

# Herald of Hope

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## NEW CHILDREN FIND NEW LIFE AT THE VILLAGE OF HOPE



Some of the children who have recently found new life at the Village of Hope

No child should be left unloved, uncared for, and without hope. That is an ideal we strive for at the Village of Hope but is easier said than done because orphaned, destitute, and needy children in our society are so many. If this ideal situation is to be realized, then we need to have big open doors, big hearts, and a very big faith not to say "no" to any needy child who is brought to us. We need to have faith that our God will provide for every need.

Over the past year, the police, the Department of Social Welfare, traditional authorities, political leaders, church leaders, and the general public have referred many cases to the Village of Hope for help. This has resulted in a huge increase in the number of children now living at the Village of Hope. A total of 43 children have been brought to live at Village of Hope since last year. These are children brought to the Fetteh campus alone. It does not include children brought to Hope Children's Place at Bongo and teenagers brought to Hope Training Institute at Ayawaso.

The 43 children come from different parts of Ghana but they have one thing in common. They have all gone through horrible experiences before arriving at Village of Hope.

Some of these children were abandoned at childbirth. Some were left to die in the bush. Some have lost parents and have been completely neglected by their extended family members. Some have been sexually abused by family members – adults who were supposed to protect them. Some children were being used by armed robbers to kill and rob people. Some were living with their mentally ill parents who neglected to feed them and who constantly abused them. Some are missing children whose parents or families cannot be traced. Some are children of drug addicts and drug dealers. They ended up being used as drug couriers and began using the drugs themselves.

Details of the stories of the terrible experiences of these children will bring a tear to every eye. They are all God's children so



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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 Place  
Hope Children's Village  
Hope Training Institute  
Hope Christian Hospital  
Hope Christian Academy  
Hope Ridge School  
Hope College  
Agriculture  
Church of Christ at Village of Hope  
Campus Church of Christ - Ayawaso  
Evangelism  
Church Planting and Strengthening





**Siblings: Clifford, Christabel Senior and Junior (twins)**

we could not say no to any of them. Now, we have begun the long and difficult process of repairing what was broken and destroyed. All of them need serious medical attention and psychological treatment. Their care is complicated, delicate, and costly. None of these children has a sponsor and so we are receiving no designated funds for their care. If you would like to sponsor one or more of these new children, please let us know.



**Siblings: Magaret, Douglas, and Lydia**

We want to plead with you to consider an additional gift for their care. You may designate your gift for "additional children" or "childcare." Such funds will be put in a pool for the care and upkeep of these new children who have no sponsors. [👉](#)



**Siblings: Abraham, Doris, and Edward**



**Siblings: David and Queenstar**



**Siblings: Shaibu and Sheriff**



**Evelyn**



**Siblings: Mathias and Wisdom**



**Siblings: Henry and Sakiwaa**



# REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



**Sakiwaa**  
Grade 3



**Queenstar**  
Grade 6



**Edward**  
Grade 3



**Abraham**  
Grade 4



**Christabel Junior**  
Grade 5



**Christabel Senior**  
Grade 5



**Sylvia Gladys**  
Grade 5



**Patricia**  
Crèche



**David**  
Grade 5



**Douglas**  
Nursery 2



**Mathias**  
Pre-Kindergarten



**Wisdom**  
Crèche



**Shorla**  
Grade 6



**Doris**  
Kindergarten



**Magaret**  
Nursery 1



**Henry**  
Grade 3



**Clifford**  
Kindergarten



**Vida**  
Grade 3



**Lydia**  
Grade 2



**Kwabena**  
Grade 5



**Millicent**  
Grade 3



**Silas**  
Grade 4



**Amos**  
Kindergarten



**Shaibu**  
Grade 1



**Sheriff**  
Kindergarten



# HOPE RIDGE SCHOOL



Margaret Boateng Building (Grades 1 - 6)



Loretta Billingsley Building (Grades 7 - 9)



Naoma Creda Parks Building (Preschool: Crèche - Kindergarten)



Hope Ridge School receives 20 new desks and chairs.

Many exciting things have been happening at Hope Ridge School since December last year. First, the name of the school was officially changed. Next, a new nursery building was dedicated for use by the school and two existing classroom buildings were renovated and named. Then, the classrooms were furnished with new furniture so every student has a new desk and a new chair to use. Afterwards, the school introduced new uniforms for the students with new colors and designs. All these have helped to increase student enrolment. We recently had to purchase 20 new desks and chairs to meet the increasing enrolment.

During the Easter holidays last month, a spelling competition was held by the traditional and educational authorities for schools from different counties in the area (the Kwahu Ridge of the Eastern Region of Ghana). Hope Ridge School emerged as the winners of the maiden edition of the Kwahu Spelling Bee Competition.

We are excited that many people are beginning to recognize something we have known for a long time – the high quality of Christian education offered at Hope Ridge School. Join us to congratulate the administrators, teachers, and students of Hope Ridge School. 🙌



The winning team of the Spelling Bee Competition



Some students in Hope Ridge School's new uniforms



# DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS INSPIRE STUDENTS OF HOPE COLLEGE

**H**ope College exists to educate students in preparation for a lifetime of character, scholarship, service, and leadership to transform their world to impact the world. In seeking to fulfill its mission, the school invites exceptional leaders to speak to its students and inspire them to aspire to become transformational leaders. In so doing, we believe we would be able to cultivate valuable leadership qualities in the young men and women entrusted into our care and give them a holistic educational experience that would propel them to become selfless Christ-like servant leaders who would grow up to lead Ghana, the African continent and the world with excellence.

During the first term of the 2022 academic year (which started on January 22 and ended on April 9, 2022), five leaders – an entrepreneur, a university professor, a lawyer, an accountant, and a medical doctor who have distinguished themselves in their professional and private lives – spoke to students of Hope College. 🙏



**Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua**  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law  
University of Ghana



**Mr. Mark Nyame**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Prestige Cleaning Solutions



**Mr. Yaw Boafu**  
President  
Ghana Bar Association



**Prof. Williams Atuilik**  
President - Institute of Chartered  
Accountants Ghana



**Dr. Frank Serebour**  
President  
Ghana Medical Association

## HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GETS A NEW BUS

**M**any students who attend Hope Christian Academy live in communities that are too far away from Fetteh for them to walk to and from school. Without a vehicle transporting them to and from school, they would not be able to attend Hope Christian Academy. Our old school buses are old and worn out. For a long time, two of the three buses were no longer functioning which put a strain on the only bus on the road as it had to make multiple trips each day. The school was really struggling until the LORD sent help our way. Through the support of the 151st Street church of Christ in Olathe, Kansas, a bus has been bought for Hope Christian Academy. It has brought about a much-needed help that will enable us to educate and transform the lives of hundreds of children to the glory of God.

We are deeply grateful for the great love shown to the children of Ghana. May God continually bless the elders, deacons, ministers, and all the members of the 151st Street church of Christ. 🙏





# MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

**A**dult members of the church of Christ at the Village of Hope at Fetteh recently participated in a three-day training program on discipleship. The training was done by Solomon Mireku, minister of the Dzorwulu church of Christ in Accra who is also a Bible teacher at Hope Christian Academy, and Paul Ntem-Maanoh, minister of the Ashaley-Botwe church of Christ in Accra.

Participants learned about the alarmingly high number of people who are perishing without Christ and effective methods of converting them to Christ. At the end of the training, participants were challenged and motivated to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and to make disciples for Christ. The training is already bearing fruit with an increase in the number of those who have given their lives to Christ on the Fetteh campus of the Village of Hope since the end of the training. [🔗](#)



Training program on discipleship in session



Solomon Mireku, minister of the Dzorwulu church of Christ, teaches.



Adult members of the church of Christ at the Village of Hope during the training session.



Paul Ntem-Maanoh, minister of the Ashaley-Botwe church of Christ, teaches.



Solomon Mireku encourages participants to make disciples of all nations on the third and final day of the training program on discipleship.

# OFEI COMPLETES APPRENTICESHIP TO BECOME AN ELECTRICIAN

He was only one year old when his mother died, leaving behind a distraught widower and three young children. He was the youngest of the three. Then, six years later, when he was seven years old, his father also died. His extended family members who were subsistence peasant farmers living in poverty could offer him nothing beyond food. No one really cared about him beyond the food they gave him – no love, no compassion, no nurturing. His wretchedness as he moved about in the community prompted the leaders of a church to petition Village of Hope to come to his rescue.

In 2007, at ten years old, he came to live at Village of Hope. He started in first grade. He was four years older than the average child in his first-grade class but he did not mind. Just the fact that he could go to school in a nice, clean new uniform with a school bag in hand was exciting to him. He did not have to worry about where the next meal would come from, for he had a packed lunch in his school bag. He made friends quickly and, within a short time, he had integrated well into the Village of Hope and Hope Christian Academy communities.

He was the quiet type. He did not talk much. He was respectful, obedient, and hardworking when it came to doing house chores and working around the campus. He did his best in school but, soon, we realized that he was not academically inclined. He studied hard but struggled to make high grades. It was, therefore, no surprise when he eventually informed his house parents and the social worker on campus that he wanted to do something that was more “hands-on.” He wanted to become an electrician. Since we had noticed that his strength was in technical and vocational skills, we encouraged him to pursue his dreams.

We talked to Mr. Isaac Owusu, the electrical contractor who handles all electrical works on the Village of Hope campus, who graciously agreed to put him under his wings and train him to become a certified electrician. He became an apprentice to Mr. Owusu and has been under Mr. Owusu’s tutelage for the past seven years. Last month, he completed his apprenticeship and has been certified as an electrician.

That is the story of Kwaku Ofei. We want to thank all the donors, sponsors, house parents, social workers, teachers, etc., and Mr. Isaac Owusu who have supported Kwaku Ofei since he came to the Village of Hope 15 years ago. Above all, we give thanks to God for all His blessings on Kwaku Ofei through the years. Please remember to pray for him as he embarks on a new journey in life as an independent Christian adult. [📖](#)



**Kwaku Ofei**

## DR. ALEX PEASAH-KODUAH ON STUDY LEAVE



**Dr. Alex Peasah-Koduah**

**D**r. Alex Peasah-Koduah – Medical Director of Hope Christian Hospital and Deputy Group Managing Director responsible for Operations – has begun a two-year study leave. During this period, he will be pursuing a Master’s degree in Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

During his absence, Dr. Judith Efua Baffoe will act as the Medical Director of the hospital. [📖](#)



**Dr. Judith Efua Baffoe**  
Acting Medical Director  
Hope Christian Hospital





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## NEW LIFE FOR CHILDREN

Your sponsorship and support make it possible for us to open our doors to as many children as need help. Your support enables us to show love to children suffering from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and abject poverty. With your help, many more children can have a new life of loving and compassionate care at the Village of Hope.

Please help us to assist any child who comes to us with a need. You may earmark your check for "New Children" or donate to a general fund for the care of all the children at Village of Hope.

You may also donate online at: [www.thevohgroup.org/donate](http://www.thevohgroup.org/donate) 



Some of the new girls (left) and boys (right) who have recently found a new life at the Village of Hope