester of 2021, with 11 more expected in April. Classes began on Monday, March 1. Sixteen new students—15 in the French section and 1 in the English section—make up the first-year class. Eighteen professors from five nations are teaching during the nine-week semester. The semester is going well, and WAAST has recorded no cases of



COVID-19. Because of a recent rise in cases in Togo, however, the government has called for stricter measures and enforcement. Pray that WAAST students and staff will continue to be spared and that the school would serve as a good example to the community. (*Photos: <u>https://tinyurl.com/photossem121</u>*. Use this link to access photos added throughout the semester.)

Dorm Project: Moving Forward—and Upward



When third-year students from the extension centers come to Togo for their last semester, joining those already on the campus, housing is often in short supply. To meet this need, the construction of a three-story dormitory began in October 2020, and for the past month the site has been a beehive of activity! The ceiling of the ground floor was poured in mid-March, and workers are now building up the walls of the next floor. The dormitory will house 72 students. We thank God for His protection over

the workers, and for sending builder Jeff Gilliland to oversee the project. (Photos: <u>https://tinyurl.com/dorm21</u>. Use this link to access photos added as the project progresses.)

Extension Center News & Prayer Requests

CAMEROON: After canceling its first session in 2020 due to COVID-19, this center reopened in October, with more than 35 students attending. Courses begin again in April, with a new intake of students. *Please pray* for divine provision for students coming from the two English-speaking regions, hit hard by ongoing unrest and economic distress.

DR CONGO: In March 2020, courses at the new WAAST center in Lubumbashi were abruptly stopped as the pandemic started. The center has just reopened, with 15 students. In Kinshasa, sessions were held in January/February 2021, with both morning and evening classes offered at two different venues. A total of nearly 100 students are active in these centers.

GHANA: This extension center, based in Kumasi, was able to hold classes throughout 2020. When third-year students could not cross the border into Togo to attend the second-semester 2020 classes, this center held three of the courses for them.

SIERRA LEONE: This center was unable to hold courses during 2020, but reopened in January 2021. A group of third-year students is preparing to come to Lomé in August to complete their studies. *Please pray* that they would have the means to come.