



**NIFES ASSOCIATES
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

(North America)



A NEW HORIZON

The NIFES Associate Community Fellowship North America; (NACF) has come a long way from its inauguration in 2012 to its first national conference in Houston Texas, 2014. Then New Jersey in 2016 and Dallas Texas in July 2018. If you guess the next NACF national conference to host in New York city, in 2020, then you are in the Spirit and must plan to attend.

These conferences evoke the aura of national conferences back in the homeland when we traverse the length and breadth of our country in search for an encounter with God in our campus days. And because the motives were pure, the desires were innocent, and the hunger for God was genuine, many had the beginning of real life encounters that set the stage for a lifelong pursuit of God as it is today.

How we rejoiced in those days when we met fellow brethren from different campuses, from North to south, from East to West, and had the privilege of knowing what God was doing with our brethren from several parts of the country in spite of various challenges in their peculiar environment.

The effects of these indelible encounters and impacts from the realities of the fellowship opportunities provided by NIFES, is one of the reasons why the NACF North America exists, to provide a continuity of these fellowship experiences even though our campus days came to an end as should be with anything that has a beginning on earth that is time bound.

The NIFES Associate Community Fellowship (NACF) serves as the national body for all NIFES graduates residing in the U.S and Canada (North America).

Every graduate of any higher institution of any Nigerian School, who identified with NIFES in his or her campus fellowship, is an automatic member of the NACF if he/she resides in the U.S

All organized campus Alumni groups in U.S & Canada that already exist in North America are also part of the national body of NACF.

Interested believers from other Nigerian Campus fellowships residing in North America who wished to be part of the NACF are welcome members.

The NACF provides a platform to reconnect again, network with one another, be our own brother's keeper and support the course of NIFES Nigeria, as we serve the Lord and wait for His appearing. If you are a NIFES alumni, from any institution of higher learning from Nigeria, and are not yet a registered member of the NACF, then now is the time to connect with accomplished men and brethren from various works of life, whom God has settled and is still settling in various fields as professionals and ministers of the gospel of the kingdom. Since we all need one another to fulfill our individual destinies, identifying with NACF becomes the beginning of wisdom for those God has given the privilege to live in the diaspora. This is a clarion call to a new level and a new horizon. Let's reconnect, as in the days of old, and allow God to set us on fire again..

We encourage you to look out for NACF information and notices through the various communication platforms and join us to serve and fulfill God's kingdom purpose. Send us your information and other NIFES Alumni you know living in the U.S and Canada, so we can connect with them as we fulfill a divine purpose together in the NACF fellowship.

General meetings holds vial teleconference every quarter, and national conferences every two years, even as we plan for NACF National Conference, North America in 2020 in the great city of New York, USA. I will be there, and hope to see you there.

Send all your inquiries and information to:
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*Message from Mr. Gaya Hankuri –
Area Director (1/22/19)*

Good day ma. Greetings from Jos. We have taken delivery of the barrels in Jos ready for distribution at the IDP Camp tomorrow or next. We will keep you updated on the progress with full report at the end. Thank you once again ma.--

NIGERIA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS (NIFES)

Ministry Updates: Gist from Home

Praise God. Life after 50 has begun for NIFES. The sky is not our limit, it is just our starting point as we strive under God to be more relevant to the campus world and society at large. Truly the grace of God abounded for us as we engaged students and the society with godly values as shared below:

- **CAMPUS BASED TRAINING PROGRAMMES:**

In 2018, students were engaged with divers programs for their edification and spiritual growth. The following were the campus-based training programmes carried out:

Discipleship Training (DT): A total of 208 NIFES campus groups held Discipleship Training (DT) with 11,965 participants. New converts were 486 with 1,132 rededications.

Leadership Training Programme (LTP): In the same vein, a total of 243 campus groups were trained in LTP with 567 rededications from 3,546 new campus groups students' leaders in attendance

First Year Retreat: A total of 177 campus groups held First Year Retreat with 386 conversions and 603 rededications. 7,541 students were in attendance and trained on the basics principles to help them excel academically and in their walk with the Lord.

Bible Training Weekend (BTW): This year a total of 91 campus groups held BTW. 2, 585 students were in attendance with 83 conversions and 125 rededications. Through this program, students were trained on rudiment of Understanding and Interpreting Scripture correctly.

Discipleship Cell Group (DCG): As at the end of the ministry year, we had 2, 075 cells in 191 campus groups

LIFE Outreaches: This campus based evangelistic programme held across various campuses. A total of 28,652 students were in attendance out of whom we had 1,932 conversion, 3,022 persons rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ.

Rural Outreaches: A total of 4,512 students, staff and associates were involved in various rural outreaches carried out. We had 1, 468 conversions, 645 rededications and 477 persons were being followed up.

I ask for your prayers as we prepare to do more with the Lord this year.

- **National Delegates Prayer Conference (NDPC)**

The 2018 NDPC held on 22nd – 25th November 2018 at NIFES Conference Centre, Kwali with the theme: **In the Days of His Power**. A total of 1, 572 participants were in attendance with Pastor Charles Achonwa as the guest minister.

- **NIFES Social Response: Visitation to IDPs Camps**

It is no longer news that the spate of insecurity in Nigeria has left many families in untold hardship, pains and traumatic experiences. Through the generous gifts (both in cash and kind) of our beloved friends, associates, partners and donors, NIFES was able to visit various IDPs camps especially in Jos, Plateau State. Amongst others capacity building/empowerment programs, materials, spiritual, emotional assistance were given to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) across the various camps. A special Christmas visit was made to one of the camps in December 2018 courtesy of gifts from a US based associate and NACF USA. The people were so glad NIFES visited. Further counselling and gifts were given to them. Despite all the gifts and services NIFES has rendered to these camps, more are the needs that still need to be attended to. NIFES will continue to respond to social issues like this but our ultimate desire is that God will grant our nation a lasting peace and tranquility.

- **NIFES @ 50 NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS**

The various NIFES zones were agog last year with NIFES @ 50 celebrations. It was indeed a time to reflect and rejoice over God's faithfulness in and through NIFES this past 50 years. The National Celebration held on November 24th 2018 at International Conference Centre Abuja. There were several special attractions

during the national celebration in Abuja. First was the Public Lecture on ***NIFES and Nation Building*** delivered by Prof. B. B. Fakae, former Vice Chancellor, Rivers State University Port Harcourt and the subsequent cutting of the 50th anniversary cake. Also, a special 50th edition National Link (NIFES Newsletter) which showcased our historical perspective and legacies over the years was produced to mark the event. A 30-minutes documentary of the History of NIFES titled: *Reaching Students, Transforming Society* was also aired during the celebration that had close to 300 persons in attendance. Dignitaries in attendance included Prof. Jerry Gana (former minister of information), Rtd Justice (Mrs.) Clara Ogunbiyi of the Supreme Court, Gen. Martins Luther (former Chief of Army Staff) amongst others.

- **Leadership Training Conference (LTC):** This annual leadership retreat held across all the 38 zones with the theme: ***Leading with Integrity***. A total attendance to the Conference was 4, 975 (4, 139 Students, 725 associates, 111 non NIFES students) with 210 conversions, 649 rededications, and 123 had the Holy Ghost baptism.
- **EASTER DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE - 2019**
The NIFES Annual Easter Conference is fast approaching. The Conference will hold in 75 different

venues from 18th – 21st April 2019 with the theme ***Godliness: “The Sure Path to Greatness.”*** – 1 Timothy 6:6. A book ‘Godliness from Head to Toe’ by Jonathan Lamb shall be used for small group family devotion at the Conference while the Conference Expositions will be centered on the Biblical Joseph from the Book of Genesis. I covet your prayers on this major cardinal program.

- **NATIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2019**

This triennial Conference is scheduled for 20th – 24th November 2019 at NIFES Conference Centre Kwali, Abuja with the theme: ***“Behold He Cometh ... Missions in the Light of His Second Coming.”*** Registration is #3, 500 per student and #5,000 per associate. Accommodation of all participants including speakers is in the Conference Centre. This time around registration for this Conference will be fully online. The Registration portal will open by 1st April 2019 and closes on September 30th 2019. Our Guest Speaker is Uncle Gbile Akanni and host of others. Pray, Plan & Participate!!!

- **NUNA ALUMNI NATIONAL PROJECT AWARD**

NIFES UNIPORT North America (NUNA) Alumni has graciously decided to provide sponsorship and funding of up to #500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) to two NIFES Zones (Groups) for community development

of their university or host community and should be such that will have a long-lasting effect on the campus or host community. This sponsorship is meant to be yearly. The project would be N300,000 for 1st prize and N200,000 for 2nd prize. There is no doubt this will make NIFES more relevant in and outside the campuses. Our warmest thanks and appreciation to NUNAA

- **MINISTRY EMPHASIS**

This year NIFES Ministry Emphasis is; ***“Behold He Cometh”*** – Revelation 1:7. The emphasis is to draw NIFES family attention to the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in such a way that our lives are repositioned in preparation and expectation of His coming. It is going to be a year of sober meditation, reflection and soul searching where every step taken shall be in view of eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ. Behold He is coming and may we joyfully and boldly welcome Him upon His arrival.

God bless you richly

Mr. Rex Onuh

National Director

Supporting Internally Displaced People in Nigeria

God touched a few hearts to respond to the call to help families of internally displaced people in Northern Nigeria through the NIFES J.O.S. project. Five barrels of clothing, beddings, shoes, bags, toys and other household materials have been delivered. Thank you brethren for your support. The Lord will not forget your labor of love. (pg.1)

INTRODUCING THE NEW NIFES DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATES

I bring you greetings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

My appreciation and thanks to you, your leadership team and the entire members of the NACF for the good work you all are doing to sustain the vision of our great Fellowship – NIFES. May the good Lord continue to keep and sustain you all in Jesus name.



The Governing Council in her 78th Meeting on 2nd February 2019 appointed a substantive Director of Associates. It is in light of this I write to formally introduce our new Director of Associates.

The new Director of Associates is Mr. Wale Oloyede effective 1st March 2019.

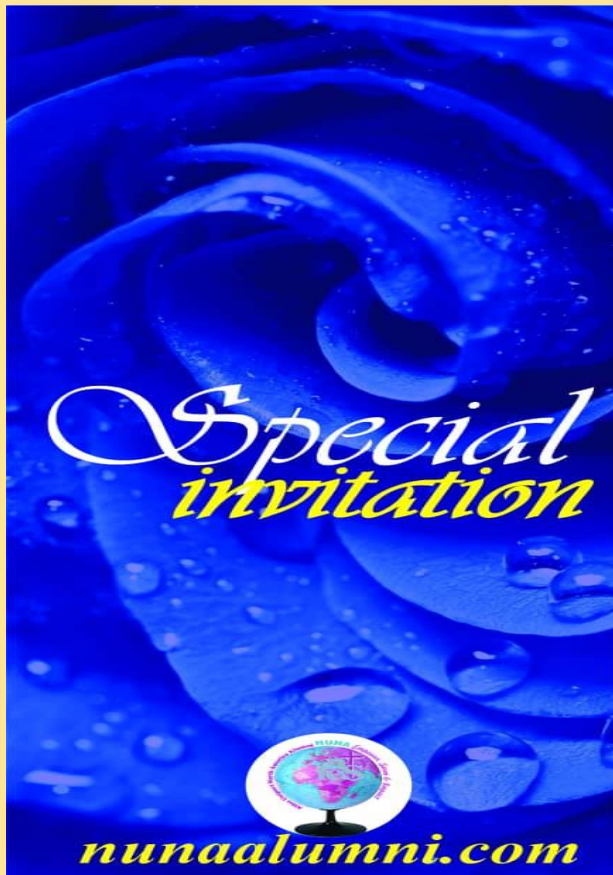
He served as a Corper Training Secretary in 1998 at the then Awka Sub Zone in Enugu Zone. Afterward in 1999 he became the Training Secretary in Osogbo Sub Zone in Ibadan Zone till January 2005. In February 2005, he resumed as the Training Secretary Abuja Zone until September 2010. In October 2010, he was appointed the Camp Manager of NIFES Conference Centre, Kwali, Abuja. In March 2017, he was appointed Director of Missions and Evangelism, the role he was playing until this recent appointment.

It is my earnest prayer that you and the entire fellowship will find the ministry of Mr. Wale Oloyede a great blessing. In accordance with our operations and structure, Mr. Wale Oloyede will be interfacing with you on my behalf in all matters of the Ministry and kindly do well to equally let me know the state of things through him.

God bless you richly

Rex Onuh

National Director





NIFES UNIPORT
NORTH AMERICA ALUMNI (NUNA)

Family
Reunion

*Please join us for a
weekend of spiritual and
social bonding across many
generations of
NIFES UNIPORT Brethren*

Theme:

Let us
**ARISE
&
BUILD** Neh 2:18b

 *Thurs. 18th -Sun. 21st July, 2019*
 *Orlando, Florida*

NUNA Family RSVP
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NEW BOOK RELEASE

Book title: *Learn to live right and well* (Vol. I): a passionate letter to everyone especially young people of every nation, tribe, race, language, culture and colour.

Author: Ebere Samuel

Title: You are Not too Young to Be a Blessing, an Excerpt from Ebere Samuel's E-Book

Yes, you can become a blessing to people around you especially your parents and others in your home, people in your church, at school and your neighborhood, where you live. How easy to think that you have nothing to offer!

Almost always, young people think only about what they can get and usually don't think of ways they can be a blessing to other people. One of the comments people of your age usually make is, I don't have anything, so how can anyone possibly expect me to give or be a blessing to others?

Let me ask this question, 'Is it only by giving of material things or money that we can be a blessing to other people?' The answer is, NO! Learn today that being a blessing to other people around you does not mean that you have to give money or any other material thing. This is a very important lesson you have to learn at this time of your life. Adults who failed to learn it when they were your age turned into people whose lives are only about money and things. They see everything about their lives in terms of the amount of money they have and the material things which they have acquired. To be happy they depend on more money, cars, houses, clothes, technology and the amount of pleasure and comfort they can afford. There are several millions of people who have enough money, houses, cars, clothes, toys, computer games and so on to make them happy but they are not happy at all. So, never allow these things to become your only source of happiness.

Remember that, being a blessing goes far beyond giving of money or any other material thing and it is my joy to introduce you to several other ways to be a blessing to people around you, even at your age.

i. The greatest way to bless people is to let them know that you truly care about them. The greatest gift has always been love. Love your parents, siblings, and people in your church and at school and in your neighborhood. Make up your mind to love and show it but wisely depending on other factors. Love is expressed in different ways and it is important for you to find out the best ways of expressing love to your parents, siblings, and others.

Here are some questions, suggested as a guide to help you find out some of the best ways of expressing love to different kinds of people,

- What can I do to make Daddy and Mummy happy today (their birthday, wedding anniversary, promotion at work, etc.)? Think of doing something different from giving of any tangible thing like money or material thing. Think service.
- What early morning or evening/night surprise can I give my parent(s), sibling(s), and friends? Think of a clean happy surprise prank, a song, reading of a blessing from The Bible, at a time never expected.
- What can I use my hands to do and present as a gift to someone I care about? Think of a hand-made card, personally made fresh flower-bottle/vase, offering to share your meal with him or her, getting a cup of water and offering it specially. (It is not the gift that matter most but what you say as you give it or your attitude while giving.)
- Why can't I just sincerely tell my parent(s), sibling(s) that I love him/her or them? The most powerful of all is to tell someone that you love him or her. Take some time to practice the best way of saying, I love you Daddy/Mummy and so on.
- Can I say to Dad or Mum, 'I want to give you a surprise love gift from my heart? (Tell him or her to close his or her eyes and then give a good peck on the cheek.

ii. Bless by giving an unusual service at a time not expected Offer to serve the meal to your Dad and/or Mum, sweep or help mop the floor or do any other house chores which you are sure will send your message across. Why not polish shoes, prepare coffee/tea or beverage and serve it in a tray decorated with fresh flowers? Just think of something simple and I tell you, your heart of love will make it unique and special – a blessing.

iii. Write a special letter. One of the most neglected but very powerful tools for blessing people is by writing a surprise, simple, unique and encouraging hand-written letter. Imagine what a blessing it will be to your Dad/Mum, Pastor, and Teacher, Brother/Sister or any other person for that matter, to receive a surprise letter of encouragement from you when they never expected it.

iv. You can bless by committing yourself to a lifestyle that will certainly make your parents sleep better when they remember you. Think through your life and observe the areas that you need to work or improve on and then commit to that change and tell your parents, in style and in such a way that will make them know that you are sincere. You can ask for their help to

enable you to keep to your commitment. These may include your diligence to your studies or school work, purity, decision to begin to confide in them, to stop staying out late, stop fighting or incessant quarreling, submission to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and in church, keeping away from bad friends and so on.

v. Bless by praying for people or for someone

There has never been a time when someone is more able to bless many people at the same time than when he or she is praying for the good of others. If you make a commitment to praying for your parent(s), sibling(s), Pastor(s), relations, and classmates and so on, you may be surprised at the positive ripple effects. There is no one who has nothing to give for the blessing of another. When you truly want to be a blessing you will come up with what to do and how to go about it. First is to truly decide to be a blessing. Sometimes the question is, 'Are there reasons why young people don't even think of being a blessing to their parents, teachers, pastors, siblings and so on?' Stating it differently, this is talking about overcoming some hindrances to being a blessing as a young person. This is very important because young people everywhere are faced with different challenges most of which have strong connections to their home and upbringing. Most of these childhood experiences and challenges, if not properly handled, do usually become over-bearing influences over people's lifestyles and choices.

There is no denying the fact that some of the people who will read this book may have had a very difficult and in fact tortuous childhood. For example, abused children usually grow to have low self-esteem, fearful, dependent and unstable. They find it difficult to trust anyone especially the opposite sex. Children who grow up in unhygienic environments and poor homes are usually easily intimidated, destructive, always seeking to be accepted and to belong. Many of them become rebellious to the society or authorities. In the next section of this letter, I will look into some of these negative experiences and provide helpful suggestions for as many that are still being negatively affected by their childhood experiences. When these past hurts and pains in young people are taken care of their beauty and glory will come out.

"Everyone likes to be a blessing and to be a part of positive change in the society as well. However, many of them are held back by several forces including those arising from their childhood experiences and others alike. But when these young people are helped out of those things that are holding them back they bring glorious surprises."

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Ebere Samuel served in NIFES as Corper Training Secretary, Training Secretary, Area Director, and Head, Mobilization & Resource Development, from 1994-2014. After NIFES he served as General Manager for Plusnet Internet Services (Winrock Nig. Limited) an Internet Service Provider Company in Abuja before his appointment by Prof. Kingsley Moghalu as National Coordinator Kingsley Moghalu Support Organization, KIMSO. He's a '93 graduate of EEE, ESUT and has trained widely. This is his 7th published book though he has written well over twenty books on Christian Leadership, Relationship, Soul Winning, Sexuality, Spiritual Battle/Prayer, Christian living, etc. As a veteran of youth/student ministry the three volumes are targeted at valuable lessons for living free of regrets/guilt in future. Thank you.

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NACF-North America Cutting NIFES' Golden jubilee Cake at Dallas, Texas, July 2018

NIFES Associates Community Fellowship (NACF) 11th February 2019

United States of America

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you warm greetings from the entire leadership of NIFES – Trustees, Governing Council, Management Committee, Senior Staff Team and the National EXCO comprising of Key Students Officials and All Zonal Presidents drawn from the 38 Zones, in Jesus Christ precious name. Following the letter sent out by the leadership of NIFES concerning the resolution of the Governing Council for NIFES TO DISCONTINUE with the merger known as CU-NIFES UNIBEN, I write to make:

OBSERVATIONS

It has come to my notice that this decision and its attendant outcome has created some tensions or misunderstanding amongst our brethren in USA who had been members of the CU-UNIBEN in their student days, Christian Union NIFES Alumni Association, or brethren who had at one time or the other meritoriously served NIFES at Sub-zonal, Zonal or National levels in time past.

SUBMISSIONS

1. I want to state that we appreciate the fact that today's CU-NIFES may be the only nexus and reference from which you may be able to relate with NIFES at the national level. This notwithstanding, your services are cherished and the Lord will greatly reward your diligence irrespective of the nomenclature or platform from where such services were rendered. I want to assure you individually and collectively that our great history and relationship together would remain cherished and preserved.
2. I also wish to state that this decision was not taken with the intention to undermine any of you our brothers and sisters who hold dear the CU-NIFES group, rather it is with the best intentions of not continuing to struggle with a relationship / arrangement that does not foster progress, harmony of the brotherhood at the group level, nor serve the students we are called to disciple in the best way possible as contained in the NIFES Constitution and Operational manual.
3. We appreciate all that you are and have become to the NIFES body especially in terms of your sacrifices, consistent financial giving, resourcefulness and support in

so many ways, and would continue to do so as long as Jesus carries. We however would desire that every mind be enlightened concerning our intent in this matter, hence the need to begin a new campus fellowship group called NIFES on the UNIBEN campus which would fully align with our ethos, philosophy, and Constitution.

Finally, I write to assure you all that despite the new status as regards the CU Fellowship at UNIBEN, NIFES would remain a sister Fellowship to the CU at all times and would never undermine her services to the body of Christ in any way. We trust and hope that this would also be the stance of the CU towards NIFES. We must not allow acrimony subtly creep into our lives.

I wish to appeal that we continue to remain in Christ's love as brethren in spite of our differences in operations and organizational philosophy. Our goal is to help students live transformed and Christ-like lives and we must never lose focus of this, regardless of the platforms we find ourselves on this side of eternity. May God bless us all.

Thank you so much.

With Christ's Love and for His Kingdom,

Rex Onuh

NIFES National Director

NIFES 50th Anniversary Celebration at Dallas 2018





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Invites You To Our

QUARTERLY
GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Conference Call

Time: 8:00am CT, 9:00am ET, 6:00am PT

Call Number: 641-552-9222, Access Code: 470024#

Dates: To be decided



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Introductions and Awesome Family testimonies at Dallas Conference 2018

