

# Herald of Hope

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## GROWN-UP CHILDREN OF VILLAGE OF HOPE MAKING STRIDES IN LIFE AND SOCIETY



**Francis-Xavier Sosu**



**Dora Owusu-Amponsah**



**Solomon Obiri-Yeboah**

It is humbling yet gratifying and fulfilling to see how men and women who were children of Village of Hope only years ago, are now making strides in various spheres of life, and significantly impacting society. Over 100 children who have passed through Village of Hope have graduated from college and are living and working independently. Many other children who could not go to college learnt various vocational/trade skills and are also now mature independent adults. About 400 teenagers taken off the streets have been trained and equipped over the years and are now living off the streets, taking care of themselves and their families, and contributing significantly to societal development.

Francis-Xavier Sosu is one such person. Taken off the street years ago and put through high school, college, and law school by the Village of Hope, he has now become a prominent human rights

lawyer in Ghana. He has won several prominent cases in Ghanaian courts that have upheld the rule of law, given human dignity and granted freedom from abuse to many victims. This month, Sosu won parliamentary elections to become the Member of Parliament of the Madina Constituency in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. There are only 275 parliamentarians representing the entire people of Ghana and Francis-Xavier Sosu is one of them. He promises to continue fighting for the rights of the marginalized in society and to champion justice, the rule of law, accountability and good governance in Ghana. We are so proud of our son. He will need our collective prayers for God to help him to continue positively impacting society.

Solomon Obiri-Yeboah's education was destined to be cut short after the death of his parents but for the timely intervention of Village of Hope. Village of



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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

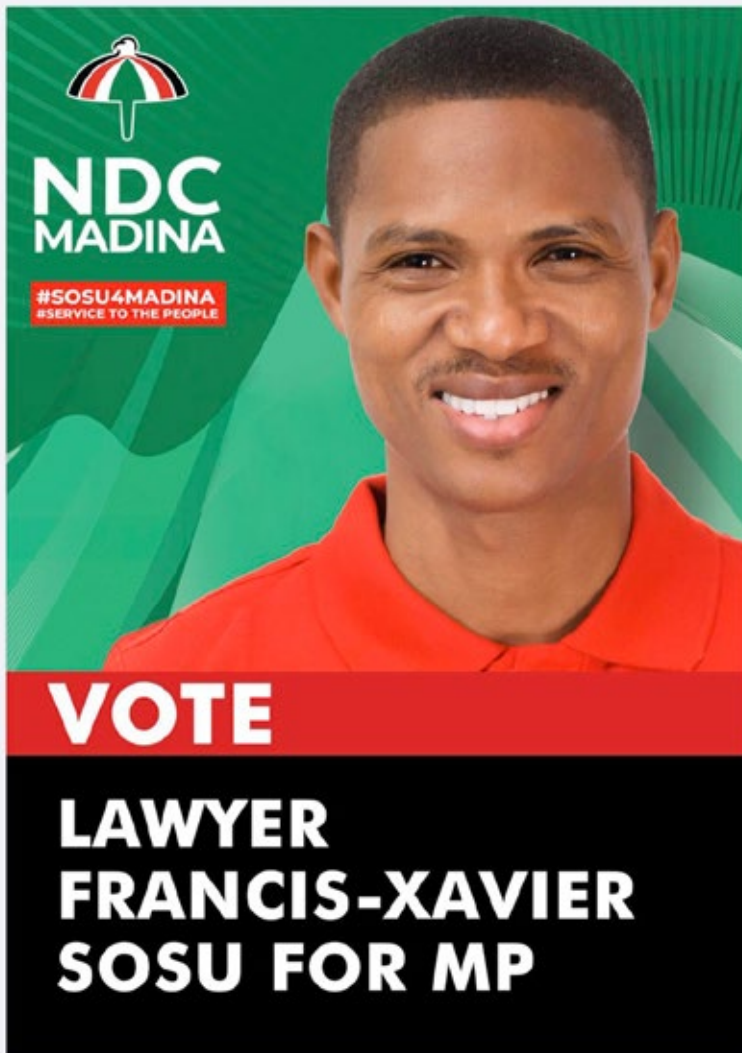
Hope took care of him through medical school to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He currently specializes in cranio-facial surgery and is a Senior Lecturer (professor) at the School of Medicine and Dentistry of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Solomon is helping to train the future doctors and dentists of the African continent. His specialist work at Ghana's second largest hospital is saving lives and bringing healing and smiles to many. We are so thankful that our son is using his God-given gifts to transform lives and impact society.

Dora Owusu-Amponsah and her twin sister Doris came under the care of Village of Hope when they were orphaned at childhood. Both were obedient and respectful children. They took their academic work seriously and it was, therefore, little wonder that Dora became an accountant and Doris became a nurse. Having worked in the hospitality industry and the oil and gas industry for over a decade, Dora decided to venture into the world of entrepreneurship. She resigned from her secure job to start her own fruit juice production company. Now she is making strides as a fully-fledged entrepreneur in a challenging business environment. She is an employer and a contributor to the economy of the country. We are not only proud of our daughter but we are also highly confident

that her new business will expand and excel in the near future because Dora has always excelled in everything that she does.

Time and space will not allow us to talk about our many sons and daughters who are scattered on the surface of the earth making the world a better place through their lives of service to humanity. Our children are bankers, accountants, nurses, social workers, teachers, caterers, entrepreneurs, administrators, electricians, gospel preachers, fashion designers and a host of other professions. They are changing lives and making a difference wherever they find themselves. It is rewarding to note that these children, now turned adults, are actively helping people who are in need, thus extending the compassion they received to others.

A new generation of children have come to replace them and we still need your help to feed, clothe, educate and care for them so they become the next generation of leaders of the kingdom of God and of society in general.🙏



Francis-Xavier Sosu's campaign poster



Francis-Xavier Sosu with his wife Felicia and their children



Francis-Xavier Sosu visits school children in his constituency





**Solomon Obiri-Yeboah speaks with children of Village of Hope**



**Gifts from Solomon Obiri-Yeboah and his family to the children of Village of Hope**



**Solomon Obiri-Yeboah, his wife Patience Obiri-Yeboah (first from left) and their children with Fred and Faustina Asare**



**Dora Owusu-Amponsah and her employees packaging products made from her factory**



# RODNEY AND MARSHA WISE HOUSE DEDICATED

There is a building on the Fetteh campus of Village of Hope that can be termed as "historic" as it has served several useful purposes through the years. It was first used as a wood workshop to teach students of Hope Christian Academy and to build furniture for Village of Hope. It was later used as a boys' dormitory for boarding students of Hope Christian Academy. Afterwards, it was converted into a classroom and library facility for Hope College. It has recently been used as a cafeteria for all the staff on the Fetteh campus of Village of Hope. This "historic" building has now undergone a complete remodeling to become a duplex apartment building for staff.

On December 10, 2020, the newly remodeled building was dedicated and named the Rodney and Marsha Wise House. Rodney & Marsha Wise of Coppell, Texas, are longtime friends and supporters of Village of Hope. They funded the high school education of the first students to graduate from Hope Christian Academy in 2006 and have continued their support of the ministry of Village of Hope in numerous and diverse ways. They were worshipping with the Prestoncrest church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, when they first got to know about Village of Hope. Rodney and Marsha are munificent, warm and kindhearted Christians. They are exceptionally hospitable and generous. They have a strong belief in Christian education and have a strong

commitment to missions. These qualities, together with their outstanding dedication to the kingdom of God are what inspired the Village of Hope's leadership to name the building in their honor.

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to travel to Ghana for the dedication. A virtual ceremony was held instead. [📺](#)



**Rodney and Marsha Wise House**



**Rodney & Marsha Wise**



**Staff and children of Village of Hope in front of Wise House**



**Rexford Asumeng leads the group in singing**



**Araba Adjei speaks about Rodney and Marsha Wise**



**Alex Peasah-Koduah dedicates Wise House into God's hands**



**Plaque on Wise House honoring Rodney & Marsha Wise**



**Araba Hammond cuts tape to officially open Wise House**



**Francis Adenyo thanks Rodney and Marsha Wise for his new home**



## RENOVATION OF FACILITIES AT CHURCH OF CHRIST CHILDREN'S HOME

All existing facilities on the campus of the Church of Christ Children's Home at Bongo are undergoing renovation following the transition of management of the Home to Village of Hope. These include three cottages, a small office building, a storage building, and a kitchen.

We are grateful to the Village church of Christ, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas for funding the renovation works. We are now in need of mattresses, pillows, blankets, bedsheets, pillowcases, a stove, a fridge, a freezer and other household items to help improve the quality of care of the children. Your help with these items will be greatly appreciated. [📞](#)



**Before renovations of the Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo**



**After renovations of the Church of Christ Children's Home in Bongo**

# RESTRUCTURING FOR RENEWAL

The Village of Hope Board of Directors has approved a new organizational structure of the leadership of the ministry. Three Deputy Executive Directors will be assisting the Executive Director in running the organization. One will be responsible for the operational affairs of the organization; another will handle administrative matters; and the third will be responsible for stakeholder relations and development. A Chief of Staff will head the operations of the office of the Executive Director and handle administrative and communication affairs of the entire Village of Hope Group. A human resources department, a physical resources department, and a financial resources department will handle these important functions within the entire organization. These changes have become necessary as a result of the tremendous growth of Village of Hope's ministries in childcare, education, healthcare,

evangelism and church planting.

Village of Hope currently runs:

- two children's homes at Fetteh and Bongo;
- a street ministry in Accra with a vocational training institute at Ayawaso;
- a hospital at Fetteh;
- two elementary schools in Fetteh and Nkwatia;
- a high school at Fetteh;
- and a church planting and nurturing ministry in several villages and towns.

The restructuring is to increase effectiveness and efficiency to do more to save lives and serve humanity. A three-day leadership retreat was organized to train and prepare Village of Hope's Leadership Team for the changes and for the task ahead. [🔗](#)



**Members of Village of Hope's Leadership Team, led by various resource persons, discuss important areas of the ministries' development including strategy, vision, integrity, human resource and teamwork.**



## SUCCESS IN EXAMS

A few months ago, we came to you to ask for prayers for 9th grade students of Hope Christian Academy and Church of Christ School; and for the 12th grade students of Hope College who were preparing for their final exams in elementary school and high school respectively. We are happy to announce that God has answered our collective prayers. One hundred percent of our

elementary school students passed the exams and qualified to enter high school. Our high school students passed at a rate higher than the national average with many qualifying to enter college. Please join us in giving thanks to God for answering our prayers and granting success to our students in their exams. 🙏



**Hope Christian Academy Class of 2020**



**Church of Christ School Class of 2020 on last day of exams**



**Hope Christian Academy students assemble with other 9th graders in front of their examination center.**



**Hope College Class of 2020 exams in progress at the Hackmann Hall**



**Hope Christian Academy 9th graders wait for their examination papers**



**Hope College Class of 2020 exams in progress at the Hackmann Hall**



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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>
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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>

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

	<b>\$</b>
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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>70,000</b>

#### **III. HOPE CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL**

	<b>\$</b>
1. Completion of Remodeling of 3 Barnett Houses	20,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>

**GRAND TOTAL: \$140,000.00**

