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Farewell!!!

Village of Hope Bids Farewell to 6 Beloved Partners



Top Row (L to R):

**Dr. Komli-Kofi Atsina, Chief Inspector Kwaku Antwi-Boasiako,
High Chief (Dr.) Olu Benson Lulu-Briggs**

Bottom Row (L to R):

Elder Paul Yaw Osei, Prince Arthur, Noah Aboagye Osei

Over the past few months, the Village of Hope family has bid farewell to some beloved partners who have passed on from this life. They supported the work of Village of Hope in diverse ways as fathers, grandfathers, preachers, counselors, doctors, accountants, friends, sponsors, donors, etc. These deaths have caused much pain and sorrow to the entire Village of Hope community. Though, as Christians we have hope and look forward to a day when we shall meet our departed loved ones again, the pain of their departure is so real that, as a community, we have had to grapple with it and still live in hope.

We wish to pay tribute to these six beloved ones.



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Dr. Komli-Kofi Atsina



Dr. Komli-Kofi Atsina was a medical doctor and a professor at the University of Ghana Medical School in Accra. He established the Atsina Charity Medical Centre in Accra to provide healthcare to people who could not afford it. He also travelled extensively throughout Ghana to visit and treat old people who were either too weak or too poor to travel to Accra to receive treatment. In Ghana and beyond, he was widely known in the medical fraternity for his charity work.

When Village of Hope began operations in 1996, he volunteered to take care of the medical needs of the children free of charge. He visited the first children's home at Ayawaso to treat the children. When Village of Hope expanded to Fetteh, he added to his itinerary, visiting the children at Fetteh to provide medical care in spite of the long journey and heavy traffic involved. Years later, when a clinic was established at the Fetteh campus of Village of Hope, he regularly visited to work at the clinic free of charge. He also served as a consultant to the hospital. Whenever cases were beyond the ability of the hospital personnel, they consulted him. He was also very helpful in the interviewing and selection of personnel for the clinic. He continued to volunteer his services until we pleaded with him to 'slow down' owing to the stress involved in so much travel between Accra and Fetteh and his frailty due to age. When he was able, he and his wife drove to Fetteh to worship with us on Sundays. He was a grandfather figure to the children and they listened to his wise counsel with rapt attention.

He went to be with the Lord on November 24, 2018 while visiting his family in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA. Grandpa Atsina will be greatly missed by all and sundry. He has left behind an irreplaceable void and a legacy that will last in the hearts of thousands of patients, medical students, children and grandchildren; a legacy that will be retold to future generations for years to come.

Chief Inspector Kwaku Antwi-Boasiako



Chief Inspector Kwaku Antwi-Boasiako was the station officer of the Ojobi District Police Station which has jurisdiction over Fetteh. He had worked with the Ghana Police Service at various locations throughout Ghana for more than 30 years before he was transferred to the Ojobi Police District. While at Ojobi, he heard the gospel and was obedient to the call of God. He was baptized into Christ on November 12, 2017. Just a little over a year after his baptism, he died in a road accident on December 26, 2018.

According to the testimony of the Ojobi church of Christ, "During the very short period that he was a member of the Ojobi church of Christ, he truly exhibited whole-hearted devotion to God and compassion to humanity. He was God-fearing and caring of his fellow human being." Chief Inspector Antwi-Boasiako became closely associated with Village of Hope because the Ojobi congregation, where he was a member, was planted by the Village of Hope and is currently supported by the Village of Hope. Rexford Asumeng – a house parent at Village of Hope – is currently the minister of the Ojobi church.

Members of the Ojobi church of Christ and ministers from the Kasoa-Awutu-Gomoa-Efutu (KAGE) area traveled to his hometown of Kukuom in the Ahafo Region of Ghana (a ten-hour drive from Fetteh – one way) to join his family for his funeral. Churches of Christ in and around Kukuom were present to lend their support and solidarity during the funeral. His was a short but faithful and impactful Christian life. May his soul rest in peace.



Alex Yawson (Minister, Winneba church of Christ) Preaches During Funeral Service of Chief Inspector Kwaku Antwi-Boasiako



Police Officers Serve as Pallbearers at Funeral of Chief Inspector Kwaku Antwi-Boasiako

High Chief (Dr.) Olu Benson Lulu-Briggs

High Chief (Dr.) O. B. Lulu-Briggs was born in the town of Abonnema of Rivers State in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria but rose to prominence throughout Africa and the world as a very successful entrepreneur and business leader. He established businesses like Rachel Hotels Limited, Moni Pulo Limited, Krakrama Investments Limited and Lubrik Construction Company Limited. He also established the O. B. Lulu-Briggs Foundation and the Opuda Empowerment Scheme. Through these non-profit benevolent organizations, he helped thousands of people including street teenagers in Ghana. When he heard about the work of Village of Hope, he reached out to offer a helping hand by supporting the training of street teenagers with employable vocational skills through Hope Training Institute. Though he never visited the Village of Hope and did not personally know the children being cared for, his generosity touched the children and made a positive impact in their lives. He passed on to eternity on December 27, 2018. He will be long remembered for his numerous good deeds and generosity to the needy. His legacies live on.



Elder Paul Yaw Osei

He was commonly called 'Agya' which means 'father' for he was truly a father to all. If anyone needed fatherly advice, he was the one they went to. His fatherly wisdom was a blessing to all and sundry. He was an elder of the Bantama church of Christ in Kumasi. He was a shepherd that the sheep loved and flocked to. No wonder that thousands of people from all across Ghana flocked to his funeral. He was baptized into Christ in 1978 and was known wherever he went as a "staunch member of the church of Christ" until his death on January 13, 2019. He was passionate about evangelism and was instrumental in the planting of many congregations in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. His local congregation testified that, "he exhibited an exemplary life in all things that led to godliness. He promoted a life of unity, purity and integrity."

He loved the Village of Hope and was one of the chief promoters of the organization in the city of Kumasi and its environs. His son, Samuel Osei, is a pioneering teacher of Hope College and is currently the headmaster of the school. Village of Hope was well represented at the funeral with a large delegation from Fetteh. Agya Yaw Osei's passing was sudden and unexpected but he left behind a Christian family and church that is more united, stronger and better because of his life. May his tribe increase!



Brother Prince Kow Arthur

Prince Kow Arthur, a native of Fetteh, was for 22 years a member of the Nsawam Road church of Christ in Accra. He played many roles in that congregation until he relocated his residence to a different suburb of the city and then placed his membership with the Roman Hill church of Christ from 2006 until his death on January 23, 2019. He briefly served in the Accounts Office of Village of Hope but was a life-long friend and supporter of Village of Hope. He believed in this ministry and actively promoted its cause. He was a lively fellow who cheered up all those he encountered. Well did the Nsawam Road church pay him this tribute: "...Brother Prince was both peaceful and jovial; he had a very friendly disposition and always kept a broad smile on his face....a very contagious smile that seemed to affect all those who got close to him." He will be sorely missed for his enthusiasm and exhilarating spirit.



Minister Noah Aboagye Osei

Noah Aboagye Osei served as a minister of the Church of Christ at Village of Hope and as a Chaplain at the Village of Hope for a couple of years before travelling to the United States to study for a Master of Arts in Old Testament degree at Abilene Christian University. Upon his return to Ghana after his studies in the US, he taught at Heritage Christian University College in Accra until he went to be with the Lord on April 21, 2019. Noah was a beloved teacher and minister; but more importantly, he was faithful to his God to the very end of his life. We trust that his Lord will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant.... Enter into the joy of your Lord."



7th Annual Festival of Hope

This year's Festival of Hope which comprises lectures, classes, worship and Christian fellowship was hosted by Hope College from April 18 through April 21, 2019. The first five festivals were held during the first week of September from 2013 to 2017. However, to enable more people attend, last year, the program was moved to the Easter holidays. Close to 400 people attended this year's program.

The keynote lectures were on the theme, "When God's People Face Crises," drawn from the Book of Esther. There were 15 classes on various topics covering leadership, finance, health, education, career, law, relationships, employment, entrepreneurship, etc. All participants took part in aerobic sessions both on the Hope College campus and at the Fetteh

beach where they walked to and from one morning.

For the first time in the history of Festival of Hope, acapella singing groups participated. "Voices of the Living Saints" made up of Christians from various congregation in Tema and "His Praise Chorale," made up of Christians from churches of Christ in Accra, sang to edify participants. Also included for the first time were poetry and comedy. The Royal Poets performed poetry and there was a late-night comedy show each night by A&T Comedy – a duo who are students of Heritage Christian University College in Accra.

It was a great time for learning, fellowship, spiritual growth and personal development. 🙌



Daniel Fobi Delivers Keynote



Eric Darko Delivers Keynote



Douglas Agyapong Delivers Keynote



Emmanuel Adofa Delivers Keynote



Alex Peasah-Koduah Teaches Class on Health & Wellness



Samuel Ayim Teaches Class on Leadership



Conrad Kakraba Teaches Class on Education



Ernest Kofi Obeng Teaches Class on Finance



Ernest Twumasi-Ankrah Teaches Class on Health



George Asah Teaches Class on Education



Mark Bekoe Teaches Class on Career & Employment



Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah Delivers Keynote



Williams Atuilik Teaches Class on Law



Class in Session



Poetry Recital by The Royal Poets



Alex Peasah-Koduah Teaches Class on Health



Late-night Performance of "Laughter, the Best Medicine" by A&T Comedians at Becky Holloway Courtyard of Hope College



Precious Boakye-Mensah Teaches Class on Academic & Career Development



Georgina Narteh Teaches Class on Entrepreneurship



Closing Keynote Session



12th Grade Class of Hope College



His Praise Chorale



Voices of the Living Saints

Pray for Our 9th & 12th Grade Students

Every year, we come to you with an appeal to pray for the 9th grade students of Hope Christian Academy and Church of Christ School as well as the 12th grade students of Hope College as they prepare for and write their final year examinations (in elementary school and high school, respectively). Every year, God has answered our collective prayers and has blessed the hard work of our teachers and especially our students with success in their examinations. Each year, without exception, all the 9th grade students in Hope Christian Academy and Church of Christ School have passed the national 9th grade exam known as the Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) and gone to high school. Even though we have not recorded a one hundred percent pass rate with the final year students of the high school as we have with the two elementary schools, our high

school students have passed the 12th grade exam at a rate that is higher than the national pass rate.

This year, the 12th grade exams will be written mainly throughout the month of May and the first week of June 2019. The 9th grade exams will be written from Monday, 10th June through Friday, 14th June, 2019.

We believe that in addition to the hard work and diligence of our teachers and students, the help of God in answer to prayers is the primary source of success. That is why we are once again coming back to you to appeal for your fervent prayers for our students. Please pray for our 9th and 12th grade students. [@](#)



9th Grade Students of Church of Christ School



9th Grade Students of Hope Christian Academy



12th Grade Students of Hope College



12th Grade Students of Hope College Write Final English Exam

Hope College PTA Constructs Wall Around Campus

The property of Village of Hope in Fetteh covers more than 90 acres of land. Village of Hope first purchased 25 acres. Years later, in recognition and appreciation of the good work that Village of Hope was doing to help the community and humanity in general, the Chief and Elders of Fetteh donated more than 65 acres of land to Village of Hope. The original 25 acres of land houses the orphanage/children's home, the hospital and the elementary school – Hope Christian Academy. That property is fenced off with only two gates for entry or

exit. The donated land is not fenced and has housed Hope College, the high school of Village of Hope, since 2012. Last year, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of Hope College decided to build a wall around the school to provide security for the students and staff of the school. After months of preparation, the project has begun. It will take a long time to accomplish the goal but, as the sayings go, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a step," and "Rome was not built in a day." [🔗](#)



Part of the Completed Wall at the Entrance of Hope College



On-going Construction Works of Wall around Hope College's Campus

Benedicta Nanor Marries Gabriel Hator

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, one of our children – Benedicta Nanor was joined in holy matrimony to Gabriel Hator at the McCarthy Hill church of Christ in Accra. As always, the Village of Hope family was present in our numbers to celebrate with our daughter. [🔗](#)



Benedicta & Gabriel Tie the Knot & Receive Blessings from Isaac Desmond Donkor (Minister of McCarthy Hill Church of Christ)



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Hope Christian Hospital Needs Beds to Serve In-Patients

This bed costs \$370 and we are in need of 40 of them for people who visit Hope Christian Hospital and need to be detained for treatment and recovery. Last year, three houses (Carolyn Barnett House, Joy Barnett House and Marita Barnett House) were given to the hospital to expand its care for the increasing number of sick people who visit the hospital. It took a year to renovate the three houses to be fit for hospital use. Now the houses are ready but empty. We need beds and other equipment; and the most pressing need is beds. With your help, we will be able to have the needed 40 beds for the hospital.

Please help with a gift of any amount to enable us buy one bed for \$370. If you know someone who can help, please pass on this need to him or her. Thank you for your help. God bless you for responding to this need.



You may send a check earmarked "Hospital Beds" to:

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