

# JOIN GOD IN WHAT HE IS DOING IN FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA



*Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My father will honor the one who serves me.*

*-John 12:26*



*"Watch to see where God is at work and join Him!"*

*-Experiencing God, Henry Blackaby*

# GOD'S CHURCH IN AFRICA IS GROWING AND BEING CHALLENGED.

It is facing great conflict and seeing incredible potential.

*undermined by  
the health-and-  
wealth gospel*

*enduring economic  
hardship*

*attacked by  
ethnic hostility*

*challenged by Islam  
and traditional religions*



*overflowing with  
new believers*



*surrounded by  
unreached people*

*shaken by wide-  
spread epidemics*

## **BEST: WHERE GOD IS PREPARING MEN & WOMEN TO LEAD HIS CHURCH**

God has been at work preparing church leaders for service in French-speaking African countries since 1977 at Faculté de Théologie Évangélique de Bangui (FATEB), or translated in English, The Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (BEST). Founded by the Association of African Evangelicals, BEST is strategically located in Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, which is situated at the heart of the continent and its 21 French-speaking countries. BEST is a school for Africans, conceived by Africans, in the heart of French-speaking Africa.

## **BEST: GOD USES OUR GRADUATES TO GROW HIS CHURCH AND HIS KINGDOM**

BEST has graduated about 700 men and women who are now ministering in the African Church. Graduates are currently serving as pastors, denominational leaders, missionaries, translators, directors of Bible and theological schools, professors and teachers in Christian leadership training institutions and chaplains in hospitals and military units.



## BEST: GOD PROVIDES A RICH EXPERIENCE FOR CHURCH LEADERS

He has created an exceptional environment for growth at multiple levels.



*12-acre campus includes educational facilities for pastors, wives and children.*



*The Byang Kato Library's 20,000 volumes make it one of the most important collection of books and media resources in French-speaking Africa.*

*On-campus housing for students and faculty creates a rich spiritual community life for students.*



*Training includes pastoral training classes, Bible translation program, Master's degree programs and a doctoral program taught by high caliber scholars, most hold Ph.D.s.*



*The Women's School offers training in Bible, theology and doctrine, plus instruction in life skills, such as reading and writing, computers, cooking and sewing.*



*There are 800 students, most from the community, in the Pre-school and Primary School.*

### BEST: GOD'S WORK IN ONE FAMILY: JOHNY & VOARA RAZANAJATOVO



"My name is Johny Razanajatovo and I was born in 1960 on Madagascar. My wife

Voara also was raised on the island. We have been married since 1991 and have three children, one boy and two girls.

"From 1988 to 1995 I was a full-time leader in a church. For the next 12 years, until 2007, I served as founding pastor of a church that planted one church and began seven prayer groups that are in the process of becoming churches.

"I came to BEST for leadership training. It was a financial miracle that my family could join me. Psalm 33:16-19 was a great encouragement. God is faithful. I arrived at BEST in 2006 and was joined by my wife and children 17 months later.

"The diversity of nationalities of both the students and professors is one of the School's specific strengths. This has given my wife and me new experiences in relationships, in understanding the continent of Africa and in world vision.

"After my BEST training, I would like to return to our country and work in our Bible Institute there. In addition, my family is a musical group that could be used to encourage our church association and others in mission outreach.

"The financial ability of the students is, in general, very weak. BEST needs, if possible, to underwrite more expenses. If hate can motivate people to undertake great projects, cannot love accomplish even more? Our Lord is a wonderful model."



"My name is Voara and I am different from who I was when I arrived at BEST. I have deepened my Biblical understanding and I have come to appreciate the three areas

of development of pastors' wives: spiritual, intellectual and physical. After seeing the activities of the Women's School at BEST, I am dreaming of creating a similar school. I am convinced that pastors' wives need special training as well as their husbands."

### BEST: AN INVITATION TO JOIN GOD

We invite you to join in God's work at BEST by helping Johny and Voara or other exceptional students by paying for some or all of their tuition and housing needs. When you do, you will be helping the sending local church. Help that church and you will be helping win that country for Christ. As these leaders have opportunities to impact children, you will be reaching the next generation. And, by God's grace and through His Holy Spirit, that generation will reach the next one. God is at work training African leaders and you can be a part of what He is doing.

