

AGAPE TODAY

Vision to Impact

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Agape
Bible College

Dear Friends

Agape Gospel Mission opened our first Bible School in 1984 in Sapele, Nigeria. We began with five young men, preparing them for ministry and launching them out to win the lost and plant churches. Over the years, we've been privileged to train thousands of Pastors in Africa and launch hundreds of men and women into full-time ministry. Today, Pastors trained at Agape Bible College lead churches across Africa, and in places like Perth, Australia, and Houston, Texas.

We're passionate about training Pastors because we believe it is God's answer to fulfill the Great Commission. On our own, Donna and I could reach the lost around us and plant a few churches. But when we multiply our ministry in others, we multiply the impact we can make for Christ. That's why Jesus said in Matthew 9:38, "Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest-ready fields."

We invite you to join us in multiplying the impact of our ministry by multiplying the laborers for ministry in today's world. Together, let's invest in the next generation of world-changing Pastors!

Yours for the Cause that Counts,


Rick Whitcomb
International Director



AGAPE BIBLE COLLEGE

1992 Warri Nigeria

Graduates with Staff
(Pastor Rick, front center)

CURRENT STAFF AND STUDENTS

2025 Accra, Ghana



I grew up in a Catholic home, but my life changed on July 20, 2015, when I gave my life to Christ at a conference. Soon after, I felt God's call to preach. With a mentor's help, I began serving in my church and leading student ministry. From 2017–2020, I joined friends in leading over 1,200 people to Christ through school outreaches, evangelism, and crusades.

Later, I became sidetracked in business and studies in Kenya. Even after securing a good job, **I felt empty and far from my calling.** In 2024, I resigned, returned to Kenya, and committed to full-time ministry training—where God led me to Agape Bible College.

Here, under Pastor Rick Whitcomb's mentorship, **I've grown in clarity, discipline, and love for people.** Agape has been a turning point in my walk with God and preparation for ministry.

My passion is to plant churches, reach youth, and preach the Gospel wherever the Lord sends me. This vision is rooted in Acts 20:24, which says "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Dalton Shamavu D.R. Congo



Michael Raphael Nigeria



I grew up in a Christian home where faith shaped my life from the start. At age 9, I felt God calling me into ministry and missions. After giving my life to Christ, I knew my purpose was to share the hope of the Gospel.

I had a passion for missions but little training—until God led me to Agape Bible College (ABC). ABC's vision to equip pastors and missionaries with strong biblical foundations and practical skills was exactly what I needed. Stepping out in faith, I joined ABC and took my first mission trip to Accra, Ghana.

My first months at ABC were tough. I grieved the loss of my father, faced cultural adjustments, and struggled to balance school with ministry. But **with the support** of Pastor Rick Whitcomb, the church, staff, and students, I found strength and grew in resilience.

ABC has deepened my walk with God, strengthened my character, and equipped me for ministry. My heart is to serve wherever the Lord leads—preaching, discipling, or encouraging others in their faith—so that lives are changed for His glory.

Job 14:7 reminds me: "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that **it will sprout again...**" God always brings new beginnings.

Jacob Atibilla Ghana



I come from the Upper East Region of Northern Ghana, a quiet place that shaped who I am today. Life wasn't always easy, but it taught me perseverance, humility, and faith. I've always believed God has a purpose for every season, and that curiosity and trust have guided my journey.

Before joining Agape Bible College, I was searching for a place to grow not only in skills but in character and calling. When my former spiritual father told me about ABC, something stirred in my heart—I knew it was where God was leading me.

The road hasn't been without struggles—doubts, finances, and moments of wondering if I was enough. But through prayer, God's grace, and the support of the ABC family, I learned that challenges refine us more than comfort ever could.

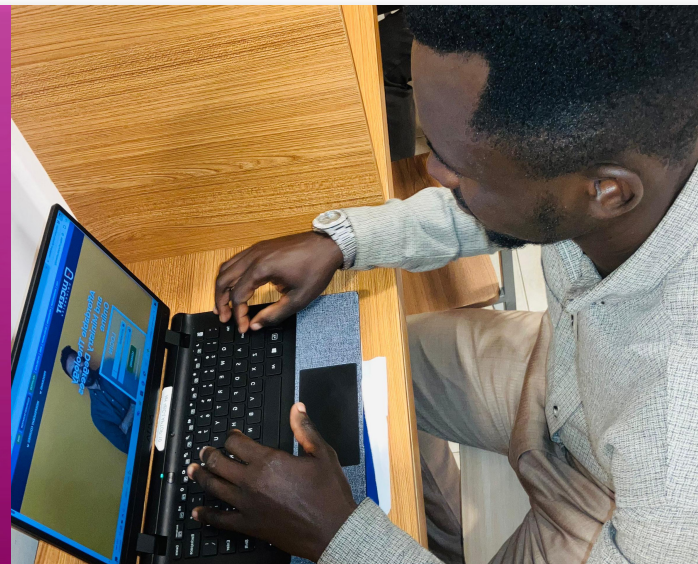
ABC has changed my life. My walk with God has deepened, and I've grown more confident, disciplined, and prepared for ministry. I've gained skills I never imagined, but **more importantly, I've found purpose—and that changes everything.**

Looking ahead, I want to use what I've learned to serve others—through ministry, mentorship, or creating opportunities for young people. My dream is to be a vessel of hope, just as ABC has been for me.

SUPPORT NEED

Our training program for pastors is provided **FREE** of charge. Agape Gospel Mission pays for all tuition, books, accommodation and board. We do this so that all those with a call can answer that call.

It costs **\$250** per month, per student for two years. We **need** partners to sponsor students and give to our general operating budget for Agape Bible College.



"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

1 Peter 5:2-3

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT ABC

from Kenya, Congo, Benin, and Nigeria
September 2025 Accra, Ghana

LECTURE TIME AT ABC

2025 Accra, Ghana



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Submit your plans to the Lord

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agapegospelmission.org/ministries#agapebiblecollege

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Our ministries are listed on our website, and you can choose which one to support.

STEP 4 ▾

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