

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us!" Matt 1:23

**Season's Greetings** to all in Bible School from the Head of School, Lecturers, Tutors and all the staff at Grace City Bible school as we approach the end of 2023.

Reflecting on this special season of advent and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded that He came to dwell among us as Immanuel, God with us, and bought us such wonderful gifts as salvation, joy, peace, grace, hope, and so much more!

Whatever challenges you may have faced this year, we pray you will enter 2024 with fresh hope in your heart, remembering that Immanuel is with you, our ever-present help in every season and situation of life; and through Him we access to these eternal gifts of grace – Jesus truly is the gift that keeps on giving!

And as you continue with your studies in Bible School this year, may you be strengthened by God's supernatural joy (Micah 8:10), sufficient grace (2Corin 12:9) and perfect peace (Phil 4:12), that would

Every blessing Pastor Patsy Ferreira (Administrator)

enable you to persevere to the end.

Please see below, our Bible School Teachers and the year group(s) they lecture. Many of whom are Board Members

## 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Completion & Graduation Ceremony



We are grateful to God to be able to celebrate our 10th year Anniversay at Grace Bible School this year with a special 10<sup>th</sup> Completion and Graduation Ceremony. This took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6:30pm. It was a truly awesome

celebration and an opportunity to worship and thank God for His grace and faithfulness over the last 10 years. Our main speaker for the evening was Pastor Peter Loo of Emmanuel Church Westminster, Marsham Street, who delivered a powerful message on a life of fruitfulness as a follower of Jesus. John 15:8 'This is to my Father's glory. That you bear fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.'

Since starting in 2013, we have enrolled 353 students in Bible School from local churches, Birmingham and Northern Ireland.

Due to Lockdown in 2020, we opened the School to International students, who joined from various nations including; Ghana, France, Denmark, Nigeria, Uganda, Mauritius, Kenya, Malaysia and Reunion Island. During this time, we have seen many lives impacted, changed and transformed to the glory of God!

#### 2022/23 Valedictorian

1<sup>st</sup> Year – Victoria Osei-Bonsu

2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Jessica Laufer

3<sup>rd</sup> Year – John Nimmakuri

4<sup>th</sup> Year – Alexander Thomas-Hedman



Board members and teachers from Left: Pastor Lovel Bent 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Pastor Ray Djan 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Pastor Freddie Roberson 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Pastor Ade Omooba MBE 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Tony Horswood 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> year; Louise Isaac 1<sup>st</sup> year; Cecil Addy 1<sup>st</sup>year; Pastor Ian Christensen 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Pastor Denis Wade (board member); Pastor Lorna Wade (board member and tutor) and Pastor Susie Djan 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> year

#### **Seminars This Year - Save The Date**

Open to all students and the general public.

Dates: Saturday, 6th April 2024

Saturday, 6th July 2024

TOPIC - TO BE ANNOUNCED and full details to follow.

#### Pastor Pete Game - Remembering a life



It was with great sadness that we announced the passing onto glory of our dear friend Pastor Pete Game in October.

Pastor Pete was a 3<sup>rd</sup> year lecturer in the Bible School, and a much-loved pastor, teacher, missionary and lecturer. We are very thankful to God for his many

years of faithful service in Grace City and his dedication in teaching the subject of World Missions and Christian Discipleship. He not only taught this subject, but also passed on his passion for missions and a wealth of valuable personal experiences on the mission field. Please continue to pray for his wife Diane and the family at this difficult time.

#### New Academic Year 2023/2024

We have had a successful start to this academic year 2023/24. The new term began on **16 September** with a good intake of 20 new students into the  $1^{\rm st}$  year. We have welcomed overseas students from Ghana and France, and continuing students from France, Denmark and Reunion Island. Bible School currently has 4 year groupings and the total number of students registered in 2023/24 are 54.

We thank God that the Bible School continues to go from strength to strength by God's grace.

**Online Lectures:** In 2023/24 all lectures and tutorials will take place online and on Zoom. As with all other times, recordings of lectures will be uploaded on the student portal usually about a week later.

## COMISSIONING CEREMONY OF PASTORS JOHN AND MARY

### AND MARY NIMMAKURI

The commissioning ceremony of Pastors John and Mary Nimmakuri took place during our 10<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary celebration and Graduation. John and Mary graduated from the bible



school after completing 3 years of study as well as extending into a  $4^{\rm th}$  year reading Israel and The Church.

We congratulate them on successfully completing their studies and pray for them as they continue to lead the work they oversee as Pastors in Hayes.



#### **Bible School Prayer Meetings**

It is hoped that all students will be encouraged to join in our prayer meetings. Dates: Tuesday evenings at 8pm -9pm on 16th January, 5th March and 4th June and on zoom Please email admin@grace-city.org if

you are interested in joining this prayer forum. Look out for details of these meetings which will be emailed to all on our list.



#### Bible School Prayers For Israel, The Nations And The Church

Our prayer meetings for Israel and the Church held on zoom will continue. Dates on Thursday evenings: 8pm - 9:30pm on 8<sup>th</sup>

February and 13th June and on Zoom

#### **THANK YOU!!**

We thank you all for your prayers and your financial gifts to our School Fund. Please continue to remember the work of the School both in your private prayer meetings and within your assemblies.

#### **Bible School Fund**

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#### Communications To Bible School

<u>admin@grace-city.org</u> For all queries relating to classes, student portal, enrolment applications, open mornings etc

assessment@grace-city.org For submission of assessments
academichoard@grace-city.org To request an extension for

academicboard@grace-city.org To request an extension for assessment deadlines due to extenuating circumstances; payment of instalment of fees; terminating or deferring bible school.

https://www.grace-city.org/Calendar/ For school calendar

Please visit our website <a href="https://www.grace-city.org/">https://www.grace-city.org/</a> And follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

We pray for a blessed and peaceful holiday season as you pause, reflect, rest and spend time with your family and friends.

# Grace City Bible School 10th Year Anniversary

