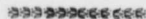


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fellow has not much to do, but is being trained. The little girl in front of Sister Pannabecker is her girl Salamatu, who also is in training for a useful girl. The next in the row is Sister Hostetler, then Bro. Sherk, and standing beside him is Mamudu. This young man has been with us over five years and has become a Christian, and is soon to go into training for an Evangelist. Mamudu is the husband of Wusu whom I saved from slavery. He can read and write Nupe very well, and shows every sign of becoming a very useful worker. The little boy standing beside Sister Hostetler is her boy Tiny, he was lent to us by another Missionary till he returns from his furlough. At present Tiny helps in the house work and is in training. The person in white on the bottom row is myself, next to me is Mrs. Banfield's girl Zanabu. This little girl helps Wusa in the house work and is in training. Next to Zanabu is our girl Wusa. Many of you know that Wusa was saved from slavery and has now been with us over five years. Her duty is to see that our Bungalow is kept clean, washing and scrubbing and such like. Wusa has proved herself to be a very faithful girl and we have hopes for her in the near future of becoming a Bible woman. The boy sitting next to Wusa is the cook's helper. His name is Akade, and then last of all comes my boy Buliki who helps wait on the table and keep things tidy.

People may wonder why we need so many children on one station; the answer is, we don't need them, but that we may have direct influence over them and train them for Evangelists. We take them and find some little work for them to do; and when one considers that these children only get from twenty-five to forty cents a week, they can readily see that our time devoted to the language and spiritual things is worth more than that, thus setting us free from such work to put all our time on spiritual work and the training of these children.



THIS picture shows our large family who all live in our compound, and who are directly connected with the Mission at Shonga. I believe that every reader would like to know each member of the family and in what capacity they are connected with the work.

Beginning with the top row and reading from left to right we have first Agibade who is a house boy, and whose duty it is to see that the house is kept clean. He also helps set the table and clean knives. The sister sitting beside Agibade is sister Florence Overholt. Sister Cornelia Pannabecker is sitting in front of Agibade. In the next row and standing on the outside is Kasala who is our cook. His duty is to make the fire and cook what food we need, and also to help wash the dishes. The old man standing beside Kasala is our Nupe teacher, Shaba. This old man has been with us nearly two years, and has proved very faithful. By a teacher we do not mean one who knows how to teach us his language, but simply anyone who will repeat Nupe sentences to us, and try and make us understand what they mean. This man does not know one word of English. Sister Banfield is in front of the teacher. The little boy in front of Sister Overholt is her boy Damadu. This little