



Mission

The mission of Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute (AKALI) is to provide instruction and resources in the interest of sovereignty and nationbuilding for Afrikan people. The knowledge and principles necessary for this goal are embedded in the languages of Afrikan people. Therefore, a central focus of Abibitumi Kasa is to provide language instruction which highlights information including, but not limited to, Afrikan worldview, culture and spirituality. Since 2005, AKALI has offered quality Afrikan language instruction in Akan (Twi); the primary language of Ghana, West Afrika, Yoruba; one of the three primary languages of Nigeria, West Afrika and has also incorporated Wolof into its curriculum.

Purpose

Our purpose in offering these courses has been multifaceted. We have and continue to offer Afrikan languages to reconnect people of Afrikan descent to our stolen legacy for the very practical purpose of using this information to create and recreate reality in the best interest of Afrikan people. We also continue to seek to broaden students' horizons by exposing them to less commonly taught languages and to the people who speak these languages forging real relationships: personal, intellectual and economic. Students come back to class sessions with intriguing stories of how their co-workers, friends or significant others were pleasantly pleased to hear them speak in their own tongue. Oftentimes, there is no stronger tie that binds people together than a common language. From these interactions, the cycle of learning and sharing is continued. Through Afrikan language classes online and in Accra, Ghana, we have been able to offer this unifying gift to Afrikan people.

Beyond Ghana and the internet, AKALI offers annual journeys which take people of Afrikan descent back to Afrika. AKALI has just taken the Sankofa Journey to Ghana with participants from all over the united states. In 2007, AKALI collaborated with Betty Shabazz International Charter School (BSICS) on a joint journey to The Gambia, Senegal and Paris. As the lead Afrikan Language instructor, Obadele Kambon, also speaks Wolof in addition to Twi and Yoruba. In 2009 AKALI is beginning offerings in Mdw Ntr, the ancient language of hieroglyphics and Kiswahili. This will broaden the base of Afrikans who are taking Afrikan language classes to incorporate students interested in these new courses. AKALI has offered courses in Chicago at Betty Shabazz Community Shule, Malcolm X College, Northeastern Illinois University, through AKALI Online, at Chicago State University and more. In Ghana we have offered courses at Kanda Estates and Achimota.