

## Meet Pastor Sylvester Konteh

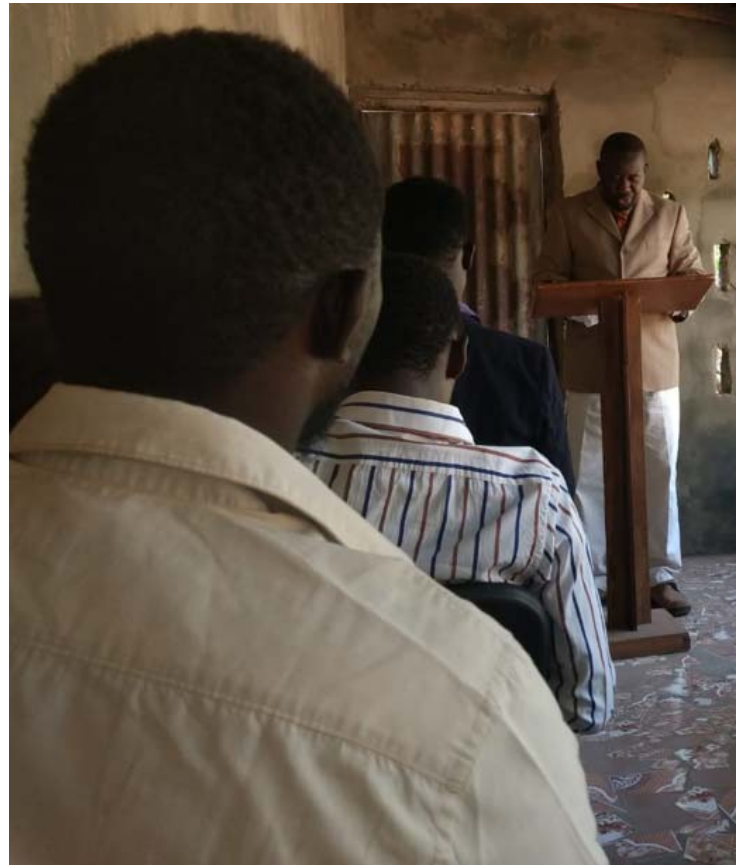
Pastor Sylvester Konteh ministers in a small reformed church plant in Gambia, West Africa. His time is spent preaching, teaching and evangelising as Pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Brikama. Having belonged to the charismatic church prior to embracing the reformed faith, at no point did he undertake theological training. As of September 2018, Pastor Konteh entered into a 3-year seminary course, via Distance Learning, through the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

Last term, he took two classes; Pentateuch and Interpretation of the Bible, in order to ease himself into his studies. This term he is taking Historical Writings, Ministry of Worship, Theological Research and the Doctrine of Revelation. He commented on his experience in the seminary, as follows:

*“I am enjoying and loving every aspect of my learning. It solidifies my faith internally and objectively. I see why it is important that every minister should be trained. It has given me great love for truth, as the Bible does not have contradictions. It is a wonder to behold the necessity, sufficiency, clarity and authority of Scripture as it is taught in the grammatical, historical and organic interpretation of Scripture. There is no such place to be in the world than in the company of such men who teach such Biblical truths. I have grown to love my studies, because my soul is richly blessed by them.”*



*Pastor Konteh in receipt of theological books*



*Preaching at Grace Reformed Church*

Over and above his ministry and theological studies, Pastor Konteh serves on the Gambian committee of the Gambia Partnership charity, run in partnership with a committee based on the Isle of Lewis. The Gambia Partnership built and run a nursery and Primary school located in Kabekel, nearby Brikama, named 'Sgoil Creideamh' (Faith School). Pastor Konteh serves as school chaplain and engages in evangelism in the village which is half Muslim, half Roman Catholic. Despite the religious makeup of the village, there is an open door to the Gospel.



As part of Pastor Konteh's service in Kabekel, he leads weekly teacher's fellowship's, where they watch video sermons and then have a time of discussion and Q&A. The fellowship is attended by the village Imam. *"The Imam is attending the fellowship. I have never seen this anywhere in Gambia for an Imam to attend a Christian fellowship."*

Along with the teacher's fellowship, Pastor Konteh teaches and catechises the children in the school each week. Initially, the Christian Religious Knowledge classes in the school were only attended by the Roman Catholic students, yet recently the Muslim students have also volunteered to attend.

Please remember Pastor Konteh in prayer, in relation to his studies and ministry in both Brikama and Kabekel.



Teacher's Fellowship



Teaching at Sgoil Creideamh

