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A DUPLEX FOR STAFF IN MEMORY OF JOHN & ANNE HAMBRICK



Front view of John & Anne Hambrick House

Jim and Terri Hambrick, friends of Village of Hope, have been supporters of this ministry for over a decade. During this period, countless lives have been touched by their generosity. They have sponsored the care and education of several children, some of whom are now independent adults. The indigenes and residents of Fetteh and its surrounding communities have benefited from multiple medical outreach programs that included Jim's physical therapy sessions. Terri has been on many teacher-training teams that have helped teachers of Hope Christian Academy gain new perspectives on delivering lessons in the classroom. In addition to all of these ways that the Hambricks have served the Village of Hope family, there is also a two-bedroom building, the Jim and Terri Hambrick House, that the Hambricks built in 2007 to provide accommodation for staff. It is currently the

home of Kwaku Sarkodie, who handles all stakeholder relations for the Village of Hope, his wife Priscilla, who is a house mistress for Hope Christian Academy, and their three children.

The kindness of the Hambricks continues to be a blessing to Village of Hope. Just recently, on October 9, 2021, after the graduation of the Hope College Class of 2021 (read more about the graduation on Page 5), the Village of Hope family gathered, in person and online for the dedication of a newly constructed two-bedroom duplex on the Fetteh campus. The building was named in honor of John and Anne Hambrick, parents of Jim Hambrick.

John and Anne Hambrick were born in the 1930s in Central Mississippi. They grew up and both went to university and junior college and graduated, respectively. They married in 1954 and in 1958 they moved to Memphis, Tennessee



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with their firstborn child, Paul. Their second son, Jim, was born in 1962 in Memphis.

John began a career in home building and Anne began teaching piano lessons. In the 1970s, Anne began a career in real estate while John continued his career as a residential home builder. Raising their two sons in Memphis, Tennessee, they were committed to Christian education and enrolled them in Harding Academy of Memphis.

Jim and his wife, Terri, along with their children Michael and Lindsey, have traveled extensively to the Village Hope and Ghana. They built this home as a way to honor John and Anne and their legacy.

During the short ceremony, we sang songs of praise and thanks to God for this gift, and then prayers were said to commit the house and its future inhabitants into God's hands. After the traditional tape-cutting and unveiling of the plaque, those online got a virtual tour of the building. Each apartment in the duplex has a living and dining area, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a storeroom. The keys to the apartment were then officially handed over to Reuben Afetor and Comfort Antwi. For those who have ever been guests on the Village of Hope campus, Reuben is a familiar person - one of the two cooks at the guest house. Comfort Antwi is a new addition to the Village of Hope team; she is our new Head of Human Resources. Thanks to the generosity of the Hambricks, Reuben and Comfort and their families will now be able to live comfortably on campus and continue to contribute their quota to this ministry to the glory of God. 



Anne Hambrick & John Hambrick



Rexford Asumeng leads singing during the dedication ceremony.



Prince Dadzie, Head of Physical Resources, cuts the tape and unveils the plaque for John and Anne Hambrick House.



ComfortAntwi receives keys to her apartment.



Inside the living room of one apartment of the duplex



Reuben Afetor and his wife, Elizabeth, receive keys to their apartment.

CHANGES IN VILLAGE OF HOPE LEADERSHIP



FRED ASARE
Group Managing Director
(Executive Director)

At the beginning of the year, the Board of Directors of Village of Hope approved some changes to the local executive leadership of the ministry. The purpose of these changes is to accommodate the growth of Village of Hope and to prepare for the future. These changes resulted in internal promotions, assigned different roles to existing members of the management team, and brought in a few new staff to add to the executive leadership of the Village of Hope. The most significant change to the local organizational structure is the inclusion of three deputies to the Group Managing Director (Executive Director) in charge of various aspects of the work. Here are the current members of the Village of Hope executive leadership.

Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they take on the challenges that come with these new roles. 🙏



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HOPE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2020 FINALLY HAS A GRADUATION CEREMONY



Hope College Class of 2020

The year 2020 was a unique year for high school seniors around the world and the Hope College Class of 2020 was no exception. As they wrote their final exams and prepared for their graduation ceremony in September of 2020, it became apparent that the ceremony would not be possible because of national COVID-19 restrictions. For this reason, after their final examinations, all students left the Hope College campus and waited for their examination results. On September 4, 2021, nearly one year after their graduation ceremony was originally scheduled to happen, the Class of 2020 showed up on the campus of their alma mater for an official graduation ceremony.

Not every member of the class could make it to the ceremony because of their schedules with school and/work and general life after high school; however, it was a great reunion for those who made it.

The guest of honor and keynote speaker was Mrs. Patience Akyianu, a seasoned banker and recipient of various awards. She shared some keys to success with the Class of 2020, with a focus on making the journey towards acknowledging and discovering their unique, God-given purpose in life with grit and perseverance.

We will forever be proud of the Class of 2020 - the class that endured multiple, unpredictable changes due to COVID-19, and yet produced a winner of an international award for West African students. 🍀



Hope College Board Chair, Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, presents award to Mawusenam Ackuaku, valedictorian of the Class of 2020.



Guest speaker, Patience Akyianu, presents a citation to Godfred Aseda Obeng, overall second best student in Ghana and West Africa for the examinations written in 2020.

174 STUDENTS OF HOPE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2021 SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL



Hope College Class of 2021



Fred Asare, Robert Nii Arday Clegg (Guest Speaker) and Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah (Board Chair) present award to Benjamin Elikem Kumah, valedictorian of the Class of 2021.



School prefects (currently in the 11th grade) lead the procession of graduands with the symbols of Hope College - the Bible and the Mace.

Two months of examinations finally culminated in a graduation ceremony, according to schedule, for the Hope College Class of 2021 on October 9, 2021. This group had, only a month earlier, witnessed the official graduation of their predecessors (see Page 4 for details).

This time, many family members were able to make the trip to the Hope College campus to celebrate this milestone in the lives of their children. House parents and administrators came to support the children of Village of Hope who were also graduating high school.

The guest of honor and keynote speaker, Robert Nii Arday Clegg, a known speaker on the Hope College campus whose books have been read by the graduating class, reminded the students that their education did not end here at Hope College; neither was it only limited to the classroom. He used his experiences as a young college student, and his life after college as an example to teach the graduating class about the techniques they could use on their journey into life after high school. Fred Asare gave a charge to the class, and urged them to remember to hold hope high wherever they found themselves.

Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they wait for the results of their examinations, execute their plans for life beyond high school, and become examples to current students and their own families. [@](#)

NANA ABOR YAMOAH II IS LAID TO REST



Nana Abor Yamoah II speaks at an event at Village of Hope

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children... - Proverbs 13:22

Words never seem enough when a man of the stature of Nana Abor Yamoah II is the subject matter - a man considered the father of an entire traditional area. Yet, we must speak and, therefore, all we can do is speak from our hearts and from our perspectives, about who this man was to us.

There could never have been a Village of Hope in the form that it is today, if God had not directed our leaders to Gomoa-Fetteh, at a time where other places had disappointed us, to the doorstep of our dear Nana Abor Yamoah II - a respectable, yet respectful and welcoming visionary who believed in the future of our children.

To the children, he was that generous grandfather who periodically brought gifts, including whole cows, for them to enjoy. A child always got a smile or a kind word from Nana Abor Yamoah II because he was not unapproachable or too far away from the little ones.

To the workers and administrators of Village of Hope, Nana Abor Yamoah II was a firm pillar of support until the very end of his life. He had an unwavering confidence in our work, in our children, and in the many lives that could potentially be transformed because of the existence of Village of Hope. There was no single invitation to an event at the Village of Hope that Nana Abor Yamoah II turned down.



Chief of Fetteh (current) and his courtiers sit in traditional mourning regalia during funeral activities.

He would often adjust his schedule in order to accommodate us in his activities and, whenever he came, he shared words of wisdom, encouragement and solidarity with everyone gathered.

Our dear Nana Abor Yamoah II, a soft-spoken man, stood for peace and encouraged all of us to live in peace within the community, making it safe for our children, staff, visitors and donors to live and work in Gomoa-Fetteh.

The entire Village of Hope family was truly broken and saddened by the news of the departure of our dear father and ruler. We are still not over the vacuum that has been created but are comforted by the fact that he has a successor who also loves the children in the same way.

For four days, beginning Thursday, October 14, the entire community came together for various activities for the burial and funeral rites of a traditional ruler. On Thursday and Friday, the public was allowed to view the body of Nana Abor Yamoah II and then a memorial service was held followed by a private burial. On Saturday a traditional funeral for a chief was held. On that day, the royal family officially received visitors from all over the country to express their condolences and make donations. Finally, on Sunday, a thanksgiving service was held in appreciation to God for a successful burial and funeral. Staff and independent children of Village of Hope were actively involved in all these activities and contributed to a successful event.

Around our country, Nana can confidently be mentioned as one of those leaders who put the development of his people above everything else. Nana Abor Yamoah II truly demonstrated to us that he had faith in the future of young people through the way in which he responded to our petitions and provided land for the expansion of our projects.

We are grateful to God that Nana Abor Yamoah II ruled at a time when we needed him the most and became a vessel through which many children have been blessed. We will speak of him for many years to come and many unborn children who will pass through the homes and schools of Village of Hope will get to know about the great leader through whom they got a home and an education. As time goes on, many sick people who receive healing and well-being will learn of an illustrious ruler whose vision made possible a healthcare facility to serve his people and people from other lands. The legacy of Nana Abor Yamoah II will never die. [🔗](#)



Queenmother of Fetteh and her courtiers sit to receive greetings from guests during funeral activities.



Representatives of Village of Hope prepare to attend the funeral of the late chief.



A team of adult children of Village of Hope worked in various supporting roles during the funeral of Nana Abor Yamoah II.



Guests bring drinks and food items to the royal family as a sign of support.



Queenmother of Fetteh and her courtiers wear black and white cloth on Sunday as a sign of gratitude and thanks.

CHILDREN RECEIVE VITAMINS TO BOOST THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS

Currently, in Ghana, adults are encouraged to get vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to curb the spread of the virus; however, these vaccines are not mandatory. Furthermore, vaccines have not yet been approved for children even though there have been a few cases involving children.

We are so grateful to our dear friend and donor Wilma McQueen, who surprised all of us by providing funds for the purchase of enough Vitamin C, Vitamin D3 and Zinc to strengthen the immune systems of the children, improve their general well-being, and reduce the risk of contracting the corona virus. [📄](#)



The first consignment of a variety of vitamins for all age groups was purchased and distributed to the children.



Samuel Osei, Managing Director of Hope Children's Village, saw to the purchase of the vitamins and then ensured that every single child received the right form of the vitamins for their age.



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HOPE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE (ORPHANAGE)

Renovation of Children's Homes/Cottages

	\$
1. George & Mary Chisholm House	9,000
2. Douglas & Margaret Boateng House	5,800
3. Traverse City Church of Christ House	5,360
Total	20,160

When we launched this fundraising activity at the end of 2019, the goal was to raise **\$250,000** for hospital equipment, classroom furniture, renovation of school buildings, and renovation of children's homes. Due to the unique unpredictability of 2020, the target was not reached in 2020. As we end the year, 2021, we ask that you help us raise the remaining amount of **\$20,160** to hit the target before the year ends.

We are nearly there!