

Herald of Hope

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Twenty five years ago, serious efforts began towards the establishment of Village of Hope. After 2 years of preparatory work, which included registering a non-profit children's home and building the first home to house orphaned and needy children, the first 8 children and a married couple, as house parents, moved into this home in January 1996. The Village of Hope was officially inaugurated on February 24, 1996.

Over the years, Village of Hope has grown to comprise 7 ministries, namely:

- Hope Haven
a babies' home
- Hope Children's Village
an orphanage
- Hope Training Institute
a vocational or trade school for street teenagers
- Hope Christian Academy
an elementary school in the Central Region of Ghana
- Church of Christ School
an elementary school in the Eastern Region of Ghana
- Hope College
a high school; and
- Hope Christian Hospital
a 24-hour medical facility



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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

CHILDREN'S HOMES

Over the past 25 years, more than a hundred children who grew up in the orphanage have completed high school and college and have become independent adults – teachers, doctors, engineers, seamstresses, bankers, accountants, lawyers, preachers, agriculturists, etc. They are now making a difference in society as a whole and they do come back to support the children currently living in the homes. At the moment, we are caring for more than 200 orphaned, abandoned, destitute, needy children and children who have been rescued from human trafficking and slavery.

Mavis Odamea

Mildred Agbenowosi

Shaibu Osman

-Teachers

Solomon Obiri-Yeboah

-Dentist

Eric Tachie Nyarko

-Engineer

Leticia Addo

-Seamstress

George Anyaba

Paul Takyi Nyarko

Sarah Adu-Poku

-Bankers

Gabriel Tordia

-Soccer Player

Francis-Xavier Sosu

-Lawyer

Richard Negble Mensah

-Preacher

Fortune Bulley

-Agriculturist

Cinderella Okai

-Nurse

Joyce Larbi

-Caterer

Bright Kwaku Takyi

-Soldier

Isaac Adinkrah

-Musician

Beatrice Wiredu

-Marketing Practitioner

Sualesu Yussif

-Human Resource Practitioner

Columbus Tackie

-Information Technology Practitioner

Asuo Mensah

Yaw Abotsi

-Administrators

Dora Owusu-Amponsah

Sappah Yahaya

-Accountants



STREET MINISTRY

The Village of Hope's street ministry and vocational training school have provided countless number of meals to children and teenagers who live on the streets. More than 400 of them have been trained in vocational skills and have been helped to move off the street to become self-employed or gainfully employed.

We are currently training about 40 teenagers, who have been moved off the streets, at our trade school.



SCHOOLS

The elementary and high schools of Village of Hope are educating over 1,200 children every school day. From Pre-KG through 12th Grade, we are teaching the Bible and we are training these children to become responsible and ethical leaders in future. We are educating them, not just for the future but for eternity.



HOSPITAL

Hope Christian Hospital serves 20 communities with a total combined population of over 40,000 people. Daily hospital attendance averages 80 patients. Some days, more than a hundred people attend the hospital and most times all the 65 beds in the wards are occupied by in-patients.



CHURCH

We have planted 20 churches in our area and now have 35 congregations in villages and towns in and around the Village of Hope.

Over the past 25 years, many souls have been saved, lives have been transformed, many children have been given hope, not just for this life but for eternity.

All these have been made possible because you partnered with us. You cared and so you acted in love to make a difference in the lives of the children and the people we help in the poor communities we serve. Because of your partnership with us, the love of Christ has been shown, the gospel has been preached, the lost have been saved, the Lord's church is strong and vibrant and God is working through His church to give abundant life and hope to many. Because of you, God is being praised and glorified every day; and we say, "THANK YOU!"



NOW

Now, Village of Hope is nearing 25 years of operation and we need your help to continue this work of ministry. Our goal is to become operationally self-sufficient by our 25th anniversary on February 24, 2021.

Because of the growth that has occurred over the years, we are not only expanding but we need to maintain what we are doing because all of these entities are doing the work of the Kingdom. When we do the work, things get used and sometimes used up. We need to renovate or maintain the buildings that you have provided for this work over the last 25 years. We want to continue to do this work with excellence and we want to maintain these buildings and help sustain and propel the work in these areas.

THE NEEDS

HOSPITAL

The hospital is made up of 7 buildings that are connected by a walkway. This walkway needs to be roofed so that patients are not moved from one building to the other directly under the sun; and so that they are not beaten by the rain when it is raining and they have to be moved from one building to the other.

After many years of use, the hospital's buildings need to be renovated.

An X-ray machine has been donated to the hospital but we cannot use it until we replace the current wooden door of the x-ray room with a lead door. We need help to acquire a specialized lead door for the X-ray Department.

We need oxygen cylinders for the wards for patients on admission in the wards who may be in need of oxygen.

There is also the need to fence off the hospital facility to keep people who visit the hospital from straying to the children's home area. Because there is currently no fence, people who visit the hospital often stray to the children's homes and we need to prevent this so as to protect the children in the orphanage.



HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Hope Christian Academy is in need of a permanent boys' dormitory. The temporary wooden structure that has served as a boys' dormitory for over 10 years has also been eaten by termites and is no longer safe for the boys. We are constructing a new boys' dormitory with concrete and cement blocks but the work has come to a halt because we do not have the funds to complete its construction. We need your help to complete the construction of this dormitory so that the boys can have a safe and comfortable place to live.

The classroom building has not been renovated in the last 9 years. The building needs a major renovation. We need to replace window frames and ceilings as well as paint the entire building. Broken furniture also needs to be replaced.

The dining hall where the students have their meals and the kitchen where their food is prepared need to be renovated.



CHILDREN'S HOMES/ORPHANAGE

The children's homes have not been painted in the last ten years. Wooden window frames that are rotten need to be replaced. Facilities in the homes have been worn out due to constant daily use over many years. Some homes were built 18 years ago. Even our newest home is nearing 10 years old, so all our homes need repair and renovation works to make them fit for the children who live in them.

Our storage building constructed with wood in 2004 is 15 years old. The wood has been eaten by termites and we really need to replace it.



CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL

The Church of Christ School in the Eastern Region of Ghana is in need of a classroom building for children in the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Construction began last year but we have run out of funds. We need your help to complete this classroom building, renovate the existing classroom buildings and to provide furniture for the school.

This is why we need your help so we can continue caring for children, caring for the sick, poor and destitute, educating students, preaching the gospel, planting churches and training the future leaders of the church, our society, the African continent and the world.

Please help us to continue this work of ministry over the next 25 years to the glory of God.



REASONS FOR VISION OF HOPE 2020

Why We Need Your Help

1

We have been caring for hundreds of orphaned and needy children. We have been educating thousands of students. We have been treating tens of thousands of patients. When you do God's work, buildings, equipment and facilities are put to use and after many years, they get used up and in need of repair or replacement.

2

The buildings you helped us to build have been used daily for a number of years. For example: George & Mary Chisholm House is 18 years old; Douglas & Margaret Boateng House is 18 years old; Traverse City Church of Christ House is 18 years old; Prestoncrest Church of Christ House is 12 years old. These buildings are children's homes and have been used daily in the care and nurturing of children from the first day children moved into them up to the present time. These buildings need major repair and renovation works.

3

Some facilities have served their useful purpose and have to be replaced. Our storage building (built in 2004) and the current boys' dormitory of Hope Christian Academy (built in 2005) which were constructed with wood have been eaten by termites and are no longer safe for use. These buildings need to be replaced with concrete buildings.

4

We have started putting up some facilities on our own but we have run out of funds and we need your help to complete these urgently needed facilities. A nursery classroom building for Pre-KG and KG children was started by the Church of Christ School but has come to a halt owing to the lack of funds. However, the school urgently needs classrooms for these little children.

Hope Christian Academy is constructing a new boys' dormitory and is more than half way towards completion. We need help to complete this dormitory so that the boys will have a safe place to live.

Hope Christian Hospital is in need of extra space for wards to be able to care for many more patients who are currently being turned away because there is no room for more in-patient care. The hospital has on its own begun renovation of the Carolyn Barnett, Joy Barnett and Marita Barnett Houses so they can be suitable for use in medical care. We need funds to complete the renovation and put these buildings to full use and thus help many sick people in desperate need of care.

5

We want to be operationally self-sufficient. This means that our day-to-day operations will be able to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of operations. You will notice that we have made no request on behalf of Hope College, the high school. This is because Hope College is now operationally self-sufficient. This has been possible because major gifts from the Hackmann Family helped to construct the classroom, dormitory and other facilities the school needed. With a capacity of 480 students, Hope College is able to cover its costs of operations as well as offer full scholarships to all the orphans from the children's home who attend the school.

Hope Christian Academy can also become operationally self-sufficient if we have a large dormitory building to increase the enrolment of boarding students. The fees paid by these students will cover the cost of operations and provide scholarships to orphaned and needy children who attend the Academy.

The Church of Christ School is not able to increase enrolment because it lacks the classrooms to take in more students. Without more classrooms, the school will never be able to break even. Furthermore, without classrooms, the quality of education suffers because classrooms are overcrowded. A new classroom building will improve quality of education as well as increase enrolment and make the Church of Christ School operationally self-sufficient.

If Hope Christian Hospital is able to care for more patients, it will not only provide healing and relief to many sick people but it will also be able to generate revenue through the Ghana Government's National Health Insurance Service to become operationally self-sufficient.

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We need your help to repair and renovate our facilities for use in the next 25 years. We also need your help so Hope Christian Academy, Church of Christ School and Hope Christian Hospital will become operationally self-sufficient in the years ahead. Vision of Hope 2020 will get us there.

A WORD FROM MIKE HALL

Over the past twenty-five years the Village of Hope has grown in size and scope to become a force for good throughout the various regions of Ghana. We have seven entities which all serve to help the less fortunate children of Ghana, Each of these works make the whole of the Village of Hope mission and ministry.

Some entities are in need of additions to cover the growth of their work and some programs have been in existence so long that we need to do some updates and maintenance to continue their work in an efficient and effective manner.

Raising children anywhere is not an easy task. Raising and educating hundreds of them at a time is an even more daunting task. The VOH staff is up to the challenge but they need your support as we look to upgrade some of our facilities or to re-fit them in a way that will allow even more of these efforts to be self sustaining in the days to come.



We have named this campaign **VISION of HOPE 2020** because we are preparing each part of the Village of Hope to be in great shape for the next 25 years. These efforts will give each entity the infrastructure they need to not only be effective, but the schools, the hospital, and the training center will be well on their way to being self-sustaining.

Orphans will always need sponsors but presently, in Hope College, ALL of the children from the Hope Children's Village attend free of charge from scholarship money raised from the fees paid by outside students. It is our goal to see that orphans presently living in our homes will attend Hope Christian Academy under the same type of program allowing us to use some of their sponsorship funds for needs other than school fees.

Our vision is to have each entity working and growing from its own funding in the next year. We will always have occasional capital needs but we are looking to reduce the need for every donor dollar to go to the monthly upkeep of each work. The funds from this campaign are an investment in the future.

Thanks for everything you have done for the Village of Hope and we hope you will join us with a one time donation to this visionary campaign to build a foundation for the next 25 years.

It is my pleasure to serve this great organization as board president. It is an easy job because not only do I know it is a very worthy work but I know that every dollar given goes to help a child to grow into a stronger member of God's Kingdom. 🙏

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Michael Hall".

Board President
VOH-Ghana





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VISION OF HOPE - 2020: TOWARDS OPERATIONAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY

I. HOPE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE (ORPHANAGE) **Renovation of first 5 Children's Homes/ Cottages**

\$50,000

1. George & Mary Chisholm House
\$10,000
2. Douglas & Margaret Boateng House
\$10,000
3. Traverse City Church of Christ House
\$10,000
4. Prestoncrest Church of Christ House A
\$10,000
5. Prestoncrest Church of Christ House B
\$10,000

II. HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY **(PRE-K THROUGH 9TH GRADE)**

\$60,000

1. Completion of Construction of New Boys' Dormitory
\$32,000
2. Renovation of Josiah & Bonita Tilton Education Building
\$20,000
3. Furniture for Classrooms
\$8,000

III. CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL **(PRE-K THROUGH 9TH GRADE)**

\$70,000

1. Completion of Construction of Nursery Building
\$50,000
2. Renovation of Primary and Junior High School Buildings
\$12,000
3. Furniture for Classrooms
\$8,000

IV. HOPE CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

\$70,000

1. Oxygen for Wards
\$14,000
2. Lead Door for X-Ray Room
\$4,000
3. Roofing & Terrazzo Floor of Walkways
\$20,000
4. Completion of Remodeling of 3 Barnett Houses
\$20,000
5. Fencing-off of Hospital Facilities
\$12,000

TOTAL: \$250,000.00

