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BINGHAM UNIVERSITY: Providing Quality, Moral Tertiary Education In Nigeria

With the growing knowledge of economy, higher education especially faith based is no longer seen as a luxury that developing countries can not afford, but a critical element of national development through spiritual and moral re-birth

Preamble:

Bingham University, Karu was established by the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) following its formal licensing by the National Universities Commission (NUC) on 5th January, 2005. As the name implies, the University was named after one of the trio of pioneer Sudan Interior Missionaries, Roland Victor Bingham whose vision along with those of other founding fathers desired to produce committed Christians in our institutions, including the University through which Christ-centred leaders would emerge. The founding fathers intend to meet the soaring need for not only quality tertiary education but education that recognises and integrates moral and spiritual values in the face of degenerating social decadence in Nigerian University campuses.

Vision, Mission, Core values and Goal:

The vision of Bingham University, Karu is to transform Nigeria into knowledge and skills – driven society (Prov. 29:18).

Our mission for accomplishing the vision is to

produce men and women who will catalyze the revolution in self-reliance at all levels of a Godly society (1 Cor. 2:12-12).

The core values for Bingham University, Karu are Christ-centeredness, people-orientation, excellence, purpose -driven life and

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adaptability to a changing world (Rom. 12:2-3).

Bingham University's goal is to produce total men and women equipped to affect their generation positively for Jesus Christ, serving humanity in ways that are glorifying to God and dignifying to humanity (Prov. 29:18). Our motto is, 'mission for



Graduating Students at the 2012 Convocation

service'.

Commencement of Academic Programs: Temporary to Permanent Site:

Academic programs of Bingham University began in May 2006 at the Jos ECWA Theological Seminary temporary site and moved to its present permanent site two years after, precisely in March 2008 to new Karu – Nasarawa State – Nigeria at the outskirts of Abuja, the Federal Capital City. Indeed the feat of moving to the permanent site within a short time of the University's commencement is uncommon in the history of Nigerian Universities where many first and second generation government funded universities have not fully moved to their permanent sites after decades of existence. To the glory of God, the virgin land of October 2006 with no single building has now been transformed into a beehive of academic, professorial and Christian activities, courtesy of successive ECWA leadership, members and friends of Bingham University, Karu.

Academic Programs and Accreditation:

As with all other Nigerian Universities, Bingham University's admissions are through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) combined with a post-UTME screening exercise.

The University started with a faculty of Science and Technology (with programs in Biochemistry, Computer Science and later Microbiology and Industrial Chemistry), Faculty of



Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Bingham University Gen. Martin Luther Agwai, Chairman Board of Trustees Ass. Prof. Basil Nwosu and Etsu Karu/Chancellor of the University Pharm. Luka Panya Baba in a procession

Humanities, Social and Management Sciences, with programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, English, Mass Communication, Political Science and Sociology and the College of Health Sciences with programs in Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and later Human Anatomy and Physiology.

English Language, Computer Science, Business Administration, Biochemistry, Accounting have full accreditation, while others have interim accreditation.

Bingham University, Karu, is unique in the history of tertiary education in Nigeria, being as one of the few Universities to begin with a College of Health Sciences from inception gaining accreditation for the MB,BS program at pre-clinical and first clinical accreditation levels from the Medical and Dental Council of Niger

ia (MDCN). Clinical studies have also commenced at Bingham University Teaching Hospital, Jos, where students are at various advanced stages of their training. The Accounting program also has full accreditation by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), exempting graduates of the University from the first five of seven parts of the ICAN certification examination, among other benefits. The advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON) has also given full professional accreditation to Bingham University Mass Communication programme.

Information and Communication Centre (ICT):

ICT development of the Students has a strategic focus in Bingham University. The University has in place a state of the art ICT centre with a student portal for integrated services developed and maintained by the versatile staff of the University's Computer Science Department who offer uninterrupted service for the learning comfort of our students.

Library Facilities:

The University Library works in conjunction with the ICT Centre to provide the Electronic Library Services, giving the students and staff users access to a wide range of academic resources, including the robust NUC virtual library.

Bingham University Management is constantly working in collaboration with her partners and friends at home and



Bingham University Electronic Library



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abroad to ensure the library is up to date at all times.

Students' Welfare:

From an initial intake of 124 students in May 2006, the University currently has a student population of about 2000 from all parts of Nigeria and beyond, pursuing various programs. All students are resident on the campus. The University's Management has out-sourced controlled catering services to both students and staff at affordable cost. There are also modest sports and recreational facilities on the campus for the physical fitness of students and staff.

The University has a comprehensive health centre at Karu that provides medical services to students and staff as well as the surrounding communities. Currently, the centre provides immunization services to children in addition to family planning services to women from the surrounding villages as part of the institution's corporate responsibility to its host community and those around.

Science Laboratory:

The University has equipped science laboratories instruction of students offering natural and applied science courses.

Chaplaincy:

Bingham University runs a 24 hour Chaplaincy service with three Chaplains assisted by some lecturers to cater for the spiritual needs of the students. A compulsory Bible Study Course holds for two hours every week

from 100 to 300 level. A pass in this course is a pre-requisite for graduating from Bingham University. There are

also compulsory Chapel hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, Sundays and most Saturdays. Students are also

Editorial

That I May Know Christ...

Philippians 3:10: That I may know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, That I may know him - That I may be fully acquainted with his nature, his character, his work, and with the salvation which he has worked out. It is one of the highest objects of desire in the mind of the Christian to know Christ. And indeed the desire of ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) this year and always as clearly declared in the Church's 2013 theme.

And the power of his resurrection - That as a Church and community of believers we may together understand and experience the proper influence which the fact of his resurrection should have on the mind. That influence would be felt in imparting the hope of immortality; in sustaining the soul in the prospect of death, by the expectation of being raised from the grave in like manner; and in raising the mind above the world; **Romans 6:11**. There is no one truth that will have greater power over us, when properly believed, than the truth that Christ has risen from the dead. His resurrection confirms the truth of the Christian religion (note, **1 Corinthians 15**); makes it certain that there is a future state, and that the dead will also rise; dispels the darkness that was around the grave, and shows us that our great interests are in the future world. The fact that Christ has risen from the dead, when fully believed, will produce a sure hope that we also shall be raised, and will animate us to bear trials for his sake, with the assurance that we shall be raised up as he was. One of the things which a Christian ought most earnestly to desire is, to feel the power of this truth on his soul - that his great Redeemer has burst the bands of death; has brought life and immortality to light, and has given us the pledge that our bodies shall rise. What trials may we not bear with this assurance? What is to be dreaded in death, if this is so? What glories rise to

the view when we think of the resurrection! And what trifles are all the things which people seek here, when compared with the glory that shall be ours when we shall be raised from the dead!

And the fellowship of his sufferings - That we may also participate in the same kind of sufferings that Christ endured; that is, that we may in all things be identified with him. Paul wished to be just like his Saviour. He felt that it was an honour to live as he did; to evince the spirit that he did, and to suffer in the same manner. All that Christ did and suffered was glorious in his view, and he wished in all things to resemble him. He did not desire merely to share his honours and triumphs in heaven, but, regarding his whole work as glorious, he wished to be wholly conformed to that and, as far as possible, to be just like Christ. Many are willing to reign with Christ, but they would not be willing to suffer with him; many would be willing to wear a crown of glory like him, but not the crown of thorns; many would be willing to put on the robes of splendour which will be worn in heaven, but not the scarlet robe of contempt and mockery.

As we begin the New Year 2013 as a community here in Bingham University, I urge us all to determine in our hearts to begin in holiness and end in holiness, as we await our soon coming King Jesus Christ. Things may appear rough and difficult as we strive on daily, we may even face various forms of persecution by the devil just to distract from our goal of meeting with Christ. Again I urge you all to be resolute in the desire to meet with Christ as obedient servants. This is only possible by our knowledge of Christ daily and the power of his resurrection. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ God would fulfil these desires in our hearts this year and meet us all at every point of our needs. Remain blessed and have a prosperous year 2013.

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Main Entrance Gate of the Bingham University, Karu

divided into mentorship groups under dedicated staff to provide sound Christian mentoring.

They are encouraged and supported to build prayer cells with their roommates. In addition, the Chaplains assisted by some staff conduct room-to-room evangelism once in a week to strengthen the faith of students as well as help those who have not made their faith to do so in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Students' Discipline:

The University operates disciplinary tenets, which are contained in the institution's student handbook. It prescribes behaviour and dress codes acceptable to the University and the consequences of committing infractions against the regulations. In all, taken in conjunction with the efforts of the Chaplaincy, the regulations help not only to improve behaviour of students to become more disciplined but also to help them grow to be more like Christ.

Violations are met with appropriate sanctions always after a fair hearing is given to the alleged offender.

Security:

Efforts have been made to put in place a structured security system with measures to secure life and property on the campus. A Police station is under construction on the campus.

Plans are already going on to build a block fence around the University mass of land 259.88

hectares to further enhance security.

Success Story:

Bingham University Karu within six years of its commencement of academic activities has graduated three sets of students who excelled in their various academic courses of studies. The University is most grateful to God for turning out graduates, men and women who have not only done well academically, but have grown both physically and spiritually as children of God who will continue to hold integrity as their watchword in the midst of a perverse society. We expect them to shine for God in their future endeavours by His grace.

The University also held its first convocation ceremony in February 2012 where certificates were presented to the graduates. The occasion also featured the presentation of honorary

degrees to some distinguished Nigerians whose exemplary godly life styles have been a model to the younger generation.

Conclusion:

The evolution of private Universities in Nigeria including Bingham University, Karu, has contributed immensely to the country's human capital development. The efforts of private Universities, especially Christian faith-based Universities in providing quality education in the face of over-whelming national challenges should attract the Federal and State Government support through the provision of grants from the Education Tax Fund to motivate private Universities to continue to complement government's human capital development efforts.



Science Micro Biology students undertaking a practical session in the Science and Technology Laboratory

2012/2013 TUITION FEE FOR ALL CATEGORY OF COURSES

DEPARTMENT	COLLEGE/FACULTY	100 LEVEL		200 LEVEL	
		Total due	Total due (EPC)	Total due	Total due (EPC)
MBBS (Clinical)	COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES				
MBBS (Pre-Clinical)	COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES	830,000.00	720,000.00	775,000.00	665,000.00
Anatomy	COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES	730,000.00	620,000.00	675,000.00	565,000.00
Physiology	COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES	730,000.00	620,000.00	675,000.00	565,000.00
English	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Mass Communication	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	520,000.00	460,000.00	465,000.00	405,000.00
Accounting	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Business Administration	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Economics	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Political Science	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Sociology	HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND MGT. SCIENCES	500,000.00	440,000.00	445,000.00	385,000.00
Biology	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Biochemistry	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Botany	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Chemistry	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Computer Science	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Mathematics	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Biological Science	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Physics	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Statistics	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00
Zoology	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	605,000.00	520,000.00	550,000.00	465,000.00

Returning students are expected to pay 50% of tuition fees and all other fees before resumption for the first semester 2012/2013 academ tuition fees should be paid before or on resumption for the second semester of the 2012/2013 session. Full payment of all fees before res academic session would be rewarded with a 2.5% rebate on tuition fees only.

2012/2013 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER

Sept 3 rd – 4 th	New Students Arrive
September 5 th – 7 th	Orientation of New Students
September 10 th	Returning Students Arrive
September 12 th	First Semester Lectures Begin
November 23 rd	Matriculation
December 14 th	Christmas Break
January 7 th 2013	All Students Return
January 9 th	Lectures Continue
January 25 th 2013	First Semester Lectures end
February 4 th – 15 th	First Semester Examinations
March 5 th	Department, College/Faculty Board of Examiners meet to consider results
March 7 th	Senate meets to consider exam results

SECOND SEMESTER

April 4 th 2013	All Students Return
April 8 th	Second Semester Lectures Begin
July 13 th	Second Semester Lectures end
July 15 th – 26 th	Second Semester Examinations
July 27 th	Long Vacation Begin
August 12 th & 13 th	Department and College/Faculty Board of Examiners meet to consider results
August 15 th	Senate meets to consider Exams results

STATUTORY MEETINGS

S/N	SENATE	MANAGEMENT	FACULTY BOARD
1	6/09/12	27/09/12	25/09/12
2	4/10/12	25/10/12	23/10/12
3	1/11/12	29/11/12	27/11/12
4	6/12/12	PH	PH
5	10/01/13	31/1/13	29/1/13
6	7/02/13	28/02/13	26/2/13
7	7/03/13	28/3/13	26/3/13
8	4/04/13	25/4/13	30/4/13
9	2/05/13	30/5/13	28/5/13
10	6/06/13	27/6/13	25/6/13

Orientation Seminar Held For Bingham University Secretaries

In its quest to attain ethical excellence in the administration of Bingham University Karu, the office of the Registrar recently held a 2 Day orientation seminar for both old and newly employed secretaries of the University.

In an opening remark at the seminar, Bingham University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Felix Anjorin, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ass. Prof. Samuel Sofa Achi stated that the role of the secretary in maintaining a healthy office operation cannot be over emphasized, noting that it was for this reason that orientation seminars such as the one held was important to keep the secretaries constantly fit to address emerging challenges and dynamics in their offices.

According to Achi, even though the secretaries work under their bosses who administratively take responsibility for the business of the office, they are in actual sense the real custodians of the office who are thus expected to provide the platforms upon which every other staff, including the bosses would act.

He said the mood, attitude, charisma, language and general approach of the Secretaries in responding to visitors, staff or students tell a lot about the state of health of the office in which they work. According to Achi, as a Christian University with an evangelical focus, the secretaries who are the first contact persons in the offices are in the best position to set a conducive atmosphere to evangelize every visitor.

Achi, while applauding the office of the Registrar for the initiative to organize the seminar, urged the participants to take advantage of the opportunity to improve their work skills for the benefit of the University or wherever they would find themselves in future.

Earlier in a welcome address, the University Registrar, Mr. Sonni Soji Sule told the participants that the seminar topics to be treated by various facilitators had been carefully crafted devoid of complex academic theories to meet their needs.

The Registrar used the forum to welcome the new secretaries who were recently employed by the University and advised them to always maintain the highest professional standard and Christian principles in their work.

Various topical papers which include; An Overview of Office Administration, Services and Management by S. S. Sule, Records and Information Management by Dr. Peter Ogedebe, Effective Communication Skills by Dr. Dul Johnson, Time and Stress Management by Prof. A. B. Adelaiye, Report Writing by Nomtai Shera and the Demands and Qualities of modern Secretary by David Oluwola where presented at the seminar.

In a formal closing remark at the end of the 2 Day seminar, Principal Assistant Registrar, (Academics) Mr. David Olowola thanked the participants for their patience and active participation during the seminar and urged them to put into practice all the new skills they had learnt in order to improve their work output.

Highlight of the seminar was the presentation of certificate of attendance to participants and the deployment and redeployment of the secretaries to their offices of assignment.



Cross section of Participants at the seminar

APCON Grants Bingham University Full Accreditation

The Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria, APCON has granted the Mass Communication Department of Bingham University, Karu, full accreditation to train graduates eligible to practice advertising profession in the Country.

In a letter attached to the certificate of accreditation to Bingham University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Felix Anjorin, the APCON Registrar/Chief Executive, Alhaji Garba Bello Kankarofi explained that the implication of the approval is that holders of the University Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication are eligible for registration as Associate, registered practitioners in Advertising and to practice the profession of Advertising as provided by Act 55 of 1988 and Act 93 of 1992.

According to APCON Registrar, "the Council having considered the report of its Accreditation team and is satisfied with Advertising content of the curriculum as well as the capacity of the Department to produce graduate suited for the Advertising profession, has accordingly conveyed approval for full Accreditation status to your Department of Mass Communication".

The accreditation status of the Department subsists for 5 years, with effect from July 1, 2012 and will be due for re-accreditation in 2017.

The Council, while congratulating the University expressed the hope that the Department will maintain and improve on the prevailing standard, especially in the credit hours (units) of core Advertising courses, the professional exposure and certification of lecturers teaching Advertising courses in the Department, as well as facilities and opportunities for practical experience in Advertisement design and production.

The New Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Goshen City CSP Dauda Mamman has paid a familiarization visit to the Bingham University Management to seek collaboration with the University community in areas of security and harmonious living.

CSP Mamman told the University Management that he was visiting as the Divisional Police Officer in-charge of the newly created Police Division at Goshen city, Kodape by the Nasarawa State Police Command which area of jurisdiction covers up to the University area and the surrounding villages.

He said as a result of the increasing security challenges in Nigeria, especially in worship places and University campuses, it has become necessary to seek community cooperation in security surveillance and intelligence gathering to curtail any emerging threat.

He expressed willingness to work with the University authority to ensure peace within and around the campus and appealed for prayers to God to grant him divine favour to succeed in his mission.

CSP Mamman who was accompanied by the Division's Administrative Officer Supol Gambo Kasumba used the opportunity to warn criminals in the area to beware as there would be no hiding place for law breakers or individuals who terrorize others.

While responding on behalf of the management, Vice Chancellor of Bingham University, Prof. Felix Anjorin expressed joy over the creation of the new Police Division in Goshen City, which is much closer to the University campus compared to the distance of the Masaka Police Division, whose jurisdiction hitherto extended to the area.

Prof. Anjorin told the DPO that the University had in the past suffered some security threats by criminals who have broken into the student's hostels to harass and rob students and staff of their valuables. He also disclosed that the University is constantly being faced with threats of encroachments on its land and miscreants around the school premises who harass staff coming to work or going out of the school.

New DPO Visits Bingham University Management

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that, the University is taking some far-reaching measures to reduce the threats. According to him, commercial motorcycles in the campus have been banned, while a tricycle was acquired to move commuters in and out of the gate to reduce the stress of movement. He stated that effort is also being made to create an alternative road for passersby to the adjoining village behind the University who have no business on campus, to reduce entry of unauthorized persons pending the total fencing of the University.

Prof. Anjorin said a request for armed patrol Police within the campus

has been made to the State Police Command and expressed the hope that the efforts being made with the divine help of God will address further security challenges.

While thanking the DPO for the visit, the Vice Chancellor pledged Bingham University Management's cooperation in every way possible to ensure that criminal activities are reduced significantly.

As an interim measure following the Vice Chancellor's appeal, the DPO promised to deploy three armed police personnel immediately to the campus on 24 hours patrol pending the approval of an enlarged deployment by the State Commissioner of Police.



Prof. Anjorin explaining a point as Dean Students' Affairs Dr. Asenge and CSP Mamman listen with rapt attention



The VC Prof. Anjorin and other management staff at the parley with the new DPO CSP Mamman

Letter To Nigerian Parents

This letter to the Nigerian Parent has been circulating now for some time with the author unknown. But the lesson from the content is something every responsible parent must learn. We thought it was worth sharing on this page. Please reflect on the content!

Fellow Nigerians, Let me add the benefit of my time as a student and a resident in the UK but I now live in Lagos. The first thing that I discovered about UK-born, white, English undergraduates was that all of them did holiday or weekend job to support themselves - including the children of millionaires amongst them. It is the norm over there - regardless how wealthy their parents are. And I soon discovered that virtually all other foreign students did the same - the exception being those of us status-conscious Nigerians. I also watched Richard Branson (owner of Virgin Airline) speaking on the Biography Channel and, to my amazement; he said that his young children travel in the economy class - even when the parents (he and his wife) are in upper class. Richard Branson is a billionaire in Pound Sterling. A quick survey would show you that only children from Nigeria fly business or upper class to commence their studies in the UK. No other foreign students do this.

There is no aircraft attached to the office of the prime minister in the UK - he travels on BA. And the same goes for the Royals. The Queen does not have an aircraft for her exclusive use. These practices simply become the culture which the next generation carries forward. Have you seen the car that Kate Middleton the lass married to Prince William drives? VW Golf or something close to it. But there's one core difference in them and us (generally speaking). They - the billionaires among them work for their money, we steal ours! If we want our children to bring about the desired change we have been praying for on behalf of our dear country, then please, please let's begin now and teach them

to work hard so that they can stand alone and most importantly be content, and not have to "steal". This seems to be the norm these days. "30 is the new 18", which seems to be the new age for testing out the world in Nigeria now. That seems to be an unspoken but widely accepted mindset among the last two generations of parents in Nigeria.

At age 18 years, a typical young adult in the UK leaves the clutches of his/her parents for the University, chances are, that's the last time those parents will ever play "landlord" to their son or daughter except of course the occasional home visits during the academic year.

At 21 years and above or below, the now fully grown and independent minded adult graduates from University, searches for employment, gets a job and shares a flat with other young people on a journey into becoming fully fledged adults. I can hear the echo of parents saying, well, that is because the UK economy is thriving, safe, well structured and jobs are everywhere? I beg to differ and I ask that you kindly hear me out. I am UK trained Recruitment Consultant and I have been practising for the past 10 years in Nigeria. I have a broad range of experience from recruiting graduates to executive director level of large corporations. In addition, I talk from the point of view of someone with relatively privileged upbringing. Driven to school every day, had my clothes washed for me, was barred from taking any part-time job during my A-levels so that I could concentrate on studying for my exams?! BUT, I got the opportunity to live apart from my parents from age 18 and the only time I came back home to stay was for 3

months before I got married! Am I saying that every parent should wash their hands off their children at age 18? No, not at all, of course, I enjoyed the savings that I made from living on and off at my parent's house in London - indeed that is the primary reason for my being able to buy myself a 3 bedroom flat in London at age 25 with absolutely no direct financial help from my parents! For me, pocket money stopped at age 22, not that it was ever enough for my lifestyle to compete with Paris Hilton's or Victoria Beckham's.

Meanwhile today, we have Nigerian children who have never worked for 5 minutes in their lives insisting on flying "only" first or business class, carrying the latest Louis Vuitton ensemble, Victoria's Secret underwear and wearing Jimmy Choo's, fully paid for by their "loving" parents. I often get calls from anxious parents, my son graduated 2 years ago and is still looking for a job, can you please assist! Oh really! So where exactly is this "child" is my usual question. Why are you the one making this call dad/mum? I am yet to get a satisfactory answer, but between you and me, chances are that big boy is cruising around Lagos with a babe dressed to the nines, in his dad's spanking new SUV with enough "pocket money" to put your salary to shame. It is not at all strange to have a 28 year old who has NEVER worked for a day in his or her life in Nigeria but "earns" a six figure "salary" from parents for doing absolutely nothing. I see them in my office once in a while. 26 years old with absolutely no skills to sell, apart from a shiny CV, written by his dad's secretary in the office. Of course, he has a driver at his beck and call and he is driven to the job interview. We have a fairly decent conversation and we get to the inevitable question - so, what salary are you looking to earn? Answer comes straight out - N250, 000.00. I ask if that is per month or per annum. Of course it is per month. Oh, why do you think you should be earning that much on your first job? Well, because my current pocket money is N200, 000.00 and I feel that an employer should be able to pay me more than my parents. I try very hard to compose myself not to laugh.

Over parenting is in my opinion

the greatest evil handicapping the Nigerian youth. It is at the root of our national malaise. We have a youth population of tens of millions of who are being "breastfed and diapered" well into their 30s. Even though the examples I have given above are from parents of considerable affluence, similar patterns can be observed from Abeokuta to Adamawa! Wake up mum! Wake up dad! You practically love your children to death! No wonder corruption continues to thrive. We have a society of young people who have been brought up to expect something for nothing, as if it were a birth right. I want to encourage you to send your young men and women (anyone over 20 can hardly be called a child!) out into the world, maybe even consider reducing or stopping the pocket money to encourage them to think, explore and strive. Let them know that it is possible for them to succeed without your "help". Take a moment to think back to your own time as a young man/woman. What if someone had kept spoonfeeding you, would you be where you are today? No tree grows well under another tree, children that are not exposed to challenges, don't cook well. That is why you see adults complaining, "my parents didn't buy clothes for me this Christmas", ask him/her how old are you? 30 years plus. Because of the challenges we faced in our youth, we are where and what we are today. This syndrome-my children will not suffer what I suffered is destroying our tomorrow. Deliberately, reduce their allowance or mum-don't cook on Saturday till late afternoon or evening-do as occasion deserves. I learnt the children of a former Nigerian Head of State with all the stolen (billions) monies in their custody, still go about with security escort as wrecks. They are on drugs, several times because of the drug, they collapse in public places. The escort will quickly pack them and off they go, what a life! No one wants to marry them. Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.- Henry Ford. Hard work does not kill; everything in Nigeria is going down, including family settings. It is time to cook our children, preparing them for tomorrow. It is also time for young people to build their foundation for

tomorrow. We are approaching the season in Nigeria where only the RUGGED, will survive. How will your ward fare? Or how would you as a young man or woman survive If the present generation of Nigerian pilots retires, will you fly a plane flown by a young Nigerian pilot, If trained in Nigeria? People now have first class,

who cannot spell GRADUATE or read an article without bomb blast (bad language)! Which Way Nigeria?, Which Way Nigerians!! Is this how we will ALL sit and watch this country SINK?

God Help Us in this country!!!

Unknown source

Bingham University Goes Google

The entire community of Bingham University was recently adorned with all sorts of beautiful colours of Google branded shirts in celebration of the University's technology week as it launches her membership of the cyber Google family with variety of social activities.

The Google week which was hosted by Bingham University students Executive in conjunction with the institution's Computer Science Department witnessed the display of raer cyber technological and literary talents by the students.

The Students' Executive Leader Ocholi Ngbede in a welcome address stated that the programme is being held to celebrate the University's membership of the Google family which is also a pre-requisite for the institution to benefit from the many opportunities which the Google cyber giant offers her cooperate members especially research institutions like Bingham University which stand the chance of enjoying free internet bandwidth worth millions of Naira by promoting Google and her products, which the programme serves to project.

Ngbede disclosed that following the University's membership registration with Google, two students of Bingham University Onyinye Okakwu and Adeseye Otunla were appointed as Google Ambassadors for Sub Sahara Africa and have since been working to promote Google products both within and outside the campus.

Vice Chancellor of Bingham University, Prof. Felix

I. Anjorin in a remark at the occasion, commended the students leadership for coming up with such laudable initiative, which he described as 'developmental' and in line with the vision of the University in contributing to the technological advancement of the country.

Prof. Anjorin used the opportunity to caution students to avoid the negative sites of the internet which have led many young people to early death but encouraged them to explore the positive aspects which offer a variety of resources for learning.

He thanked the staff of the Computer Science Department for patiently mentoring the students to successfully host the programme and prayed that lessons learnt from the various activities showcased would be enduring.

Highlights of the programme were the presentation of awards to distinguished staff and students by the students' Executive.



Ungbede: Bingham University Student Leader

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Coordinating Chaplain Rev. Oludare addressing the Baptismal candidates before the immersion



Officiating Clergies in a prayer session before the exercise



A group of baptismal students getting set for the spiritual renewal



Chaplain Rev. Kinkini administering the baptismal creed on a candidate

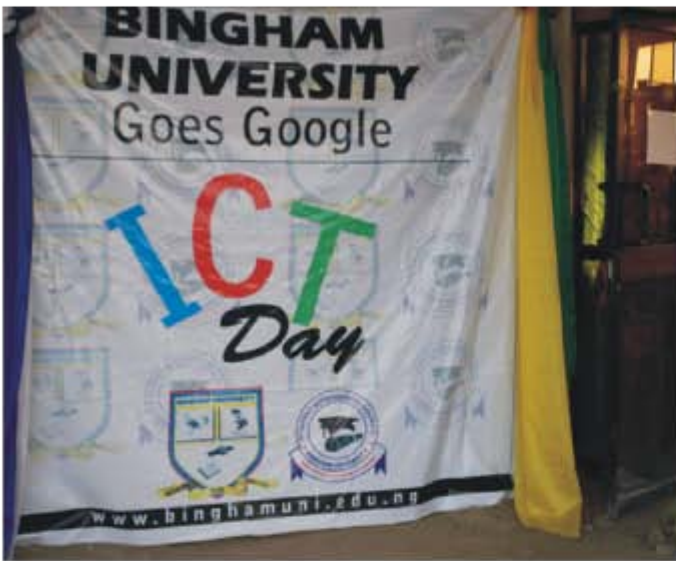


Members of the Bingham University Governing Council in a group photograph



32nd Session of Bingham University Governing Council meeting held recently

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Backdrop colour mascot of the event



Students sparking in the their branded Google wears



cross section of students enjoying a rendition from the stage



Awardees of the Google day displaying their awards



Mass Communication students doing a live coverage of the event on the Google



Colouring the campus Google