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AN UPDATE ON OUR CHILDREN



Some of our babies and toddlers at Hope Children's Village

It is a blessing whenever we pause to look back and realize the positive changes that are happening in the lives of our children. It seems like one day a child is in elementary school and, before you know it, that child is about to start college. We are continually thankful to everyone who has joined us in this labor of love and continues to support these precious children to become mature adults.

As of February 2022, as Village of Hope celebrates 26 years of saving lives and serving humanity, we would like to share some statistics and facts with you, to let you know how your contributions are making a difference.

Our children's home in Bongo, in the Upper East Region of Ghana, is now called Hope Children's Place. At Hope Children's Place, there are 14 residential children comprising seven boys and seven girls. Hope Children's Place also takes care of four non-residential children in high school and college. One of the high school students from Bongo actually completed ninth grade recently and is now attending Hope College.

At the Fetteh campus, 85 children are being

cared for on a daily basis in the seven residential homes and the babies' home of Hope Children's Village. Apart from the babies who have not yet started school, all the other children attend Hope Christian Academy and, God-willing, will do so until they transition into high school. Hope Children's Village also provides support to four other children who are in elementary schools around the country, while they live with their families.

The next group of people who are cared for by Hope Children's Village, because of your generous gifts, are the 40 teenagers and young adults who have been able to continue their formal education, after graduating from Hope Christian Academy, at various high schools. Four of them are in several high schools around the country while the remaining 36 are at Hope College.

Another 16 of our young ones are learning various trades and vocational skills under apprenticeships, in vocational institutes, and at our own Hope Training Institute, where they have joined former street children and other needy and destitute youth to learn a trade.



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With your help, we are also caring for 44 university students who are pursuing various degree programs in 13 different universities and colleges in Ghana. It is sometimes hard to believe that, less than a decade ago, these college students were among those for whom we were praying to get excellent examination results in order to qualify for high school.

The work of the house parents and social workers who support these children is one that requires great strength and divine grace. As you continue to give generously, kindly say a prayer for those who live with and care for the children daily, that their labors will not be in vain. We look forward to working together with you, for yet another year, to bring hope to these precious children. 



These are the residents of George and Mary Chisholm House, cared for by George and Cynthia Arthur.



These boys live in Douglas and Margaret Boateng House. Their House Parents are Samuel and Helina Otchere.



The boys who live in Traverse City Church of Christ House are taken care of by Victor and Victoria Agbeko.



CDH Home is another of the boys' homes. Their house parents are Felix and Regina Nimako.



These are the girls who live in Linary Church of Christ House. They are cared for by Samuel and Betty Afriyie.



These are the girls of Prestconcrest Church of Christ House A. Their house parents are Rexford and Juliet Asumeng.



These are the girls who live in Prestoncrest Church of Christ House B and their house parents are Ebenezer and Irene Ayisi.

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The names listed above are the 40 high school students and the 16 vocational trainees who do not live in the homes on campus but visit from time to time, especially during the end-of-year and New Year activities.



Our 44 college and university students are listed below, grouped by level. By the end of this year, the six seniors would have graduated from college and started their mandatory national service programs.

FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
Prince Kwadwo Adu Samuel Asamoah Isaac Baah Benedicta Asamoah Boadi Haniel Ablakuma Donkor Stephen Dwumah Samuel Ado Sukah Braimah Yakubu	Esther Worlanyo Agbenu Sarah Acquah Maureen Afia Asare Afriyie Emmanuel Selasi Agbeko Liesilotte Anim Abigail Ama Arthur George Arthur, Jr. Deborah Atta-Yao Samuel Mawuko Danquah Seth Dwumah Portia Nenekowr Kpabitey Michel Mensah Luro Eric Yaw Mensah Deborah Nyator Gideon Attah Oppong, Sr. Joyce Oppong Comfort Tadime Jacqueline Wetty	Sandra Abena Agyapong Benedicta Adubea Stephanie Cofie Ethel Sarfoa Gyan Lydia Akorkor Mensah Linda Akweley Mensah Rebekah Puenu Hannah Adwoa Nsiah Sarah Esi Kow Takyi George Tetteh Mavis Teye Njanyan Yajana	Salamatu Alhassan John Arthur Daniel Ayisi Matilda Nti Baah Francis Yajabah Bijah Michael Kafui Senanu

HOPE TRAINING INSTITUTE RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM AJ JOHNSON



Side and front views of the newly painted Leatherworks/Sewing workshop at Hope Training Institute

In June 2021, AJ Akua Okyerebea Johnson first visited the Ayawaso campus of Village of Hope and fell in love with the children and the work that is done at Hope Training Institute. On that first visit on June 30, AJ Johnson interacted with the trainees and staff and explored the facilities of the Institute. Before leaving, AJ ordered 57 laptop bags and took a list of some of our urgent needs to consider and get back to us.


By August 30, 2021, AJ Johnson had set up a GoFundMe campaign (The Bridge to Better: Hope Training Institute) to raise funds for projects at HTI. You can support this project here:

<https://gofund.me/289ccd64>

The next visit AJ made to Hope Training Institute was on December 17, 2021, where she and her friends made a donation to Hope Training Institute to cover the painting of the auto mechanic workshop and the leatherworks/sewing workshop. AJ and her friends also made a

donation to cover the plumbing costs and fee payments required to supply treated water from the Ghana Water Company to the Ayawaso campus.

On January 6, 2022, immediately after the trainees returned from their family visits over the Christmas holidays, AJ and some friends came back to the Ayawaso campus to join the trainees to clean the campus and do some farm work. More importantly, AJ and her team joined painters and the staff and trainees of HTI to complete the painting of the workshops. That same week, the team also bought art supplies to support the art program at HTI. In appreciation of all of AJ's generosity, the children presented a thank-you gift to AJ Johnson.

AJ and her friends are committed to supporting various projects to improve the quality of care and training we give to the young people living and training at HTI and we look forward to strengthening this partnership to benefit more young people in the future. 



Sections of the newly painted Auto Mechanic workshop at Hope Training Institute



AJ Johnson and friends interact with staff and trainees of Hope Training Institute

COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVE MOBILITY SUPPORT FROM JERRY TORDZRO

The communities around the various Village of Hope campuses have many people who require aids to improve their mobility. Most of their challenges are due to chronic illnesses and others are due to disabilities. Village of Hope, through Hope Christian Hospital, strives to support such people in ways that are within our means.

It was, therefore, with great joy that we received the news that Jerry Tordzro, an Ghanaian Occupational Therapist based in the UK, was donating a variety of mobility aids to be given to those who needed them the most. Jerry donated four pairs of crutches, a wheelchair and a Zimmer frame which were distributed to people in Kweikrom, Bonsueku, Fetteh, and Koforidua (in the Eastern Region).

These generous gifts have blessed the beneficiaries, immediately making a difference in the quality of the life that they live. [📷](#)



A BUS FOR HOPE CHILDREN'S PLACE, BONGO

As we reported months ago, unlike the children at Fetteh who have their school close by, the children at our orphanage in Bongo go to school in Bolgatanga, 20 minutes' drive from the home. Once they all started going to school, we had to make arrangements with the owner of a small van to drive the children to school and back home. The condition of that vehicle left much to be desired and the daily rates were also high but we had little choice.

We are excited and grateful to report that Village Church of Christ in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, has funded the purchase of a bus for the children of Hope Children's Place to solve the transport problems at Bongo and ensure the safety of the children. This also means that we can begin to admit more children into the homes at Bongo. [📷](#)



Before the bus left Fetteh



After the bus arrived at Bongo

REUNIONS & CELEBRATIONS

The traditional celebrations that bring many members of the Village of Hope family together for the New Year proceeded as scheduled. For a couple of years, COVID-19 placed some limitations on the activities and prevented many of our older children from coming home for the short break between Christmas and the New Year.

This year, as we ushered in 2022, over 70 of our non-residential and independent children were home to celebrate the events with their house parents and their younger siblings. This period is always a special time for the Village of Hope and 2022 has been no different. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, food and drinks were in abundance. We are particularly thankful to Dr. Amelia Self for providing funds for an ice cream party that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Here are a few pictures from the celebrations. [📷](#)



Food cooked by each home on the Fetteh campus is presented for everyone to share.



Some members of the Village of Hope Leadership Team (Faustina Asare, Julliet Ofori-Amoah, Samuel Osei and Fred Asare) perform the traditional food inspection before the meals are served.



Everyone is excited about ice cream.



Our adult children and their mothers work together to serve desserts to everyone.

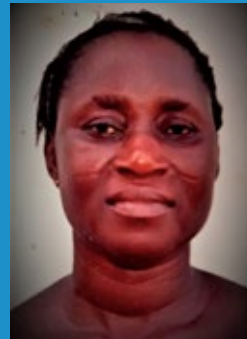


The look of pure enjoyment on the children's faces is truly priceless.



Comfort, Diana and Matilda are part of the ice cream serving team.

ROSE ARKOH GOES HOME



Rose Arkoh, a woman with a very gentle spirit, was employed as a Health Aide for Hope Christian Academy in July 2011. Her duty was to liaise between the academy and the hospital to provide timely care for students who became ill or were injured. She would be the first point of call for every child for first aid, and she would be the one to take them to Hope Christian Hospital while their parents were being contacted.

Over her 10 years of service, Rose became a mother to most of the children of Hope Christian Academy and it was a sad day, late last year, when we were notified that she had passed away after a brief illness. The Village of Hope family was actively involved in her funeral preparations and supported her two daughters and their families to organize the funeral service on January 8, 2022.

We will truly miss her motherliness and her polite and quiet demeanor but we give thanks to God in all things. 🙏



Rose Arkoh (face encircled) and her colleagues at Hope Christian Academy



Daniel Frimpong Amponsah preaches at Rose Arkoh's funeral.



Rose Arkoh's daughters and grandchildren pay tribute to her memory.





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PAINT AND SIP AT HOPE TRAINING INSTITUTE

The trainees of Hope Training Institute have been involved in enrichment programs in addition to their main skill training programs in order to build their confidence and explore their talents. One of their programs is in fine art and they learn to draw and paint with various media. Donors and potential donors of Village of Hope and their families were invited for a day to join the children of HTI to paint and share drinks, learn more about what is done at the Institute, and see the children's talent in action.

In total, about 80 people comprising 27 current trainees, 4 past trainees, 15 staff members and about 30 friends and donors came together for the event. It was all fun for the trainees and we hope that positive outcomes will result from this activity. 🌟

