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Hope Christian Academy Holds Double Graduation For Kindergarten & 9th Grade Students



Graduating Kindergarten Class of 2019 & their Teachers



Graduating 9th Grade Class of 2019 & their Head Teacher

Two classes of Hope Christian Academy graduated together at a colorful ceremony on June 15. Proud relatives of the Kindergarten Class and the 9th grade class of the Academy wore colorful traditional attire; and formal and ceremonial clothing to the occasion to support and congratulate their children.

There was a lot of excitement and cheering as students of the kindergarten class and the elementary

school sung songs, gave poetry recitals and performed choreography.

Awards were given to deserving students in each class in the school. Best teachers and other members of staff were also given awards. The school's Management also showed appreciation to staff who had worked for 15 or more years in the school.

In all, 30 kindergarten pupils and 42 ninth grade students graduated. 



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Hope Christian Academy Graduation in Pictures



Choreography by Kindergarten Class



Elizabeth Ohenewaa (VOH Child) Receives Kindergarten Certificate



Mark Manwu (Former Slave Child) Receives 9th Grade Certificate



Song by French Club

We are especially proud of our Village of Hope Children



**Vincent Akorli (Former Slave Child)
Awarded for Being the Best KG Pupil
in Creative Activities**



**Ernest Yartey
Awarded for Placing 3rd
in His Grade 4 Class**



**Mercy Thomas
Awarded for Placing 1st
in Her Grade 5 Class**



**Adwoa Serwaa
Awarded for Placing 3rd
in His Grade 7 Class**



**Abigail Abeka
Awarded for Placing 1st
in Her Grade 8 Class**



**William Wiafe
Awarded for Placing 3rd
in His Grade 5 Class**



**Evans Kelly Noamesi
Awarded for Placing 1st
in His Grade 9 Class**



**Emefa Agboba Awarded for
Being the Most Hardworking Pupil in
the Junior High Department**

Hope College Holds Fifth Graduation

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, 85 twelfth grade students of Hope College graduated at an impressive ceremony at the Hackmann Hall on the college's campus at Fetteh. The ceremony, the fifth in the history of the school, was attended by parents, relatives and friends of the graduating students as well as members of the Board, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the college. A large delegation from the royal family and council of chiefs and elders of Fetteh graced the occasion. Also present were members of the press.

Before the graduation ceremony begun, the police cadet corps of the school treated all those present to a parade and a handing over ceremony of the leadership of the cadet corp. During the graduation ceremony, each graduating student received a certificate and a Bible. Students who excelled in

the four pillars of the college – character, scholarship, service and leadership – received various awards.

The distinguished guest of honor and keynote speaker was the Vice Chancellor (President) of the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), Professor Abednego Feehi Okoe Amartey. He encouraged all present, especially the graduating class, not to give up when faced with challenges but to strive to overcome their challenges through faith in God, good character, hard work and determination. He inspired the students to aspire to be transformational world leaders by seeking to be their best and making the world a better place. He challenged them to dare to dream, dare to be different and never settle for the ordinary. Finally, he sent them out into the world with the blessings of God. [📖](#)



Hope College Graduating Class of 2019



Village of Hope Children Graduating from Hope College (L to R): Linda Mensah, Rexford Asumeng, Lydia Mensah, George Tetteh, Hannah Nsiah, Gideon Attah Snr, Elipio Kanyiri, Njaina Yajana, Benedicta Adubea, Justice Baah, Mavis Teye, Eunice Murray

Hope College Graduation in Pictures



Stage is Set for 2019 Graduation Ceremony to Begin



Hackmann Hall Arranged for 2019 Graduation Ceremony to Begin



Parade of Hope College Police Cadet Corps



Bibles, Certificates and Awards Presented to Graduating Class



Valedictorian Mavis Nyarko Tweneboah Receives Award

Hope College Graduation in Pictures



2019 Graduation Ceremony in Progress



Ebenezer Sackey (on stage) Leads Continuing Students, Graduating Class, Faculty & Guests in Singing



Keynote Speaker Prof. Abednego Amartey



Samuel Osei (Acting Headmaster) Gives the Traditional Charge to the Class



Benedicta Adubea (left picture) & Elipio Kanyiri (right picture), both children of Village of Hope, received awards during the graduation ceremony. Benedicta was awarded for her prowess in sports, and Elipio won the Service Award presented to the student of the graduating class who does the most hours of community service during their time at Hope College.

Michael Baah Graduates

From Nursing Training College

Anyone who visited Village of Hope in the first decade of this century would testify to the sweet spirit, humility, dedication to duty and indefatigable commitment to work of Michael Tola Baah. He was a driver who served everywhere within the Village of Hope ministry and served everyone whom he came into contact with. It was a great shock and a very big blow to the ministry when he collapsed one morning at home and was pronounced dead at the hospital a few minutes later in the morning of June 24, 2011. A few years before his death, his wife survived a fatal accident in a bus that resulted in the death of many of the passengers and left her incapacitated to work. Michael Tola Baah was therefore the sole breadwinner for the family. His sudden death left the fate of their four children hanging because the surviving widow was unable to work. Village of Hope, therefore, took up the care of the children.

Michael Baah, his father's namesake, is the oldest of his siblings. He has made steady progress in his academic work over the past eight years. He recently graduated from the Ho Nurses' Training College as a registered nurse. He is currently working at the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital in the Eastern Region of Ghana in fulfillment of the compulsory one-year national service required by the Government of Ghana. Michael's humble disposition, physical stature so much in resemblance of his father and his fine accomplishment as a registered nurse are testimonies of the goodness of God in blessing the dreams of his servant Tola Baah whom He called into glory. The Lord had done a beautiful thing and it is marvelous in our sight. 🙏



Michael Poses with His Certificate



House Parents Rexford, Regina & Helina Celebrate with Michael

Stella Obeng Graduates

From Cape Coast Technical University

Stella Kyei Obeng lost her father when she was ten years old. Owing to her mother's critical medical condition, she was unable to care for Stella and her siblings so when their father died, the children had no one to care for them. As their father was a member of the Assissim church of Christ before his death, the church appealed to Village of Hope to take up the care of the children. The minister of the church took into his home and cared for the oldest of the children. Stella, and his brother Bismark, came to live at the Village of Hope in August 2005. She was in the fifth grade. She has been under the care of Village of Hope since then.

It was a great joy to attend Stella's graduation with a Higher National Diploma (HND) at the Cape Coast Technical University. Stella was awarded for being the best graduating Tourism student. She also received the Alumni Special Award for the Best Graduating Applied Sciences & Arts Student. It was humbling to see how the Lord has worked through his servants – sponsors, house parents, social workers, administrators and many others – to transform the little girl into a truly beautiful and faithful Christian lady. Glory be to God! 🙏



Stella with Her Certificate (left) and with Her Award



Stella's Relatives Join the VOH Family to Celebrate Her Graduation

Rachael Ofori-Amoah & Michael Osei Frimpong Joined in Marriage

In Ghana, marriage is not a private affair between the two people who intend to marry. It involves at least their two families; and the communities they come from. The family of the groom seeks the hand of the bride for "their son" from the family of the bride. After offering the appropriate dowry and going through the appropriate rites, the bride's family offers "their daughter" in marriage. Towards the end of the ceremony, each family elects at least one elderly, experienced and wise man or woman to act as a surety for the marriage. It is common for each family to elect one man and one woman each thus making the sureties four in number. When there is a problem in the marriage that the couple are unable to solve by themselves, the matter must first be presented to any of the sureties for resolution. Sometimes, all the sureties come together to resolve particularly difficult problems or disagreements.

The marriage is contracted at a public ceremony which erupts into celebration once the agreement between both families has been concluded. The celebration is an integral part of the entire ceremony; and after hours of celebration the groom and bride go home and so does everyone else. From then on, they live their lives as husband and wife.

On Saturday, June 15, 2019, the family of Michael Osei Frimpong visited the Fetteh campus of Village of Hope to ask the hand of Rachel Ofori-Amoah (a child of the Village of Hope) in marriage. It was a really joyous occasion. Please pray for Rachel and Michael as they journey together as husband and wife. [📖](#)

Right: Newlyweds Rachel Ofori-Amoah & Michael Osei Frimpong



Fred Asare Marries Rachel & Michael



VOH Adult Children with Newlyweds



Members of the VOH Family with Newlyweds



Rachel Flanked by Her Village of Hope Sisters Beatrice, Adriana, Abigail, Sarah, Joy, Jennifer & Julliet



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Online Presence Update

With your support, the different areas of the work of Village of Hope continue to expand and so we have updated our website to reflect this expansion and make it easier for you to follow the progress of the work and see the positive changes that are caused by God's blessings of your gifts and visits.

Beginning July 1, thevillageofhope.com, will redirect to **thevohgroup.org**. It is still the same Village of Hope that you know, love and support to save lives and serve humanity. This new website will continue to metamorphose to reflect our continuous efforts to serve the orphaned, destitute and needy children of the world; to heal the sick; to educate children; and to give hope to the hopeless.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions that you might have by sending an email to **info@thevillageofhope.com**.

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