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Celebrating 30 Volumes of AJET!

This issue marks the completion of AJET's 30th volume. Richard Gehman was the editor in 2001 when AJET celebrated 20 years of continuous publication. In his editorial, he first gives thanks to God for providing AJET with the vision, personnel, authors, readers and funding. Those of you who have been involved from the beginning know that it is almost a literal miracle that we have reached 30 volumes, though it has taken a little more than 30 years to get here. Gehman briefly summarizes AJET's beginnings in 1982, including some of the people involved, one of whom, Paul Bowers, has continued to be a wonderful support to all the editors over the years, not least to me. Gehman mentions several other people used by God in the production of the journal over those first 20 years and concludes that two page editorial with a "state of the journal" report.

I was an early reader, arriving in south-eastern Nigeria in 1983, and finding the first issues of the fledgling *East Africa Journal of Evangelical Theology* in the library. I used it as one of the sources for making sense of the African Christian context where polygamy and fear of the ancestors were only two of the issues students asked me about from my first day of classes. My thanks goes out to God and to all of the past and present people involved in writing articles and reviews, in producing and subscribing to this now "middle-aged" journal.

My focus however, is on the future, especially putting AJET back on its "normal" publishing schedule. In addition, we intend to add the last ten years of the journal onto the CD. At this point, AJET is not on-line, but it is something to consider. Any opinions you might have in that regard would be welcome.

We have a backlog of articles waiting for publication, but we don't have enough good quality articles from African authors. AJET's 20.2 issue featured all African authors. Of the five articles in this issue, only two are by Africans, and of the three book reviews, only one is by an African. This is below AJET's normal percentage, but the ideal, from my point of view, is that at least 75% of the content of each AJET issue be contributed by African authors. It seems that some potential scholars are placed in administrative posts once they achieve their PhD, and some of them have almost no time to write. Andrew Walls sees scholarship as a vocation, a calling from the Lord of the Church. Consider turning down that prestigious administrative post to devote yourself to labour for the Lord at the cutting edge of African evangelical scholarship. This often means less money but the rest of Africa and the rest of the world need the insights God has given you. AJET desires articles that come from Christ-likeness in character, and that display academic excellence, Biblical truth, and relevance to the Church in Africa. Consider field research based articles, especially if you don't have access to a good library. If you write book reviews for BookNotes, consider a longer version for AJET. AJET is 30 issues old, but we're just getting started!

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