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THANK
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MUCH!



In December 2019, we began making a special request for what we called “Vision of Hope 2020.” The Village of Hope ministry was nearing 25 years of operation and we asked for your help to continue the work.

The needs were many because of the growth that had occurred over the past quarter century: worn out facilities and equipment; old buildings in need of renovation; dilapidated wooden buildings; new construction projects at a standstill; insufficient classrooms; and inadequate hospital facilities and equipment.

We asked for assistance to repair and renovate our facilities for use in the next 25 years; more importantly, we also needed your help so that the hospital and elementary schools would become operationally self-sufficient in the coming years.


Due to the changes that the entire world faced at the onset of the corona virus pandemic, “Vision of Hope 2020” could not be accomplished in 2020; nevertheless, we give all the praise and glory to God that, through your generosity, we reached the target of \$250,000 to take care of the following:

1. Renovation of the first five children's homes
2. Completion of the construction of a new boys' dormitory for Hope Christian Academy
3. Renovation of the Josiah & Bonita Tilton Education Building for Hope Christian Academy

4. Furniture for the classrooms at Hope Christian Academy
5. Completion of the construction of a nursery building at Nkwatia
6. Renovation of the primary and junior high school buildings at Nkwatia
7. Furniture for the classrooms at Nkwatia
8. Oxygen for the wards at Hope Christian Hospital
9. A specialized lead door for the x-ray room at Hope Christian Hospital
10. Roofing & terrazzo flooring of the walkways at Hope Christian Hospital
11. Completion of remodeling of the three Barnett Houses for Hope Christian Hospital
12. Fencing off the hospital facilities

Thank you so much for your generosity! In addition to the items on the “Vision of Hope 2020” list, many kind donors made sure that we also received funds for:

1. A wall around the Ayawaso campus
2. A music studio at Hope College
3. A home for our babies' caregivers
4. Equipment and furniture for a children's ward
5. A duplex for staff (John & Anne Hambrick House)
6. A duplex for staff (Rodney & Marsha Wise House)

God has done great things to His glory by touching the hearts of people so physically distant yet so close in heart to the Village of Hope ministry. Thank you all so very much! 



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THANK YOU FOR THE TRANSFORMATION AT HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!

When we made our appeal for “Vision of Hope 2020,” Hope Christian Academy was in need of a permanent boys’ dormitory. The temporary wooden structure that had served as a boys’ dormitory for over 10 years had been eaten by termites and was no longer safe for the boys. Construction of a new boys’ dormitory had begun in earnest but the work had come to a halt because we did not have the funds to complete the project.

In addition, the Tilton Education Building (classroom building) had not been renovated since 2010 and needed painting, replacement of window frames and repair of ceilings. Broken furniture in our classrooms also needed to be replaced.

The transformation resulting from your response to our request is phenomenal! Thank you and God bless you. Parents, students and staff all testify to the changes and are motivated to do better. [📞](#)



This is what the Tilton Education Building looked like before renovations took place. Louvre blades were missing, there were holes in the ceiling, and the entire building needed painting both on the outside and on the inside.



Thanks to your generous donations, this is the newly repaired, renovated and repainted Tilton Education Building.



The back of the Tilton Education Building looked really terrible when viewed from the Fetteh Main Road.

Heads started turning in admiration, however, after the nets, ceiling and louvre blades were replaced and the painting was done. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so much!





There were hundreds of broken classroom chairs and desks at Hope Christian Academy and some were becoming a risk to the children who came to school every day to use them. At some point, we had to pack most of the furniture away so that we could see the actual volume of furniture that needed replacement.



Thanks to the response to “Vision of Hope 2020,” the freshly painted classrooms were furnished with brand new sets of desks and chairs. The children and their teachers were all so excited. Thank you for the blessing!



In 2018, work on the boys’dormitory for Hope Christian Academy began.



In 2020, the boys’ dormitory (Curt & Shannon Zondervan Building) was finally completed and dedicated for the boys to move into permanent accommodation.



The Sackey Nursery Building, used by the preschoolers, also got repainted inside and outside to restore its original beauty. The area around the building was fenced off to keep the children safe and secure during the school day.

THANK YOU FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AT HOPE CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL!

When you visit the facilities of Hope Christian Hospital today, it is sometimes a struggle to remember what they looked like at the end of December 2019 when we launched “Vision of Hope 2020.” The seven buildings that make up the hospital were connected by walkways but the walkways had no roofs. This meant that patients were exposed to the weather whenever they moved or were being transported between buildings. In addition, after many years of use, the hospital’s buildings, including the three Barnett houses that had been used for the expansion of the hospital, needed renovation and remodeling.

Another area of need was that, following the donation of an X-ray machine to Hope Christian Hospital, we could not use the machine until a specialized lead door had been installed at the x-ray room. We also needed oxygen cylinders for the wards for patients on admission who might be in need of oxygen.

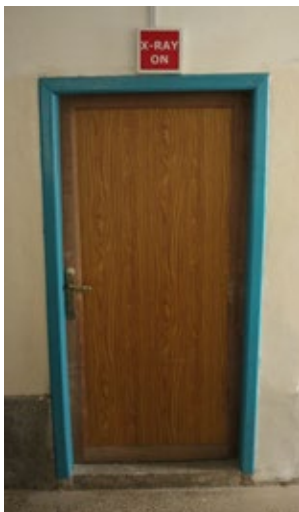
Finally, there was the need to fence off the hospital facility to keep visitors to the hospital from straying to the children’s homes and beyond, to protect the children in the orphanage. Through your gifts, all of these have been achieved. Thank you! 🙏



This is what the hospital’s walkways looked like before they were roofed.



Patients are now able to move around protected and comfortable, from building to building, when they visit the hospital. Thank you!



The lead door to the x-ray room has been installed thanks to your support!



Inside the X-ray room at Hope Christian Hospital



These oxygen tanks that you helped us purchase have become lifesavers at the hospital. Thank you very much!



We asked for your help to get the the hospital facilities fenced off and you listened. Thank you very much for being so generous! Patients and their visitors are now unable to wander off into the area of the children's homes.



Remodeling of the three Barnett houses proceeded successfully and now the hospital has much needed extra space for wards, laboratories and diagnostic services. Thank you very much for being so kind!

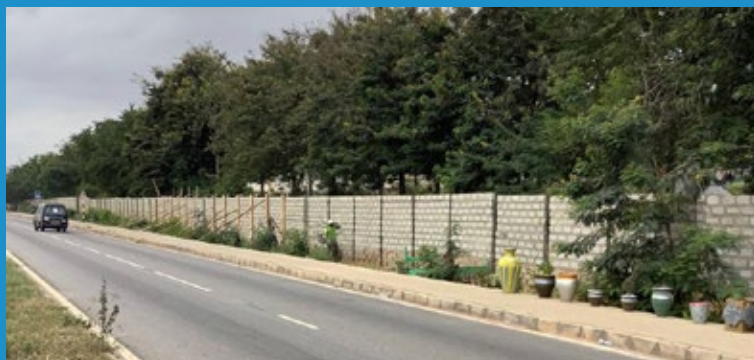
THANK YOU FOR THE WALL AROUND THE AYAWASO CAMPUS!

One of the major construction projects that took place in 2021 was a wall around the entire Ayawaso campus of Village of Hope, where the trainees of Hope Training Institute live and are trained.

Even though this was not originally on the list for "Vision of Hope 2020," it became an emergency and, for the safety of the children, you stepped up and funded the construction of this wall.

Thank you so much for helping us secure this property from encroachers and protecting the children. It is such a valuable gift! 🙏

The photos above and below show different angles of the new wall constructed to protect the land at Ayawaso and the trainees of Hope Training Institute. A brand new gate has also been installed. We are immensely grateful to our donors for allowing God to use you to His glory!



RENEWAL AND REBIRTH: FROM CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL TO HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO HOPE RIDGE SCHOOL



Beginning in January 2022, the name of our elementary school at Nkwatia will be changed to **HOPE RIDGE SCHOOL**.

Every organization in Ghana is required by law to register with the Registrar-General's Department (RGD). A few years ago, we decided to change the name of the school from Church of Christ School to Hope Christian School, in order for the school's identity to conform with the rest of the Village of Hope. At the time that we chose Hope Christian School, the authorities at the Registrar-General's Department approved this new name.

Recently, however, officials of the RGD asked us to change the name (Hope Christian School) because it was too similar to Hope Christian Academy. They argued that "Academy" and "School" had the same meaning and, therefore, "Hope Christian Academy" and "Hope Christian School" were essentially the same. They did not accept our plea that both schools belonged to Village of Hope but insisted that we choose a new name for the school at Nkwatia. The name Hope Ridge School was subsequently chosen and registered for the school because Nkwatia is located on the Kwahu Ridge. [📍](#)

THANK YOU FOR THE CHANGES AT HOPE RIDGE SCHOOL!

Back in December 2019, our school in the Eastern Region of Ghana (now Hope Ridge School) was in need of a classroom building for children in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes. Construction of the classroom building had begun in 2018 and come to a standstill for months. Apart from the new building that needed to be completed, the existing classroom buildings needed major renovations and new furniture. Glory be to God, that you responded to our plea and provided funds for the needs of our school on the Kwahu Ridge!

On December 18, 2021 a graduation and dedication ceremony was held at Nkwatia. The kindergarten and ninth grade students received their

certificates on that day. This January, the kindergarten graduates start first grade while the ninth graders are still waiting for the results of their national exam.

The new nursery building was officially commissioned on December 18, 2021, as Naoma Creda Parks Building. The two existing buildings for Grades One to Six, and Grades Seven to Nine, now fully renovated, were also christened for the first time as Margaret Boateng Building and Loretta Billingsley Building respectively. Thank you very much for your support towards making positive changes at Hope Ridge School, Nkwatia-Kwahu! [📍](#)



This was the state of the nursery building before we launched the "Vision of Hope 2020" appeal in December 2019.



This is the result of your kind gifts: the newly commissioned Naoma Creda Parks Building for the Nursery Department of Hope Ridge School.



Dignitaries and invited guests joined the Village of Hope family to commission the Margaret Boateng Building (for grades 1 to 6).



Mrs. Margaret Boateng (in yellow) for whom the building is named, reads the plaque honoring her for her kindness.



The newly renovated classroom building for grades 7 to 9 is now named in honor of Loretta Billingsley, a generous supporter of Village of Hope.



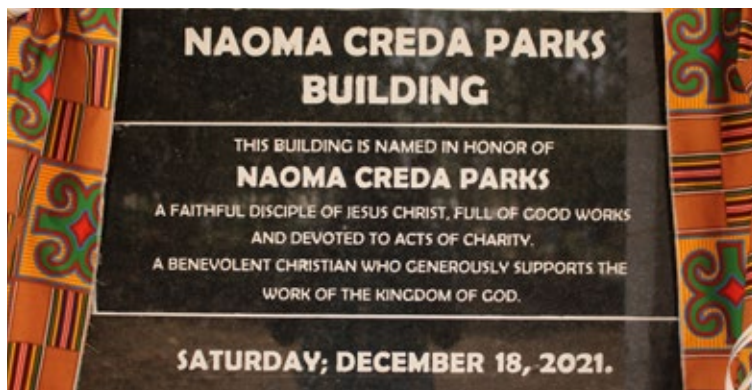
The plaque on the wall of the Loretta Billingsley Building.



Pupils of Hope Ridge School enjoy using their new classroom furniture purchased through your donations. Thank you!



Mrs. Faustina Asare, Managing Director of Hope Christian Academy, presents a certificate to a graduating ninth grade student.



The plaque on the wall of the Naoma Creda Parks Building named in honor of a magnanimous donor of Village of Hope.



Miss Julliet Ofori-Amoah, Managing Director of Hope Training Institute, presents a certificate to a graduating kindergarten pupil.



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THANK YOU FOR THE UPCOMING RENOVATIONS AT HOPE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE!

The final item remaining on the list for “Vision of Hope 2020” is the renovation of the first five children’s homes. These buildings that have not been painted in over a decade, also have many rotten wooden window frames that need replacement. Facilities in the homes have been worn out from constant daily use over many years. The oldest homes were built 20 years ago, and even the newest homes are about 10 years old.

The homes in need of renovations are:

1. George & Mary Chisholm House
2. Douglas & Margaret Boateng House
3. Traverse City Church of Christ House
4. Prestoncrest Church of Christ House A
5. Prestoncrest Church of Christ House B

We need to make these homes fit for the children who live in them and the great news is that all the funds needed for the renovation works on the children’s homes have been received! Renovation of the homes is now in progress and we will continue to keep you updated. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so very much! 🙏



The children’s homes need a lot of work done. We will soon be done with the renovations because we have all the funds for the work. Thank you!