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Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building Dedicated



Jason Hackmann (left) Cuts Ribbon to Dedicate the Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building

On Friday, October 11, 2019, a new building was dedicated at Hope College. Present at the ceremony were the administrators, staff, faculty and students of Hope College; and Jason Hackmann who cut the ribbon to commission the building. The building will be used for classrooms and for the practical education of students of Hope College. It will house a library, a kitchen/food lab, a clothing and textiles/sewing room, a computer lab, an art studio, a music studio as well as a laboratory each for physics, chemistry and biology.

Known as the Diana Hackman Practical Education Building, it was named in honor and in memory of Diana Gail Hackmann – a loving wife, caring mother and kind-hearted grandmother whose legacy of compassion and generosity continues to impact lives and make the world a better place for humanity.

Diana Gail Hackmann of Old Monroe, Missouri went to be with the Lord on Wednesday morning, March 9, 2016. She was born in Darrouzett, Texas. She was a graduate of Winfield High School where she later worked



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for 22 years and also worked at the Bank of Old Monroe for 16 years. She was married to Gerald Hackmann and they were blessed with two sons: Bryan and Jason. She was preceded in death by one son, Bryan Mark Hackmann, who died May 26, 1995; and one brother, Randy Henry. She was survived by her beloved husband, Gerald Hackmann of Old Monroe; one son, Jason Hackmann and his wife, Jennifer, of St. Louis, MO; and three grandchildren: Evan, Alexis and Hadley. When she was called to glory, her family requested that memorials be made to the Village of Hope Orphanage.

The Hackmann family has been a pivotal foundation supporter of Hope College. A major gift from the family in 2012 made it possible for Hope College to be established. The family's generosity financed the construction of the boys' dormitory, the girls' dormitory, the assembly hall and one wing of the academic building that houses classrooms of the school. The naming of the practical education building for Diana Hackmann is a befitting tribute to the matriarch of the Hackmann family in giving honor to whom honor is due and thanking God for her godly example and legacy. [@](#)



Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators at the Pre-dedication Ceremony



Students Walking to the Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building for the Dedication Ceremony



Students at the Dedication Ceremony



**Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building
Insert: Plaque Commemorating the Dedication of the Building**



Before and After the Unveiling of the Plaque Commemorating the Dedication of the Building



Samuel Osei, Headmaster of Hope College (left), Jason Hackmann (back facing camera), and Fred Asare, Executive Director of Village of Hope (right) Inspecting the Food Lab/Kitchen Inside the Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building



Inside the Library of the Diana Hackmann Practical Education Building

Hope College Celebrates 7th Anniversary

Hope College began on October 1, 2012 with only 36 students but with big dreams to offer exceptional Christ-centered high school education to many students and, eventually, to become a leading secondary-level institution of learning in the world. The mission of the school is to educate students in preparation for a lifetime of character, scholarship, service and leadership to transform their world to impact the world. This mission is being realized every day at Hope College.

Numerous activities were organized recently to celebrate the 7th anniversary of the College. First, a candle light procession was held the night before the anniversary day. The students sang songs of praises through the town of Fetteh holding candles. A thanksgiving service was held in the morning of October 1, 2019 at the Hackmann Hall to thank God for how far He has brought us. The next activity was a matriculation ceremony for newly admitted students. Mrs. Betty Djokoto, a renowned educationist in Ghana, who was the guest speaker for the matriculation ceremony spoke words of encouragement to the newly-admitted students.

On October 1 each year, a distinguished Christian leader is invited to speak to the entire Hope College community, as part of the celebration of the school's anniversary. This year, the speaker was Dr. Augustine Tawiah, a minister of the churches of Christ, an educationist and a political leader in Ghana. Dr. Tawiah is a graduate of the University of Ghana, Lipscomb University, Harding School of Theology and the

University of Memphis. He is a former Principal (President) of Ghana Bible College, a seminary of churches of Christ in Ghana. He is currently a member of parliament in Ghana. He has served on the parliamentary committee on education and is currently serving on the committee on foreign affairs. He spoke about several issues on education and encouraged the students to excel in their academic pursuits and in life.

This year, the students decided to climax the anniversary with a life-teaching drama and an anniversary movie that showed progress made over the past seven years.

In seven short years, Hope College has gained a reputation throughout Ghana as a school of excellence in academics, character formation and spiritual training. The school has set new enrolment records in each of the past two years and is poised to reach its maximum student enrolment capacity this academic year. This year's graduating class (the fifth since the inception of the school) produced the best results in the history of the school in the international 12th grade high school exam for English-speaking West African countries.

Hope College also attained operational self-sufficiency this year. The school awarded scholarships to 85 orphaned and needy students. This has enabled poor students who would have otherwise not been able to attend Hope College receive the high-quality Christian education the school offers. We are grateful to all whose sacrifices have made Hope College accomplish so much to the glory of God these past seven years. [@](#)



Panoramic View of Hope College



First Year Students at Matriculation



Hope College Officials and Guest Speaker During Matriculation



A Student Interpretes in Sign Language During Matriculation Ceremony



Master Victor Laryea Speaks as a Representative of the Freshman Class During Matriculation



Dr. Augustine Tawiah Addresses the Hope College Community



Mrs. Betty Djokoto, Guest Speaker for the Matriculation Ceremony Addresses Audience



Group Picture of the Freshman Class with Hope College Officials and Guest Speaker after the Matriculation

Central Regional Churches of Christ Women's Camp Meeting Held at Hope College

Each summer, women from churches of Christ in the Central Region of Ghana attend a camp meeting to study the word of God, to pray, to have fellowship and to prepare themselves for works of ministry in the Lord's church. For the first time in the history of the camp meetings, this year's meeting was held at Hope College. Women from 28 churches attended this year's camp meeting which lasted for one week. The meeting ended on a Sunday with a worship service that was attended by 400 women and 250 children. [@](#)

Here are some pictures from the Central Regional Women's Camp Meeting.



Some Leaders of Women's Groups in Congregations in the Central Region were Given Certificates of Commendation for their Service in Ministry Among Women in the Churches of Christ



Christian Women from Various Congregations at the Camp Meeting



Women from Churches of Christ in Central Region of Ghana Donate to Children of Village of Hope



Jane Maynard and Kari Martin - two Keynote Speakers at the Women's Bible Camp

Children from Churches of Christ in Accra Attend Bible Camp Meeting at Village of Hope

One hundred and forty children and 20 adults from 16 congregations attended a Bible Camp meeting at the Village of Hope campus at Fetteh. They used the facilities of Hope College for their activities.

For ease of cooperation among congregations, churches of Christ in the large metropolitan city of Accra (Ghana's capital city) have grouped themselves into zones. Congregations in each zone cooperate with each other for evangelism, benevolence and edification. Each zone organizes programs and activities for the children in the congregations to keep them active in the work of God from an early stage of their lives. The children from the 16 congregations that attended the Bible Camp meeting at Village of Hope were part of Zone 5 of Accra. [🔗](#)



Top and Bottom: Participants at Children's Bible Camp Meeting

The 16 congregations that attended the Bible Camp meeting at Village of Hope

1. Pobiman
2. Fise
3. Ashalaja
4. Ayikai-Doblo
5. Mayera
6. Amasaman
7. Ayawaso
8. Pokuase
9. Ofankor
10. Asofan
11. Race Course
12. Taifa
13. Nii Okaiman
14. Dome – Pillar 2
15. Dome – CFC
16. Mile 7



A Keynote Speaker Speaks to the Children



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Hope Christian Hospital Needs a Lead Door for X-Ray Room

For years, Hope Christian Hospital has been referring all cases requiring x-rays to the nearest hospital, 45 minutes away. Patients have to travel on bad roads, often making the journey an extremely painful experience. Thanks to the generosity of Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare in Memphis, Tennessee an x-ray machine has been donated to the hospital. The laws of Ghana require that approval be granted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) before x-ray equipment can be used. The EPA, having inspected our facilities, requires that a customized lead-lined door be fixed to the x-ray room before approval is granted. Given the dimensions of the doorway to our x-ray room, this specialized door costs the equivalent of \$4,000. We would appreciate your generous contribution towards the acquisition of this door so that the x-ray equipment will not sit idle and patients will no longer have to travel long distances for their x-rays.

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X-ray Machine Being Offloaded at Hope Christian Hospital