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A Busy Summer



Lipscomb University Engineering Team Works on Sanitation & Filtration System

The summer of 2018 was busy with numerous activities on the campuses of Village of Hope. Village of Hope hosted some groups from the United States who came to serve and be a blessing to the entire Village of Hope community.

From May 15 to 30 two groups from **Lipscomb University** in Nashville, Tennessee visited the Fetteh campus. The first group made up of students and staff of the university were engaged in teaching reading to children with learning difficulties. In the past these children were part of the mainstream school but after we identified their peculiar challenges in learning they were given special attention. The Lipscomb group focused on building the children's confidence and tutoring them to improve academically. They also engaged the children in spiritual activities and spent a lot of time in many fun activities with them.

The second group from Lipscomb were mainly from the Raymond B. Jones College of Engineering. They engaged the students of Hope College (our senior high school) in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities. The students were really delighted with the science experiments they conducted, especially the building and shooting of rockets.

The **Lipscomb engineering team** made a lasting impact on Village of Hope by constructing a prototype sanitation and filtration system on the Fetteh campus to help treat liquid waste water. This long-awaited project has taken a couple of years to become a reality. It started with teams from Lipscomb University visiting, surveying, conducting various tests and designing the sanitation and filtration system. Finally, it was time to build the system and the team spent two grueling weeks digging trenches, laying pipes, mixing and casting concrete,



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drenched in sweat under the hot sun in a humid climate. This project is of great value to the Village of Hope community as it filters waste water and makes it reusable in other forms, thus, it not only saves us money hiring trucks to pump out the waste water but will also help keep our campus lawns green and beautiful all year round. We now have a cleaner environment thanks to the Lipscomb engineering team.

We also want to thank all those who financed the project and supported the teams that have been working on it over the past couple of years.



Lipscomb Engineering Team at Work



Members of the Lipscomb University Team

Abbie Phelps from Farragut church of Christ, Knoxville, Tennessee, visited from May 22 to 30. She also assisted in teaching reading to children with learning difficulties.

From June 9 to 15, **Kirby Killen, Madison Callaway, Clay Callaway** and **Lauren Whitworth** visited from Oklahoma Christian University. They engaged in teaching language, reading and phonics to students of Hope Christian Academy. They also taught various children's Sunday School classes. Clay Callaway, a registered sanitarian, inspected cooking facilities to check on the level of hygiene and compliance to health and safety standards for meal preparation.

The **youth group of the church of Christ at White Station** in Memphis, Tennessee, visited from June 16 to 29. They were a great help in teaching reading to children with learning difficulties. They also left a permanent mark in the green area of the

Fetteh campus by repairing and painting garden benches that are placed under the shady trees. These benches will serve the children and visitors to the campus of Village of Hope.

The White Station team also donated money to Hope Christian Academy for the purchase of classroom furniture for the pre-school and this has caused great jubilation among the children and teachers in the nursery department. [📷](#)



Abbie Phelps with Matilda Adu-Poku



Clay Callaway, Madison Callaway, Lauren Whitworth & Kirby Killen



White Station Team at Work



New Chairs for Preschool - A Gift from the Church of Christ at White Station



Jubilation at Preschool over New Chairs



Eight-Member Team from Church of Christ at White Station

17 Friends Visit from Springtown, Texas & Temple, Texas

A group of 17 from Springtown, Texas and Temple, Texas spent the two weeks of July 3 to 17 on various campuses of Village of Hope.

They conducted training sessions for teachers at the Church of Christ School, Hope Christian Academy, and Hope College. They also taught Scrabble to the students of the three schools as a means of improving their English vocabulary. For most of the students, this was their first experience of the game and they participated with great enthusiasm. The "Scrabble Fever" is now catching on in all three schools.

Some members of the group also helped our children with learning difficulties, contributing to the overall goal of Hope Christian Academy to attend to the individual needs of children as much as possible. Other members of the group spoke to students of Hope College during different school functions.

The Texas group also organized an ice cream party for the children. As a matter of fact, almost every group organized an ice cream party for the children. We are grateful for all the love shown to the children this summer. 🙏



Byron Dial Plays with Children at Church of Christ School

Springtown, Texas & Temp



Children of Church of Christ School, Nkwatia Interact with Texas Team Member



Stacy Dial Interacts with Student of Church of Christ School



Bailey Helps Attendants at Church of Christ School



Mike & Sabra Hall Facilitate Seminar for Hope College Faculty



Sabra Hall Interacts with Children at Church of Christ School

ple, Texas Visit in Pictures



**Children of Church of Christ School
Interact with Texas Team Member**



Texas Team Tours Newly Commissioned Pediatric Building



**Vincent Helps Hope College Students
Learn How to Play Scrabble**



17-Member Team from Springtown, Texas & Temple, Texas

Hope College Alumni Return to Help

Between May and August each year, college students in Ghana have their long “summer” vacation. During part of this period, high schools and elementary schools remain in session since they run a trimester calendar.

Some alumni of Hope College who are now in university, chose to spend this year’s summer vacation period serving at the various ministries of Village of Hope. Among the returning alumni are students who grew up in the orphanage. They are now coming back to give back the love that they received as children. Their presence is a great example to the younger children on our campuses and we hope that the resulting influence will be positive. 🙏



Monica Bijah Works in the Village of Hope Group Office



Alumni Justice Aidoo, Margaret Antwi, Kwame Adobaw Jr., Philip Danso, Alexander Boadu, Precious Ababio & Japhet Anokye Gaba Work in Various Departments at Hope College Assisting Tutors and Administrators



Precious & Margaret Work in the Chemistry Lab with Mikhail Agyemang, Chemistry Tutor



Samuel Gyesi Works in the Accounts Offices of Hope Training Institute & Hope Christian Academy

Rainstorms Cause Havoc to Properties at Hope College



The period between May and July is known in Ghana as the rainy season. Most of the rainfall within the year occurs at this time. As with weather patterns, some years experience heavier rains than others. This year was one of the years with exceptionally large volumes of rainfall. However, this year's rains came in the company of very strong winds. For the first time in the history of Village of Hope, the rainstorms ripped off part of the roofing of the Practical Education Building of Hope College. These storms also caused extensive flooding of parts of the Hope College campus, damaging some properties in the school's kitchen.

The flood cut off the college from the rest of the Village of Hope campus for a day. Thankfully the waters receded quickly and things came back to normal. [@](#)



The damage and flooding from the rainstorm temporarily cut off the main Village of Hope campus from the Hope College campus because the creek overflowed its banks. The access road to the Hope College campus was also blocked and a few trees were uprooted. Part of the roof of the practical education building was blown off, and the kitchen and dining hall of Hope College was flooded.





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