

# Herald of Hope

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## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES AND SERVING HUMANITY



Exactly 25 years ago on February 24, 1996, Village of Hope was born. Village of Hope was conceived in 1989 and was born seven years later in 1996.

On that day at Ayawaso there were eight children and four staff members. Like all babies, Village of Hope was small, fragile and looked insignificant but this baby was received with great joy and lavished with great love.

Elders, ministers, deacons and members of churches of Christ from various places in Ghana gathered to welcome and celebrate the birth of Village of Hope. They were joined by the Chiefs, Elders and people of Ayawaso, an official from the Department of Social Welfare, a few members of the media and the general public.

Through the years, the Village of Hope that began as an orphanage with only eight children and four workers in a single building on a disputed land has grown and thrived and flourished into a group of ministries comprising

- two children's homes at Fetteh and Bongo
- two basic schools at Fetteh and Nkwatia
- a hospital at Fetteh
- a senior high school at Fetteh
- a vocational training institute at Ayawaso
- a farm at Panfokrom
- churches that have been planted and strengthened throughout Ghana
- tens of thousands of lives that have been rescued, repaired, prepared and propelled to become better and move into greatness to the glory of God.

Village of Hope is now a group of ministries in childcare, healthcare, education, spiritual care and much more in the Greater Accra, Central, Eastern and Upper East Regions of Ghana.

We have and continue to help and give hope to orphaned, abandoned, destitute and needy children as well as children who have been rescued from slavery. We have and continue to heal the sick, rescue the perishing and care for the dying.

We have and continue to feed the hungry, comfort the brokenhearted, lift up the down trodden, protect the vulnerable, provide homes for the homeless and hope for the hopeless.

We have and continue to show the love of God, spread the grace of Jesus Christ and share the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to countless people on earth.

All these have been made possible because of the abundant grace and help of God. All we have achieved in the past and all we are accomplishing in the present have solely depended on God. God has made everything possible and we are very deeply grateful to God.

Village of Hope has come this far because God has touched and used many people to bless and grow Village of Hope. It has been through the generosity, kindness and sacrifices of many people that land has been bought or donated, buildings have been constructed, facilities have been provided, children have been rescued, food has been provided, the sick have been cared for, students have been educated, hope has been shared.



### VILLAGE OF HOPE

Rescuing. Repairing. Preparing. Propelling.

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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

And so, on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary, we remember and give thanks to all and sundry whose diverse and numerous contributions have brought us this far and enabled us to transform an uncountable number of lives.

We are grateful to the churches of Christ worldwide for establishing Village of Hope and supporting it through the years: Elders, deacons, ministers, preachers, evangelists, leaders and members – both old and young. We are grateful to the Elders of Vertical Centre church of Christ in Community 6, Tema, who oversee the work of Village of Hope on behalf of the churches of Christ.

We are deeply grateful to corporate bodies – too numerous to name individually – who have supported and sustained us in the past and continue to do so to this day.

We are grateful to nonprofit organizations, churches and institutions who have given to make it possible for us to also give to those we care for.

We are grateful to media houses and individual journalists and media personalities who have covered our activities, promoted our work and championed our cause, raised awareness about what we do, and solicited for help for us.

We are grateful to Chiefs, Elders and peoples of various lands, especially Ayawaso, Gomoa-Fetteh, Panfokrom, Kwahu-Nkwatia and Bongo who have welcomed us with warmth and hospitality.

We are truly grateful to families and individuals whose donations, gifts and generosity for a quarter of a century have given life and hope to humanity.

We are grateful to the staff – both past and present – whose hard work, commitment and loyal service have made love, care, compassion, transformation and much more become a reality to those who have been saved and served by Village of Hope over the past many years.

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you to everyone!!!

We plan to celebrate Village of Hope's 25th Anniversary over a one-year period with many activities and we invite and urge you to join us to celebrate God's goodness, graciousness and benevolence.

As we celebrate, let us remember that the work ahead is greater than the work behind us. There are many more children to feed, clothe and educate. There are many more lives to rescue. There are many more souls to save. There is much more to do so let us all rise up and make some sacrifices for the sake of those who need our help.

As Village of Hope celebrates its 25th Anniversary, join Village of Hope to save lives and serve humanity.

Thank you and God bless us all.🙏

-FRED ASARE



1996: First 8 children of Village of Hope



2001: Children and House Parents



2001: Commissioning of Boateng House



2001: Commissioning of Chisholm House



2002: Children of Village of Hope open presents.



2007: Students of Hope Christian Academy



Faces of Hope: Agartha, Daniel, Vera, Alex, Beatrice, Samuel




To kick off the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Village of Hope amidst restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, what should have been a gathering of the entire Village of Hope family in one location was broken down into six smaller gatherings, happening concurrently, at Fetteh, Ayawaso and Nkwatia.

At the Fetteh campus which is our largest, staff and students of Hope College gathered at Hackmann Hall; staff and students of Hope Christian Academy gathered at Smith Hall; staff and patients of Hope Christian Hospital gathered at the Andrea Browning Building; and staff of Hope Children's Village joined administrative and ancillary staff of Village of Hope on the lawn in front of the Ecobank Building. Similar gatherings were held at Ayawaso and Nkwatia. In order for all of us to feel connected even though physically apart, each campus was connected virtually so we would all see our colleagues and children across the entire Village of Hope.

In order to make the day special, there was cake for everyone and all the children got to have drinks and extra chicken with their lunch for that day. It was a short ceremony where a message from our Executive Director, Fred Asare, was heard by all and the plans for the rest of the year were communicated to staff and the general public.

Our goal in this celebration of 25 years is to share information about Village of Hope across the length and breadth of Ghana and beyond. As the year progresses, we will highlight the work of each subsidiary ministry of Village of Hope across social media and local print and broadcast media. At the end of 2021, God-willing, we will celebrate with a thanksgiving service to praise and thank God for His blessings on Village of Hope over a quarter of a century.

We cannot emphasize enough how grateful we are to all our supporters and donors who have made sure that children have seen and experienced God's love. Thank you all. 



Our babies and their nannies celebrate 25 years of Village of Hope.



Preschool children at Hope Christian Academy celebrate 25 years of Village of Hope.



Students and staff of Hope Christian Academy celebrate 25 years of VOH.



Six cakes for six gatherings to celebrate 25 years of Village of Hope



Children at Hope Christian School celebrate 25 years of VOH.



Students and staff of Hope College celebrate 25 years of VOH.





Staff & trainees of Hope Training Institute say a prayer of gratitude.



Staff & patients of Hope Christian Hospital pray for Village of Hope.



Gathering on lawn in front of Ecobank Building to celebrate 25 years of VOH.



Some staff of Hope Christian School cut anniversary cake.



Some staff & trainees of Hope Training Institute cut anniversary cake.



Students of Hope College sing during anniversary celebrations.



Representatives of all ministries of Village of Hope cut anniversary cake.



Staff of Hope Christian Hospital cut anniversary cake.





Fred Asare, Executive Director, gives anniversary speech.



Village of Hope Group Office staff ensure livestreaming runs smoothly.



Students of Hope Christian School listen to Executive Director's speech.



Trainees of Hope Training Institute listen to Executive Director's speech.



Mealtime during anniversary celebrations at Hope Christian School



Mealtime during anniversary celebrations at Hope Training Institute



Staff of Hope Training Institute celebrate in branded t-shirts.



Administrative staff of Village of Hope celebrate with branded t-shirts.



# 18 TO GRADUATE FROM HTI

On March 31, 2021, we will hold a much-awaited graduation ceremony for 18 of our young men and women, the majority of whom were living on the streets up until 2017 when they came to Hope Training Institute for shelter and skill training. It has been a journey full of twists and turns, extremely happy moments as well as awfully sad moments. Over the period, many of them have reconnected with their families, and made significant improvements in their behaviors and attitudes. They have learned vocational skills that will help them break out of the cycle that led them to the streets and gradually build a better life for themselves – eight have been trained in Sewing, five in Leatherworks, three in Auto Mechanics and two in Hairdressing. They did not only learn these skills but we also helped harness their talents in artwork, beadwork, music, makeup artistry, farming and drama. Most importantly, they have been nurtured spiritually and many of them have given their lives to Christ in baptism. We have high hopes for all our trainees and pray for the best for them. [@](#)



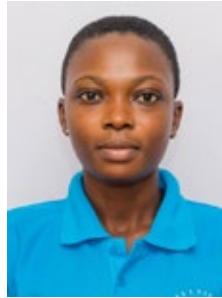
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Auto Mechanics



**Margaret Tatsi**  
Sewing



**Michael Tegy**  
Auto Mechanics



**Patience Addy**  
Sewing



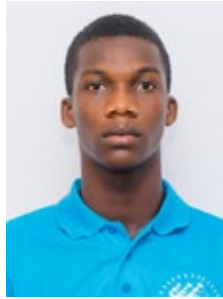
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Leatherworks



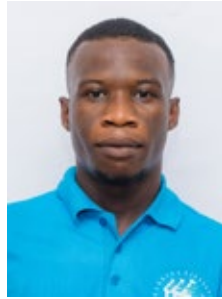
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Sewing



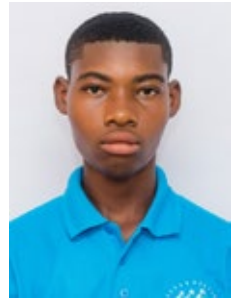
**Gideon Obiri**  
Leatherworks



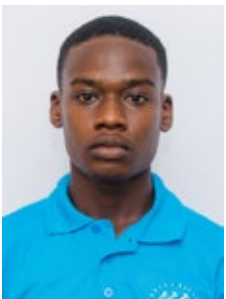
**Isaac Norvor**  
Sewing



**Isaac Andoh**  
Leatherworks



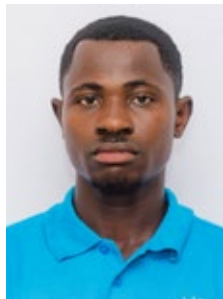
**Prince Appekey**  
Sewing



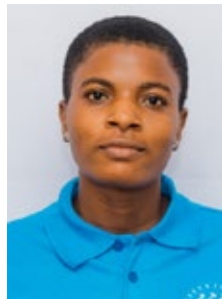
**Prince Teye**  
Leatherworks



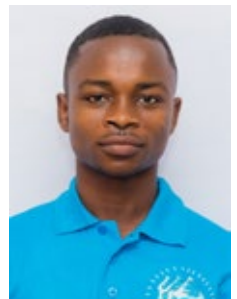
**Roger Abaah**  
Sewing



**Collins Appiah**  
Sewing



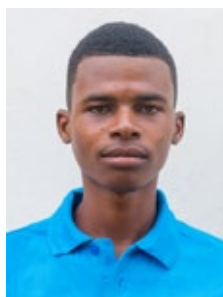
**Mavis Tatsi**  
Hairdressing



**Gabriel Leyi**  
Sewing



**Isaac Kawuli**  
Auto Mechanics



**Emmanuel Okyere**  
Leatherworks



**Gladys Aklamanu**  
Hairdressing

# A SPECIAL APPEAL

Each of our 18 graduating trainees needs support to start life outside Hope Training Institute. Trainees in auto mechanics need a tool set, overalls and boots.

Trainees in leatherworks need an industrial sewing machine, tools and accessories.

Hairdressing trainees need a standing dryer, a washing basin and hairdressing accessories.

Sewing trainees need an industrial sewing machine, tools and accessories.

In addition to the tools and equipment, each trainee also needs start-up capital in order to start working independently. Kindly donate to support one or more graduating trainees.



## AUTO MECHANIC

Number of Persons

3

Cost Per Person

\$500

01



## HAIRDRESSING

Number of Persons

2

Cost Per Person

\$400

02



## LEATHERWORKS

Number of Persons

5

Cost Per Person

\$550

03



## SEWING

Number of Persons

8

Cost Per Person

\$550

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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

	\$
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

**Sub-Total** **50,000**

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

	\$
1. Renovation of Primary and Junior High School Buildings	12,000
2. Furniture for Classrooms	8,000

**Sub-Total** **20,000**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$70,000.00**

