

# Herald of Hope

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## PROGRESS AT VILLAGE OF HOPE – BONGO



Some children of Village of Hope - Bongo in their school uniforms

Our newest ministry is the churches of Christ's children's home in Bongo in the Upper East Region of Ghana, where Village of Hope is now tasked with serving the neediest children in the northernmost part of the country. Village of Hope – Bongo is now home to 15 children and has a staff strength of seven. Matthew Akanwunge is our security man; Lawrence Baah, our administrator, and his wife Ernestina Baah are house parents; Felix Ayambilla, our social worker, and his wife Joyce are also house parents; Rebecca Abanei is a caregiver; and Roger Ayillah, a preacher of the church of Christ in Bolgatanga, the capital of the Upper East Region, serves as the chaplain of the children's home.

For over a year, most of the children at Bongo had not been to school because of COVID-19. After Village of Hope took over management of the children's home, it was necessary to find for our children a school better than the one they were attending before the pandemic hit; therefore, about two months ago, all the children wrote placement tests at a school in Bolgatanga to determine their grade levels. Although there are several schools in Bongo, the quality of education we desire for the children will not be obtained from those schools,

hence, management's decision to seek better quality in the capital city, only 20 minutes from Bongo. After passing the tests successfully, all the children have been admitted to various grades at Desert Pastures International School.

It was pure joy for both staff and children as 13 of the children donned their new school uniforms and new shoes, carried their new backpacks and books, and boarded a rented van for the 20-minute drive from Bongo to Bolgatanga on May 4, 2021. This was a great feat as the children had been home for 14 months without formal education. Our oldest girl (Florence) is in 9th grade and had to stay with her current school in Bongo to write the national exams this November. Our youngest boy (Ephraim) is not ready for school yet and so stays at home with his parents.

Over the past five weeks, the children have been engaged in both academic and extra-curricular activities at school. In the evenings, their chaplain engages all the eleven girls and four boys in Bible lessons to nourish their souls in preparation for a life of eternity with Jesus. Please remember to include the children of Bongo and the adults directly responsible for them in your prayers. 📞

- Araba Adjei



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#### LOCAL OVERSIGHT

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Vertical Centre Church of Christ,  
Community Six, Tema, Ghana.

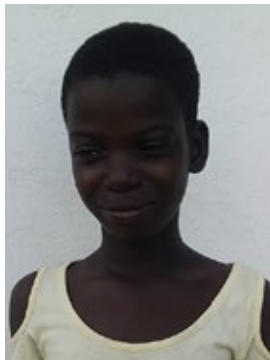
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A 501(c)(3) Non-profit.

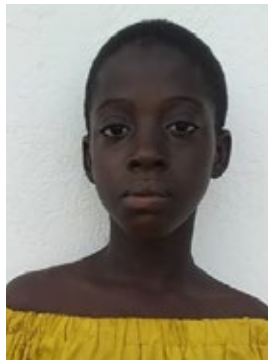
#### MINISTRIES

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

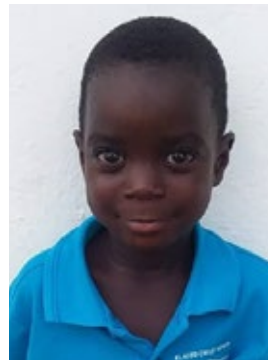
# CHILDREN OF VILLAGE OF HOPE - BONGO



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**Mary**



**Ndoor**



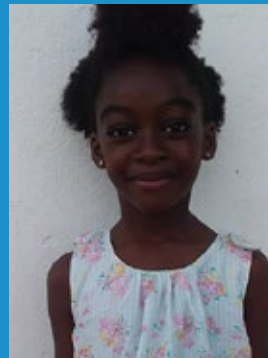
**Stephanie**



**Elvira**



**Barnabas**



**Elena**



**Ephraim**



**Florence**



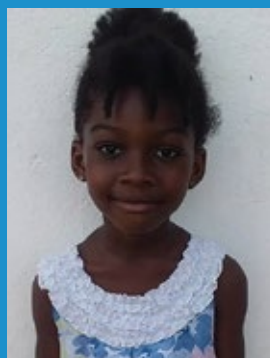
**Grace**



**Lavette**



**Natasha**



**Ohemaa**



**Blessing**



**Simon**





**The Ayambillas (House Parents)**



**The Baahs (House Parents)**



**Roger Ayillah  
(Chaplain)**



**Rebecca Abanei  
(Caregiver )**



**Matthew Akanwunge  
(Security)**



**Children and some staff of Village of Hope - Bongo**



# UPDATE FROM FETTEH HOMES

**I**t truly takes a village to raise the children of Village of Hope across all our ministries. At Fetteh, the core team that makes the daily care and upbringing of the children possible is made up of the house parents who provide parental care and nurturing to these children.

Currently, the family snapshots at any given time hardly ever include every single child that we care for. Apart from our babies and the children at our new campus in Bongo, there are 222 children being provided for, in some form, through your support of the orphanage. This number keeps changing as new children are admitted and others graduate from their various educational and training programs.

At the moment, 84 of these children, comprising 45 boys and 39 girls, live on the Fetteh campus and study at Hope Christian Academy. The house parents are on call for these children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The remaining 138 are non-residential and go to various schools across the country, including Hope College and Hope Training Institute. Here are the details of the distribution of our children.

Group	Current Educational Level	Males	Females	Total
<b>Residential</b>	Elementary School	45	39	84
<b>Non-residential</b>	Elementary School	3	1	4
	High School	20	20	40
	College	19	25	44
	Vocational Training	5	9	14
	High School Graduates	26	10	36
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>222</b>

The cost of providing for all these children can and will only be covered through your generosity. Thank you very much for giving. We ask that you continue to share your blessings with these young lives. [🙏](#)



**House parents and children of  
George & Mary Chisholm House**



**House parent and children of  
Emmanuel & Victoria Effah House**





**House parents and children of  
Linary Church of Christ House**



**House parents and children of  
CDH Financial Holdings Home**



**House parents and children of  
Prestoncrest Church of Christ House A**



**House parents and children of  
Prestoncrest Church of Christ House B**



**House parents and children of  
Traverse City Church of Christ House**



**House parents and children of  
Douglas & Margaret Boateng House**



# UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION ON OUR CAMPUSES

## John & Anne Hambrick House

Jim & Terri Hambrick of Tennessee, USA, have been dear friends of Village of Hope for so many years. Through their support, many lives have been rescued, staff have accommodation on campus, children have received education, and community members have been given healthcare. This year, the Hambricks made a commitment to build a duplex on the Fetteh campus to help us house more staff on campus. Each unit has two bedrooms; a living and dining area;

a kitchen; and a bathroom. This means that once the building is completed, two members of staff and their families will benefit from the facility at any given time. The Hambricks are building this house in the memory of Jim's parents – John and Anne Hambrick. The house is now at the roofing stage and we hope to complete construction by the end of July 2021. [📍](#)



John and Anne Hambrick House under construction



## Commander Larry Kwame Awuku House

Commander Larry Awuku is a retired commander of the Ghana Navy and a friend of Village of Hope who cares deeply about children. On a visit to the Fetteh campus, he visited the babies and noticed that some of the caregivers live off campus and have to trek back and forth every day in order that the children will have 24-hour care. Furthermore, in emergencies, caregivers off duty are called for assistance. In these situations, the disadvantage of caregivers living off campus really

shows. We are excited to announce that, this year, Commander Awuku has committed to funding the construction of a duplex on the Fetteh campus to specifically house the babies' caregivers. Each of the units in this duplex has one bedroom, a living and dining area, a kitchen and a bathroom. The Executive Director of Village of Hope, Fred Asare, cut the sod on April 22 and construction is ongoing. [📍](#)



Sod-cutting for Awuku House



Awuku House under construction

## Nursery Building at HCS

As part of the Village of Hope's growth towards self-sufficiency, we appealed to our donors to help us with the construction of a classroom building that began three years ago but came to a standstill. This classroom building is for the preschool of Hope Christian School (HCS) at Nkwatia in the Eastern Region of Ghana. When completed, it will significantly ease congestion on the HCS

campus. By the grace of God, through the generosity of Heartbeat for Hope – supporters and friends of Village of Hope – construction resumed this year and the building has now been roofed. There is still work to be done to get the building ready for the children to use and we look forward to its completion. [📍](#)



Roofed HCS nursery building



RICHARD KWASHIE AWUKU

The subject of retirement is a great worry to most private and public sector workers in developing countries such as Ghana. Life of retirees in Ghana often looks terrible and many dread reaching age 60 in their working life. More often than not, most Ghanaian workers who retire after age sixty – the mandatory retirement age in Ghana – struggle with limited resources.

As age goes up and never comes down, so also Mr. Richard K. Awuku approaches his 60th birthday and for that matter his mandatory retirement from active working life as an employee of Hope Christian School and the Village of Hope in general.

Mr. Richard K. Awuku, undoubtedly, has made his contributions to the Village of Hope fraternity as a house parent and later as a teacher for both Hope Christian Academy and Hope Christian School since

his engagement in 2005. Richard rose through the ranks to become Headmaster for both the Academy and the Christian School. He is going to leave a legacy for posterity to judge his entire life on earth as an educator.

Management of Hope Christian School would fondly remember him for his commitment and dedication to see quality education for the disadvantaged children in our Ghanaian society.

It is management's expectation that Richard lives an enriching and captivating life after age 60 to prove to the world that God indeed owns everything in this world, and that His blessings make one prosperous but not our own works.

RICHARD, AYEKOO (WELL DONE) FOR A GOOD JOB DONE FOR HUMANITY. AWAIT YOUR HANDSOME REWARD HERE ON EARTH AND THE MOST SPECTACULAR VICTOR'S CROWN IN HEAVEN. 🙏

- *Richmond Twum*

## 9TH AND 12TH GRADERS PREPARE FOR NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

With things seeming to come to some normalcy after the school breaks caused by COVID-19, the national academic calendar has changed in Ghana. This year, the 12th graders will write their exam from August to October and the 9th graders will follow in November. At Hope College, 173 students are preparing for what will be a major contributing factor to the rest of their education and career path. At Hope Christian Academy, there are 45 pupils who will take the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in November. The number of examination candidates at Hope

Christian School is six. All these 224 children are taking periodic mock examinations at school, followed by remediation by their teachers for the areas that they may still have difficulties. Meanwhile, the younger children in the lower classes have no idea that a national exam exists and they are busy with their arts and crafts.

Please pray for all our 224 students with upcoming examinations, that their futures would be impacted positively by the outcomes of these pending examinations. 🙏



Home Economics class of Hope College writes mock exams for Management in Living.



Hope Christian Academy 9th graders write mock exams.



Arts and crafts by children in lower classes of Hope Christian Academy





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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**

