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2017 WINTER NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED US IN 2017: We are confident that our partners share in our vision and will continue to empower us to accomplish our Christian missionary goals of taking care of the educational and survival needs of our orphans and needy children in Ghana.

GHANA YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROGRESS REPORT:

With the initial grant of \$26,600 donated by the Liddell Foundation in September 2015, we were able to complete Phase 1 of the Academy construction which included: a 6-foot concrete security wall around the 5 acre school property, 2 security entrance gates, 2 deep water bore holes and 2 water towers supplying constant clean water for drinking and construction purposes. In 2017 the Liddell Foundation provided a second grant of \$23,700 which enabled us to complete the school's foundation and landscaping works shown in the pictures below.



Making Building Blocks with molds....Building Foundation Construction

In Calendar Year 2018 we are hoping to raise the necessary funds (\$200,000) for the construction of 2 Kindergarten and 6 Primary classrooms, Toilet facilities for Staff, Boys and Girls, Kitchen, Dining Hall and the provision of a School Bus and teaching staff offices. We encourage all our institutional and individual supporters to consider making contributions towards this critical phase in the development of the school. Our plan is to begin to admit our first set of Kindergarten and Primary school students in September 2019. Please donate generously towards this good cause and inform your family, church, friends and colleagues to do the same. You may donate on line at <https://www.childofafrica.org/projects/school>.

SALUTING OUR 2017 STUDENT GRADUATES:

In 2017, our Educational Assistance Program produced the following 3 graduate students who are moving on to higher levels of education or compulsory national service programs, a precursor to getting hired into permanent government employment positions. Our three 2017 graduates are the following:



Vida Konadu Agyemang: graduated from Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana. Vida's major is Oncology.



Isaac Opoku Agyemang: graduated from Nursing Training College at Pantang with specialization in Mental Nursing.



Anthony Akuoko: graduated from Antoa Senior High School. He has qualified for admission to Colleges in Ghana in 2018.

SPONSORED STUDENTS IN BOARDING & DAY SCHOOLS:

In 2017 we sponsored 33 orphans in various schools and colleges, with 16 of them attending Boarding Schools where housing, meals and libraries are guaranteed. For financial reasons, the other 17 non-sponsored students attend Day Schools and live at home with grandparents, who are unable to pay for boarding school privileges.



Hannah Asamoah: a sponsored orphan student who began attending Ntonso Adventist Girls Senior High School in Sept. 2017. **She is sponsored.**



Ebenezer Frimpong: a sponsored orphan, a boarding school student who attends Antoa Senior Secondary School. **He is sponsored.**



James Otchere: a sponsored orphan, a boarding school student who attends University of Education, Kumasi Campus. **He is sponsored.**

NON-SPONSORED STUDENTS ATTENDING DAY SCHOOLS-All needing immediate sponsorship to achieve educational goals!

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| <p>Millicent Afrifa - a 13-year old orphan who is in Junior High School and needs a sponsor to help her with the \$50 per month tuition and fees she needs to continue to Senior High School.</p> | <p>Georgette Amoako - a 15 year old orphan in Grade 9 who lives with her 80-year old Grandmother who cannot afford her feeding costs as well as educational costs. She needs a sponsor.</p> | <p>Bright Afrifa - a 16 year old orphan living with his grandmother in a small village home. Bright needs sponsorship to enable him to complete High School in 2019.</p> | <p>Afia Nyamekye- is a single Mom-needng sponsors for her 3 teenage children (Collins Sr., Collins Jr. and Ernest) all attending the same grade 11 in Senior High School. Afia is overburdened with their tuition and feeding costs and really needs the help of a sponsor.</p> |

If at all possible, please donate on line by visiting our website: www.childofafrica.org using the DONATE button. Thank you and God Bless!

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS IN TRAINING:

Our Women’s’ Sustainability Program supports vocational training for young women to learn skills necessary for their survival and independence. We visit these young women in Vocational Training Programs monthly to monitor their progress and give them the monthly stipends they depend on for food, transportation and training supplies.



EMNAB Beauty Salon: where our sponsored student Victoria (second from right) studies hair styling



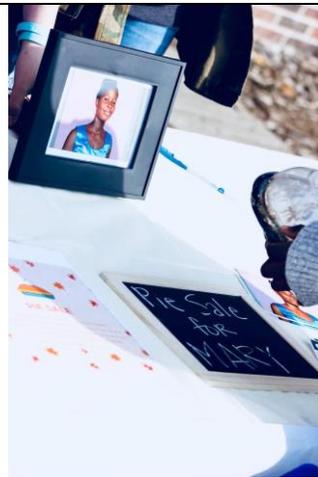
Patti’s Home of Beauty & Vocational Institute: where our orphan sponsored student Sarah is studying general beauty care.

ADA, OKLAHOMA H2OKIDS HELPING AN ORPHAN IN GHANA. www.h2o.church

Our special thanks go to the H2OKIDS at H2OCHURCH.CC MISSIONS of Ada, Oklahoma, who planned and participated in a special **“PIE SALE FOR MARY”** project and raised \$332 to assist Mary to reopen her hair salon business which she had closed down from September to December of 2017 in order to deliver and nurse her first baby. Mary is an orphan who was sponsored for 3 years by H2OCHURCH.CC MISSIONS of Ada, Oklahoma, to study hair styling business. After her graduation 2 years ago, A.C.E.F. granted her the initial capital to open her own hair salon. The photos below were taken when Mrs. Anna Osei-Kwame and our A.C.E.F. Coordinator in Ghana delivered the H2OKIDS donation of \$332 to Mary in a surprise visit. Occasionally, we do follow-up visits to our vocational student graduates who have opened up their new businesses to make sure their new businesses are thriving successfully. We are happy to report that Mary re-opened her hair salon business on Tuesday January 2, 2018 with the help of the \$332 capitalization gift from H2OKIDS. Mary has sent a special thank you letter and video to the H2OKIDS, the Pastors and Congregation members who supported the H2OKIDS in this charitable giving.



“The Sale”



“The Cause”



“The H2OKids Crew”



“The Check Presentation”



“The Extended Joy”



According to Missions Outreach Pastor Tyson Brown of H2OCHURCH.CC MISSIONS in Ada, Oklahoma, his church “wants to be known as a church with a heart to serve. That belief is taught to their kids at every age level. That’s why the church quickly got behind their 5th and 6th graders when they decided to have a Pie Sale for Mary Adowaa from Ghana, Africa.”

Mary is a young lady who H2OCHURCH.CC MISSIONS had already been supporting on a monthly basis as she attended Hairstyling School through ACEF’s Women’s Sustainability Program. The H2OKids heard her story from their Missions Pastor Tyson Brown and wanted to do something to get her additional help.

Pastor Brown shares the following: “With the support of **Ally Chapmond**, H2OKIDS Director, they quickly raised \$332 in a matter of hours selling donated pies on a Sunday morning during church. Then they sent their money to their friends Peter and Anna Osei-Kwame at A.C.E.F. to be hand delivered to Mary. The kids were unaware of all the challenges Mary was encountering at this time in her life.” This is clear evidence that God will empower others to do for us what we are incapable of doing for ourselves, after we have done all we can do. If you want to coordinate your charitable giving with Missions Outreach Pastor Tyson Brown, you can reach him at H2OCHURCH.CC MISSIONS, 108 West Main Street, Ada, OK. 74820; Phone 580-427-5433 or write to info@h2o.church.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ONE ORPHAN BY BECOMING OUR PARTNER:

Please visit Africana Children’s Education Fund’s Web Site at WWW.childofafrica.org for more information about our school project and a complete listing of our non-sponsored ORPHAN students in regular or vocational schools. Please give from your heart to ensure that one orphan child gets the necessary education to succeed in future.

Terry McManus puts it this way: “The greatest gift you can give a child is OPTIMISM; with it they will never quit, without it they will never begin.” Our orphans are counting on us, and we are also counting on your continued support. At A.C.E.F. Inc., we assess our level of success by the opportunities we create for these orphans by enabling, empowering and directing them to the road to success. So please join us and share in our joy to serve. Your contributions to A.C.E.F. Inc projects are fully tax-deductible.

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