



# Campus Connexion

West Africa Advanced School of Theology ❖ [www.waast.org](http://www.waast.org)  
September 2023

## Events on Campus

### This Semester

August 14–November 10  
BTh/Diploma Sessions  
Graduating Class

October 5, 8 a.m.  
Entrance Exam - BTh &  
MA (must preregister)

### Upcoming

November 18  
Graduation

November 18–19  
Board of Governors  
Meeting

December 7, 8 a.m.  
Entrance Exam - BTh &  
MA (must preregister)

### Please Pray

- for the third-year students as they complete their thesis projects and courses;
- for the families and ministries at home, that the Lord would meet every need during the students' absence and fill their hearts with peace;
- for stability and peace in the students' various home nations and regions. In many places, the threat of terrorism makes life uncertain and travel more risky.

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## Second Semester 2023: Passing On the Torch to Reach the Nations

The second semester began August 14 with 138 students from 12 nations. The 47 students in the first and second year will complete their four courses on September 22 and return home. The 91 students in the third and final year remain to finish four more courses as well as their required thesis projects or independent courses. Of these students, 67 have come from six extension centers: Burkina Faso (11), Cameroon (15), Côte d'Ivoire (5), DR Congo (23), Gabon (3), and Ghana (10). Five students have come from Lubumbashi, DRC—the first to graduate from this new center.



*Dr. Chris Dzoagbe (BTh 2001, MA 2004, PhD PATHS 2015) helps students with thesis projects.*

Thirty professors and thesis mentors from 12 nations are serving the students this semester. Twenty of these are WAAST alumni. Two have been teaching for WAAST since 1998; others have just recently joined the list of 40+ adjunct faculty. We thank God for their commitment to passing on their knowledge and experience to equip the students to serve God more effectively wherever He leads. (Photos: <https://tinyurl.com/2sem23>)

## Spiritual Emphasis: Training Pentecostal Servant Leaders for *Missio Dei*



In Spiritual Emphasis services held September 7–9, WAAST President Mark Turney presented a study of three key elements of WAAST's mission statement: "Training Pentecostal Servants for *missio Dei*." 1) **Missio Dei**. God's mission is the salvation of the nations, the redemption of people for himself (Mt 24:14). His mission and message *must* be our priority. 2) **Pentecostal**. "Pentecostalism" has grown exponentially in Africa, but many hold aberrant doctrines. Authentic Pentecostals, looking to the Book of

Acts, proclaim in the power of the Spirit the unaltered message of salvation through Jesus, and establish new works that in turn take the Good News to all nations. 3) **Servant**. Jesus set the world's definition of a leader on its head: "whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mk 10:44). He identifies himself, the Son of Man, as a Servant who gives His life to ransom others (v. 45), drinking the cup of God's wrath that was our due. May every WAAST student and alumnus proclaim the full gospel without compromise, live as true Pentecostal servants, and faithfully fulfill their God-given role in His mission. (Day 3 video excerpts: <https://tinyurl.com/SE3exc>)

## Extension Center News and Prayer Requests

**Gabon:** We praise God that the recent coup in this country has not affected the extension center. Its 12 students will take six courses during their third session of 2023, from October 2–November 10. The center's secretary writes: "Pray for stability in our country. May God preserve and guide the transitional government and, above all, send us students for next year. And may He grant all the staff the grace of perfect health."

**Lubumbashi, DRC:** Students will meet for two courses later this month, and a new group of about 13 will begin later this year. Pray that the third-year students who, for various reasons, could not come to Togo this year, can come in 2024. Pray that God would raise up, in the next year or so, the right leader to replace the retiring coordinator.