

# Herald of Hope

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## HOPE FOR CHILDREN IN BONGO

As Village of Hope Takes Over the Running of Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo



**Children of Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo with some members of the Village of Hope Management Team**

In October 2020, Village of Hope took over the management of the Church of Christ Children's Home. The Church of Christ Children's Home, located in Bongo in the Upper East Region of Ghana, was established by the Village church of Christ in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, USA in 2006. When the church heard about the plight of orphans in and around the Bongo area, they immediately decided to do something about it and give hope to these suffering children. They rented a building to begin residential care of the children. Adams Akurumolga and his wife Elizabeth were hired to care for the children and run the home. The following year, in 2007, the church acquired land from the paramount chief of the Bongo traditional area and built facilities for the care of orphaned and needy children. Many children have been helped to get a better life over the years. The Church of Christ Children's Home has been a blessing not only to children in the Bongo area but the entire Upper East Region of Ghana.

After 14 years of funding and running the children's home, the Village church of Christ decided to hand over the Home's administration to Village of Hope to ensure its effective and efficient running for years to come. In a letter announcing the change, the Elders of the church stated "we believe that the Village of Hope is able to bring about positive change in the way the Home is being run and that this change is in the best interest of the children of the Upper East Region." The Boards of the Village of Hope and the Oversight Elders, in both Ghana and the USA, have agreed to Village of Hope taking over the running of the Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo.

Management of Village of Hope, in accepting the new mandate given by the Boards and Elders, is excited to give hope to many more children through this takeover. Members of the Management Team traveled to Bongo on a fact-finding mission to familiarize themselves with the home and the work required in



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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  
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ministering to the needy children of the Upper East Region. The team, made up of social workers, educators, medical professionals, accountants and administrators, assessed every facet of the work and came up with a plan of action which was approved by the Boards and Elders. Adams & Elizabeth Akurumolga and their family have been supported by the Village church of Christ to transition away from the children's home to work in evangelism and missions. Beginning October 1, 2020, therefore, Village of Hope has been caring for about 30 children at the Church of Christ Children's Home. Beefing up the staff of the Home and renovating the facilities will soon begin.

The Village church of Christ will continue to provide some support for the care of the children in the Home. However, the work is so expansive and the needs are so great that much more help is needed to support the numerous needy and destitute children in the region. With the help of God, working through your support, there will be hope for every child as we share the love of God to the neediest of children. [1](#)



**Village of Hope Management Team inspects facilities of Church of Christ Children's Home.**



**Village of Hope Management Team meets with Church Leaders from Bongo and Bolgatanga (capital of Upper East Region).**



**Members of Village of Hope Management Team and leaders of churches of Christ meet with Chief and Elders of Bongo.**



**Village of Hope presents food and other supplies to the children of Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo.**





# FIFTH BABY ARRIVES



**Village of Hope receives fifth baby from officials of the Department of Social Welfare.**

**H**e was abandoned the very minute he entered this world with umbilical cord uncut and blood all over his body at the entrance of the toilet facility where he had been born. His shrill cry for help at about 1 AM that dark night attracted the attention of someone in the neighborhood who, upon sighting the abandoned baby, shouted for help. This brought the people in the nearby houses around, resulting in his rescue.

The first point of call was the police station where the rescuers reported the matter. Next, he was sent to a clinic in the community where the umbilical cord was cut and he received much needed medical attention. As it turned out, in spite of the trauma he had been through, he was declared healthy. Subsequently, the Department of Social Welfare was informed. All efforts to trace the woman who gave birth to the child proved futile so, in the best interest of the child, officials of the

Department of Social Welfare brought him to Village of Hope.

He is the fifth child to arrive at the newly established babies' home at the Village of Hope and he is now receiving the love and care he was denied at birth. The babies' home ensures that every abandoned baby who is admitted receives the maximum care he or she may need. Its location next to the pediatric unit of Hope Christian Hospital enables the medical staff to also provide a full range of medical care that any baby admitted to the home may need. This month, a ceremony was held to name each of our five babies (read the story on Page 7).

We are glad to report that all five babies are doing well and we are grateful to all who have made it possible for the love of God to be extended to helpless babies who, through no fault of theirs, are abandoned in this harsh world. [📖](#)



**Tired and hungry, our fifth baby cries for his bottle as soon as he arrives at the Babies' Home.**

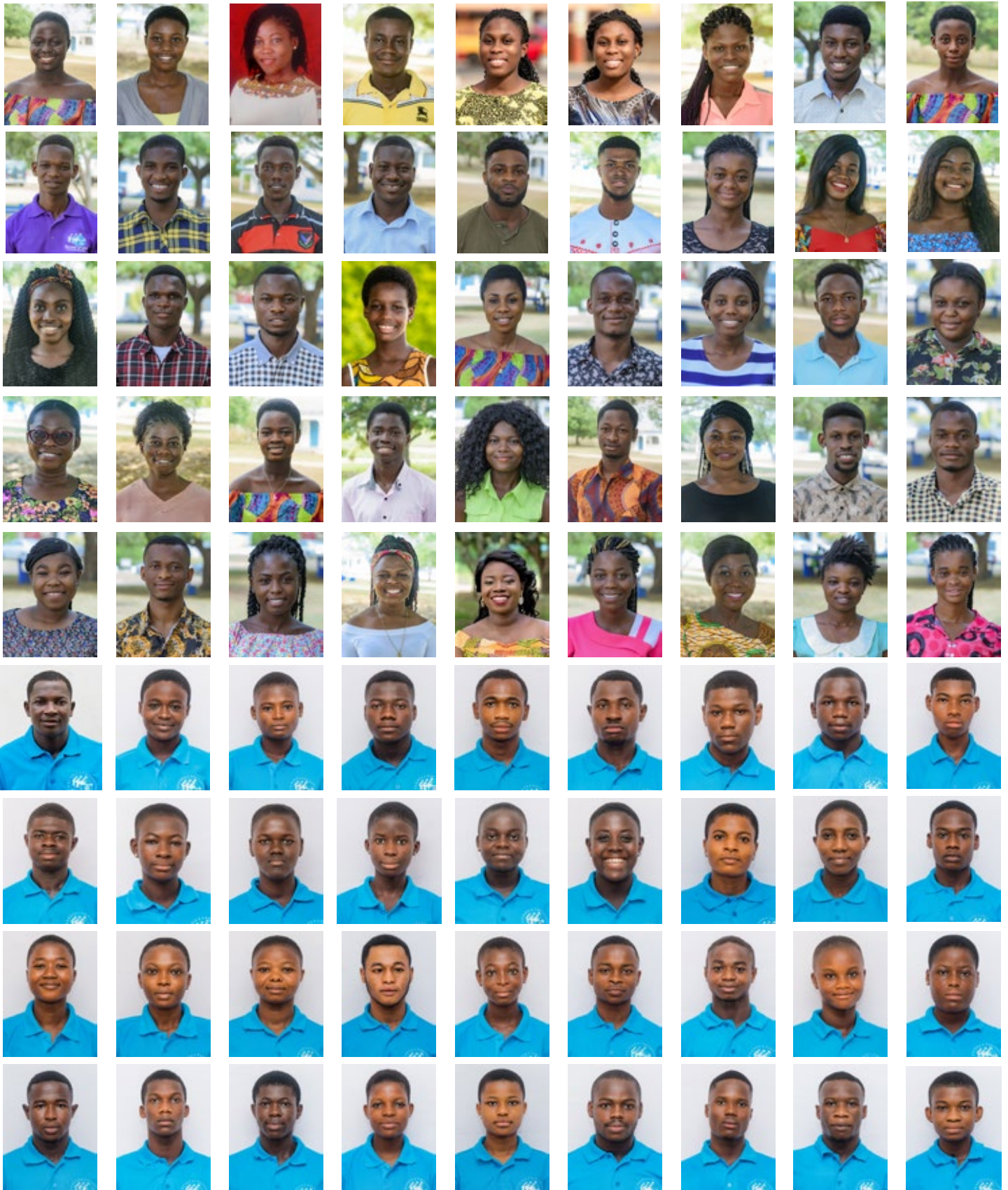


# THANK YOU!!!

For Making A Difference in So Many Lives







**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM VILLAGE OF HOPE**

# 2020 COLLEGE GRADUATES

A total of 16 children from Village of Hope graduated from universities and colleges all over the country in 2020. Owing to the disruptions created by the corona virus, the academic calendars of most universities were disrupted and so many of the students completed their coursework online and had virtual graduation ceremonies. However, University of Cape Coast decided to have an in-person graduation ceremony and three of our children took part. They are Ellen Coffie, Emmanuel Mensah and Agarthia Agyemang. [@](#)



**Ellen Coffie**  
University of  
Cape-Coast;  
BEd. Science  
(Chemistry)  
**Sponsored by**  
**Paul C. & Marilyn A.**  
**LaRue**



**Emmanuel Mensah**  
University of  
Cape Coast;  
BCom. Management  
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**Mark & Janet Ray**



**Agarthia Agyemang**  
University of  
Cape Coast;  
BCom. Management  
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**Blankenship**



**Charles Bukari**  
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College;  
Dip. General  
Agriculture



**Adriana Adio**  
Nursing & Midwifery  
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Dunkwa-on-Offin;  
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BA Economics  
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Presbyterian College  
of Education,  
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**J. Dial**



**Samuel Gyesi**  
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and Management  
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Resources



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Bediako**  
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Dip. Communication  
Studies  
**Sponsored by**  
**Mark & Janet Ray**



**Kezia Bansah**  
University of Ghana;  
B.A. Political  
Science, Info.  
Studies & Russian  
**Sponsored by**  
**Dick & Elvamae**  
**Coxsey**



**Simpson Kumbe**  
Komenda College of  
Education;  
Dip. in Education  
**Sponsored by**  
**Marie Witcher;**  
**Mike & Sabra Hall;**  
**Charles & Kathryn**  
**McCoy**

We are immensely grateful to all the sponsors of these children, now men and women, for providing for their education and upkeep all these years.



# NAMING CEREMONY FOR ABANDONED BABIES

On Friday, November 13, 2020, there was a naming ceremony for the first five babies of the Village of Hope Babies' Home. Naming ceremonies are very important in Ghana. Even though the child is too young to know or understand what is going on, every family considers the naming ceremony as one of the highlights of childhood. That is why when Village of Hope recently welcomed five abandoned babies into our new babies' home, it became necessary for us to organize a naming ceremony for all five babies. It was a big occasion as adults and children gathered at the Gaylon and Deanna Smith Hall to sing, pray and rejoice as we gave names to our new children and officially welcomed them into the Village of Hope family. Each child received a name, a prayer and a blessing.

We have a responsibility to love and care for these children, and to provide for their every need. Join us to do so to give a bright future to these precious children. [📞](#)



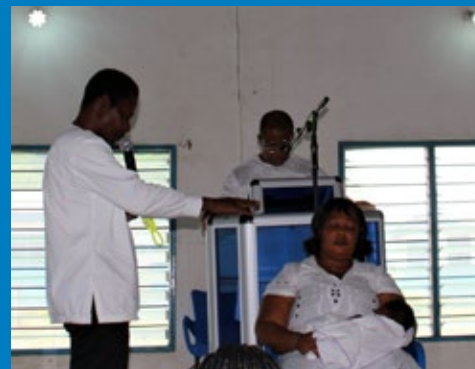
**Kwaku Sarkodie blesses Baby Number One: Akosua Nhyira Hope**  
**Akosua** is the name given a female child born on Sunday. **Nhyira** means blessing. As the first child of the Babies' Home, she received her surname from the Village of **Hope**.



**Alex Peasah-Koduah blesses Baby Number Two: Emmanuel Kojo Boadu**  
From the Bible, **Emmanuel** means God with us. **Kojo** is the name for a male child born on Monday. His surname, **Boadu**, is from the middle name of The Executive Director of Village of Hope, Frederick Boadu Asare.



**Samuel Osei blesses Baby Number Three: Akua Asantewa Nyantakyi**  
**Akua** is the name given to a female born on Wednesday. **Asantewa** is the name she came to the Village of Hope with. Her surname, **Nyantakyi**, is from Kofi Adomako Nyantakyi, a hardworking evangelist and minister of the Asakai church of Christ for many years, who has now been called to glory.



**Daniel Frimpong blesses Baby Number Four: Kwabena Nyamekye Amuasi**  
**Kwabena** is the name given to a male child born on Tuesday. **Nyamekye** means God's gift. He was named **Amuasi**, after Dr. George Amuasi, a Christian pediatrician who was one of the first men to be ordained as an elder of the church of Christ in Ghana.



**George Arthur blesses Baby Number Five: Yaw Adom Sackey**  
**Yaw** is the name for a male child born on Thursday. **Adom** means grace. His surname, **Sackey**, is taken from John Sackey, an elder of the church of Christ who has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Village of Hope for the past 26 years.

## APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR BABIES' HOME



The babies' home has become a sanctuary for children whose biological mothers gave up on them as soon as they entered this world. For us at Village of Hope, this is an opportunity to show the love of Jesus to children who may not even be aware of the circumstances that brought them into this world. To do this, we have to employ caregivers; we have to purchase baby formula; we have to provide pediatric care; we have to provide babies' clothing; we have to have cleaning and sterilizing materials; we have to buy quilts, blankets, bedsheets, toys and other items for the care of babies. Without donations, it is difficult to afford all these things. With five mothers (care givers) providing care around the clock, and a growing number of babies, we need support to pay salaries, feed the babies and provide them with holistic care.

We have the capacity to care for 20 babies and the Department of Social Welfare tells us that more babies will be coming to our home. We receive no support or funding from Government. All we have to depend on is you so please consider a gift to our babies. Please support us by making donations earmarked "Babies' Home" specifically for the care of these rescued children. God bless you as you give to this special need. [📞](#)



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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**

|  | <b>\$</b> |
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| 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    |

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| <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>50,000</b> |
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#### **II. CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL (PRE-K THROUGH 9TH GRADE)**

|   | <b>\$</b> |
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| 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     |

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| <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>70,000</b> |
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#### **III. HOPE CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL**

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| 1. Completion of Remodeling of 3 Barnett Houses | 20,000 |
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| <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>20,000</b> |
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**GRAND TOTAL: \$140,000.00**

