

Herald of Hope

Volume 7 | Number 1 | January 2019

Behold! How Good and Pleasant!!!

Over 2,000 Christians Gather at Fetteh Campus of Village of Hope



Gathering of Campers on Village of Hope Campus

Members of churches of Christ in Ghana gather for camp meetings during the end of each year. They take advantage of the public holidays around the Christmas period which are also holidays for schools and for numerous workplaces to organize camp meetings for Christian fellowship and for the edification of the saints. Several congregations in Ghana organize such camps for either the entire church or for the youth of the church. The largest and one of the oldest of such camp meetings is jointly organized by the Asafo and Oforikrom churches of Christ – two large congregations in Kumasi, Ghana’s second largest city.

Known as the Annual National Bible Camp, it has been organized at various towns and cities across Ghana over the past 36 years. It brings together Christians from all over Ghana for several days of Christian fellowship.

The 36th Annual National Bible Camp was hosted by the Village of Hope at its Fetteh campus from December 21 to 25, 2018 under the theme “Christian Commitment.” The opening keynote lecture was on the topic “Commitment, A Mark of Christian Citizenship” and was delivered by Kofi Tawiah, minister of the Osu church of Christ in Accra. The second keynote was delivered by Peter Donkor, retired



VILLAGE OF HOPE

Rescuing. Repairing. Preparing. Propelling.

USA

P. O. Box 670394
Dallas, TX 75367
Tel: 682-302-1939
thevillageofhope.us@gmail.com

GHANA

P. O. Box GP 18169
Accra, Ghana
Tel: 233-24-431-3404
Tel: 233-20-201-2229
info@thevillageofhope.com

LOCAL OVERSIGHT

The Elders of
Vertical Centre Church of Christ,
Community Six, Tema, Ghana.

SUPPORT

VOH-Ghana,
A 501(c)(3) Non-profit.

MINISTRIES

Hope Children’s Village
Hope Training Institute
Hope Christian Academy
Hope Christian Hospital
Church of Christ School
Hope College
Agriculture
Church of Christ at Village of Hope
Campus Church of Christ - Ayawaso
Evangelism
Church Planting and Strengthening

preacher of the Asafo church of Christ in Kumasi on “Commitment Towards Preachers’ Welfare.” Alexander Maxwell Yawson, minister of the Winneba church of Christ presented the third keynote on “Commitment to Church Cooperation.” The final keynote on “Commitment to Nation Building” was by Fred Asare, minister of the church of Christ at Village of Hope who is also the Executive Director of the Village of Hope. That keynote also served as the sermon for the Sunday morning worship service.

Various classes were held for children, teenagers, singles, married couples and single parents. There were various activities including drama, Bible quiz competitions, devotionals, games and site-seeing. By the end of the camp meeting, 33 souls had been baptized into Christ. The campers also collected free-will contributions and donated a total of ten thousand and six hundred Ghanaian cedis (GHS 10,600) which is equivalent to two thousand, two hundred and eight American dollars (US\$ 2,208) to the Village of Hope. That was truly a kind gesture of love.



Baptism During Bible Camp



Peter Donkor Delivers Keynote



Kofi Tawiah, First Keynote Speaker



Congregational Prayers on Day of Fasting



Children’s Classes Spread Across Green Area



Lord’s Supper During Sunday Worship Service



Baptism During Bible Camp

The last day of the camp meeting was devoted to fasting and prayers. With the exception of a few people who had health concerns, all campers – including children – fasted from the time they woke up from bed in the morning till after 6:00pm. The day was spent in fervent prayers amidst singing. The congregational prayer meeting which started at 9:00am continued non-stop till 5:00pm. After breaking their fast and refreshing themselves, campers returned to the general meeting area for the closing ceremony and a motivational talk by Samuel Ayim, a member of the Nsawam Road church of Christ in Accra. The next morning, campers, who had attended the meeting from across the length and breadth of the country, returned home to their various villages, towns and cities.



Alexander Maxwell Yawson Delivers Keynote

In all, more than 2,000 Christians gathered at the Village of Hope for the 2018 national camp meeting of the churches of Christ in Ghana. It was wonderful to see children, the youth, men and women – both young and old – and some very old folks, many of whom did not know each other, come together in Christian love and unity. It was just beautiful to behold. Well did the psalmist sing, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1) 📖



Fred Asare Delivers Keynote



Congregational Singing



Prayer for All Children at Bible Camp



People Respond to Preaching of God's Word

Homecoming

Every year, the sons and daughters of Village of Hope return to Fetteh for our annual homecoming. The homecoming is held during the Christmas and New Year period because schools in Ghana are on vacation at this time and most work places are also on break – from just before Christmas to about the 4th day of January. This period therefore affords the children the opportunity to come home and be with family.

We currently have as many as 96 children in high school and college and in vocational schools away from the Village of Hope campus. Our children are scattered throughout the country and hardly see each other. Occasionally, the house parents or social workers visit them in their various schools to see how they are



Constance Nsiah Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Ebo Wilson, Chaplain, Hope Christian Hospital



Ernest Yartey Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Ernestina Asante, Nurse Midwife, Hope Christian Hospital



Maame Durowaa Nimako Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Adwoa Laryea, Administrator, Hope Christian Hospital



Kwaku Sarkodie Receives Donation from Independent Children of Village of Hope



Wood Prepared for Bonfire on New Year's Eve

doing and to deliver provisions or things they may be in need of. However, since only one or two parents or social workers may visit a particular child, the children do not see many of the other parents and staff until they return to Fetteh for the annual homecoming. Homecoming brings us all together – children, parents, social workers, ministers, administrators, etc. Former children who are now adults also return to be part of the celebrations and festivities. Those who are married come with their spouses and children. It is such a joyous time at the Village of Hope!

The last two weeks of December 2018 and the first week of January 2019 were no exception. Our children – past and present – poured in from all over Ghana for a wonderful time. We thank God for the joy of family and of the season. 🙏



Mercy Thomas Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Ebenezer Ayisi, House Parent



Samuel Nkansah Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Irene Ayisi, House Parent



Adwoa Serwaa Receives Award for Academic Performance Presented by Betty Afriyie, House Parent



Traditional New Year's Eve Bonfire



Linda, Beatrice, and Julliet Set One of Many Tables of Food for New Year Party

Medical Missions by Team from

Since 2004, some members of the church of Christ at White Station in Memphis, Tennessee have been conducting annual outreach mobile clinics in the towns and villages near the Village of Hope campus in Fetteh. Most of those who participate are medical professionals – doctors, dentists, physical therapists, nurses, etc. but non-medical professionals also participate. They help to maintain order, teach and preach the gospel and work hard in diverse ways to make each mobile clinic a success.

How time flies!!! January 2019 marked the 16th year of the White Station church of Christ Medical Missions in Ghana. From January 15 to 18, 2019, this year's medical missions team, together with staff of Hope Christian Hospital and some college students of Village of Hope worked in five villages where they treated a total of 856 people as follows:

Nsuekyir = 195
Worabeba = 230
Gyahadze & Gyangyanadze = 250
Kweikrom = 181

In addition to this number, the eye clinics that were part of the medical clinics treated an average of 50 patients in each village, bringing the total number of people treated over the four-day period to over one thousand.

We thank God for the lives of all those who have travelled to Ghana or have made it possible for others to travel to Ghana and have supported in diverse ways through the years such as the provision of medicines, medical supplies, equipment and money to enable the workers provide much needed healthcare to the sick and educate entire rural communities on good healthcare practices and preventive measures to ward off diseases. The love of God has been shown and souls have been converted to Christ.

We thank the following people who were on the 2019 Medical Missions Team of the White Station church of Christ:

Jim Hambrick,
Terri Hambrick,
Jim Wheless,
Micah Woods,
Mary Skrabut,
Sophie Bell, and
Jill Newman.

God bless you all!!! 🙏



Church of Christ at White Station





VILLAGE OF HOPE

Rescuing. Repairing. Preparing. Propelling.

P. O. Box 670394
Dallas, TX 75367

Village of Hope Needs

- **Dry erase markers (all colors) for teaching in 4 schools (Hope Christian Academy, Church of Christ School, Hope Training Institute and Hope College.**
- **Crayons and Color Pencils for the little children.**

Please send these items to:

**Village of Hope
c/o Springtown church of Christ
316 Church Street
Springtown, TX 76082**

You may also earmark your donation to meet these needs. In the memo section of your check, write "Markers, Crayons, Pencils" and mail the check to:

**Village of Hope
P. O. Box 670394
Dallas, TX 75367**

