

## **Introduction by Boer**

The following comments are an excerpt of CHAN's Executive Secretary's report on the beginning of CHAN's involvement in WHC as well as on a couple of WHC workshops and seminars held by CHAN. This excerpt deals with his comments on a Jos seminar in May, 1981.

## **The Excerpt by Gideon Shande**

Rev. Dr. Boer's extensive and well-written Introduction to the seminar was very informative.

The Task Force on WHC led by the determined Rev. Dr. Boer worked very hard in subsequent years to contact various church denominations to seek out people with an interest in WHC, to seek out medical people (a medical doctor, a nurse, a pastor, and a medical auxiliary) to be trained at Ilesha Christian Health Center operated by Dr. B. Akintade, and to formulate a proposal on WHC to CHAN.

After several and sometimes not fully appreciated workshops, conferences, and appeals by the Task Force, CHAN in 1987 finally decided to establish the WHC Project under the leadership of Rev. Dr. John Boer. The interest in WHC by CHAN's President, Rev. Prof. Ishaya S. Audu, was also instrumental to CHAN's decision.

Today, WHC Project, the youngest CHAN project with Rev. Dr. John Boer as the Board Chairman and two medical doctors as Project Director and Assistant Project Director, is set to effectively propagate the concept of WHC in Nigeria.