

## NIGERIA FAITHFUL WORKS

# REPORT

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## Deep Wells Successful at Ogbomosho Seminary

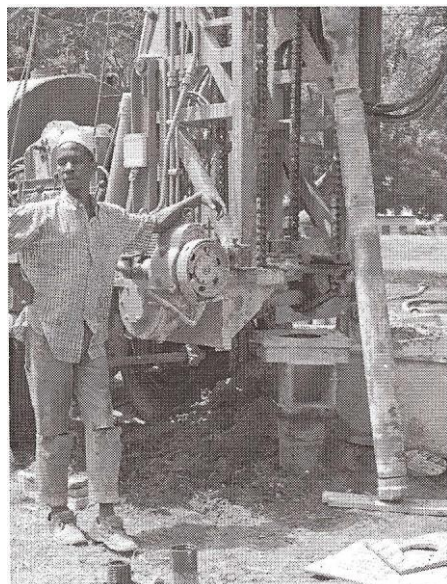
Two wells successfully penetrated a layer of rock into a deep aquifer in July and will provide ample water for the compound of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho. The compound includes all staff, housing for 500 students and their families, and schools for their children.

One well is located near the Frances Jones building; the other is near the tennis courts.

NBTS president Dr. Joseph Ilori expressed appreciation from the entire seminary family.

"Thanks for your concern and support for us," he said. "Our plight for the lack of water for drinking and domestic use is hard to describe. We appreciate the donors to Nigeria Faithful Works who have graciously provided funds to drill wells for us.

"The present generation and future generations of our seminary will be grateful for the provision of these wells. They



*This rock hammer drill bit is the key to breaking through a layer of rock.*

are successfully supplying the amount of water we need. To God be the glory."

Ilori went on to say, "At our ministers conference in September we had about 800 Baptist pastors on our campus, and with the two new wells there was no shortage of water, nor did we have to buy outside water. I am grateful to God and to all members of NFW."

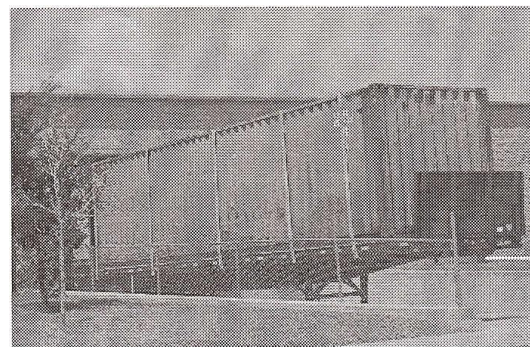
NFW provided \$15,000 to complete the wells. The seminary put in piping upgrades for better distribution.

## Ultrasound in Shipment

An ultrasound machine and related probes are on the way to the Baptist Medical Centre in Ogbomosho.

The hospital's previous ultrasound was vintage 1970 and stopped working years ago. They have been without one since then.

The new machine and probes were obtained by NFW for \$8,000. They will not only enhance the quality of care the hospital provides, but will also boost their capacity to generate additional income which is sorely needed.



*The ultrasound machine is enroute to Nigeria in this cargo container, along with a great amount of other supplies and equipment. See story on collaboration on page 2.*

# Volunteer With NFW

You can help NFW by volunteering! The NFW Council is seeking help for both internal support and on projects. Some of the needs are in researching medical equipment, writing for the newsletter, fund raising, and (depending on skills in construction, engineering, public health or marketing, for example) possibly going to Nigeria as a project volunteer.

Want to help? Contact a member of the NFW Council (see box below).

# Ron Wasson Joins NFW Council

Ron Wasson has joined the NFW leadership council.

Based in the Dallas area, Ron has already proven an excellent liaison with Mary Kay and Fred Posey and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and has worked hard in achieving results for projects in Nigeria.

Ron is the son of Lil and the late Mel Wasson. He and his wife Rhonda live in Heath, Texas.

# Collaboration Extends Efforts

It's always amazing what can be accomplished when people work together with cooperation and dedication. The more people who pitch in, the greater the accomplishments are. Exciting things are happening for Baptist institutions in Nigeria through collaboration between NFW and other groups.

The ultrasound machine and probes mentioned on page 1 is currently in shipment to Nigeria in a large cargo container filled with medical equipment and supplies raised by an outpouring of generosity from churches and volunteers of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and from the efforts of Mary Kay and Fred Posey.

The BGCT previously contributed \$10,000 for both the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary and the Baptist Medical Centre Ogbomoso for cyber cafes for each compound. NBTS faculty and their 500 students will use their cyber cafe for theological research studies. BMCO uses its cyber cafe for medical research and has opened it commercially to the community to generate badly-needed additional revenue.

Bob Ellis of the BGCT coordinated an effort to raise money to start a cassava farm to be run by residents with leprosy who live at the Health Service in Ogbomoso, to give them farming skills and help them earn income. NFW made a \$200 contribution that completed the funds needed to implement this project.

Former medical missionaries Don and Patsy Meier were in Ogbomoso for two weeks in September, and found 1950s-era anesthesia machines that leaked so badly that surgeons could not tell how much anesthesia patients were getting. Don contacted Healthcare Outreach Network in the US which donated two machines. Mary Kay and Fred Posey's contacts gave another two. Based on surgery loads, one will go to Eku, another to Saki, and two to Ogbomoso. These machines are included in the big shipment of medical equipment and supplies mentioned above.

The hospital in Eku is struggling, and NFW is helping there. A \$500 gift has been made to help provide medical equipment in support of Mary Kay and Fred's efforts there.

## NFW Council

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# NFW Website Launched

Learn more about Nigeria Faithful Works by visiting our new website! Created by Phil Whirley, it can be reached by going to [www.NigeriaFaithful.org](http://www.NigeriaFaithful.org). You'll find articles about past and future projects as well as information about our mission and principles.

## Current and Future Projects

The Saki Baptist Hospital has a good well but their piping system doesn't have enough water pressure to supply all buildings with water. NFW is working with the staff there to design and implement a gravity-pressured distribution system for about \$5,000.

The seminary in Eku is experiencing a campus housing shortage. NFW is considering a project to help complete a partially-built house for staff members. It is expected to cost about \$3,000.

Two other projects are being considered. One would send a hydrology engineer to Nigeria to prepare a master water plan for each institution selected by the Nigerian Baptist Convention, identifying the necessary steps in sequence with installation diagrams so that pieces of each plan can be carried out as local financing allows. This trip would cost about \$3,000. Another project would send a marketing planner to work with the staff of each hospital to create practical marketing plans in which each staff would have ownership, to help attract more business. This trip would also cost about \$3,000.

The above projects are all dependent on funds being raised.

A number of people contributed \$2,000 that was passed through NFW to help repair damage sustained in a powerful storm that hit BMCO earlier this year. Stinson Humphrey also made a generous contribution directly to the hospital. These gifts helped to partially offset costs due to storm damage.

## NFW Donors Thanked

Burster Iyere, hospital administrator in Ogbomosho, has written to say, "On behalf of the staff, management and patients of Baptist Medical Centre Ogbomosho, I write to express our immeasurable gratitude to the entire membership of NFW for your generosity to our hospital. Time and time again, NFW has come to our assistance.

The two deep wells, an ultrasound, and contributions to help rebuild from the storm damage earlier this year and to prepare for our 100th anniversary are clear cut testimony that you are helping keep the work aglow that was started by you, your parents and grandparents. May the good Lord continue to bless your work of sharing His love."

## Attend 100th Anniversary

The 100th anniversary of the Baptist Medical Centre Ogbomosho, begun in 1907 by George Green, will take place on March 18-21, 2007. The staff has invited all former missionaries and MKs.

You can make travel plans through Lisa Ward of Trip Logics American Express in Raleigh. Roundtrip airfare is currently around \$1,300. Contact Lisa at [lward@triplogics.com](mailto:lward@triplogics.com) or at (919) 872-4420, ext. 120.

For an estimate of in-country lodging, meals and transportation, contact Jon Low at (540) 552-1228 or [jlow@blacksburg.net](mailto:jlow@blacksburg.net).

## You Can Help Support NFW

Gifts to NFW are tax deductible. Support of NFW projects is deeply appreciated by people in Nigeria, and encourages them as they serve under difficult circumstances.

Gifts in memory or in honor of ones who served in Nigeria are especially meaningful.

Consider approaching your church about a gift from their missions budget.

Checks should be made payable to CBF Foundation and be sure to write Nigeria Faithful Fund in the memo line.

Mail gifts to CBF Foundation, Attn: Sally Saffer, P. O. Box 450329, Atlanta, GA 31145-0329.

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## **NIGE.RIA FAITHFUL WORKS**

### **Mission Statement**

*Nigeria Faithful Works is a network uniting Nigerian Baptist missionaries and adult MKs, Baptists in Nigeria, and other friends of Nigeria, bringing sustainable solutions to practical needs in Nigeria.*

*NFW was formed to honor the faithfulness of Nigerian Baptists who are carrying on ministries and services to their fellow countrymen and women.*

### **Guiding Principles**

Share knowledge  
Build capacity  
Foster autonomy  
Seek linkages with other resource groups and organizations with similar goals  
Exclude personal gain for any individuals involved

### **Our Model for Partnership**

- o Requests for projects are initiated by, and carried out in association with, Nigerian partners.
- o Projects are encouraged that can serve as effective models and be carried out at minimal expense.
- o Nigerians invest a share of financial and other equity in projects.
- o Once completed, projects are to be sustained by Nigerian partners.