

END OF YEAR REPORT OF GHANA CHRISTIAN MISSION, 2017

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INTRODUCTION:

The Mission of Ghana Christian Mission (GCM) is to give the Hope of the Gospel to all the people of Ghana, spiritually and physically. We endeavor to be caring hearts, praying mouths, giving hands and going feet for the Master of the harvest, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank him for the grace given us to serve him in our four key areas in 2017, namely Church Planting, Medical Outreach, Christian Education and Community Development. We also thank all our donor partners who continue to pray, give and visit us to make the mission a dynamic tool in the hands of the Lord. We truly appreciate the Board members who continue to give strategic and timely guidance and direction to the mission. TOGETHER, we continue to serve the Lord in Ghana and beyond.

1. CHURCH PLANTING:

The Church planters (18 rural and 3 urban) worked hard with joy but also with a lot of difficulties in the year 2017. They travelled across the length and breadth of our country; drove their trucks and rode their motorcycles on rough roads into the remotest rural communities; crossed lakes and rivers and endured scorching sun and stormy rain with only one purpose – to find the lost and bring them to Christ. As a result, 606 new converts were baptized and 10 new churches planted. Glory be to God. Below, Ernest Nyador and 8 newly baptized convert.



CONVENTIONS:

The Pistis Christian Churches held an Easter Convention at Nkwanta to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord and to promote unity. Speakers included Austin Ganyo and Enoch Nyador with over 1000 people in attendance. In August Christ in Youth Conventions were held in various locations with focus on youth evangelism and discipleship while in December many conventions were organized in different parts of the country to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

REACHING THE CHAKALI PEOPLE:

We have done initial survey and recruited two church planters to start work among the Chakali People Group in the north-western part of Ghana. The Chakali people live in a cluster of seven villages in North-Western Ghana and comprise a group of about 6000 individuals. They are subsistence farmers that grow yams and raise cattle. They live in flat-roofed mud and wood buildings clustered in family compounds. There they like to sing, dance and share food. They live in a dry area and acquire their water from hand-dug wells that are prone to contamination. There is a low literacy rate in Chakali villages, but they value education. Communication in the area is limited and cell phone contact sometimes is only gained by climbing trees. Medical services are largely limited to the regional market city of Wa.

The Islamic religion of the Wali has made inroads into the traditional folk religion of the Chakali. Today 98% of the Chakali identify as Muslims, but they are still very tied to animistic traditions.

Ghana Christian Mission is looking to collaborate with congregations and Christian individuals over a three year period with the goal of seeing 600 Chakali believers. Together with God's blessing, and His people this project will be accomplished. Anticipated expenses are around \$60,000. In the first year, costs will include relocation, housing, motorbike acquisition, ministry funds, salaries and supervision.

Please pray for Joshua Lodo and Godfred Musah who will settle in Bulenga, one of the main Chakali communities to start language and cultural submersion in the last quarter of 2018.



Joshua Lodo

Godfred Musah

2. MEDICAL OUTREACH

Through medical outreach, we demonstrate the love of Christ through compassionate health care delivery in our clinics and also through community preventive care education outreaches. Work in these clinics is often boosted by the visits of short-term medical teams from the U.S.A. We are grateful to Dr. Diane Matsumoto, who led a 23-member team from Global Health Outreach to serve with us in July/August. Over 3000 patients were treated in 6 days of clinic and dozens gave their lives to Christ and were baptized. We continue to cherish the partnership with G.H.O and look forward to their return to Ghana this July/August.

Total number of patients treated in the year include:

18,303--- General cases

4711---- Women received ante-and post natal care

664----- Babies were delivered

480----- Community health education outreach visits were made to various villages

24158----- Total number of patients seen in our clinics from Janaury to November 2017



Busy pharmacy at free medical outreach at Lolito in July 2017

EDUCATION

Education is a key source for evangelism and discipleship. The key expectation is that we will be able to give not only quality education but also good moral teaching to the children who will become future leaders of the church and nation. The main school we support now is the Faithway Christian Academy of the Faithway Christian Church with a student population over 300 students. We have now started to support the elementary school started by the Papase Christian Church under the leadership of David Akpessey. We thank Dr. Jodie Ferise of University of Indianapolis, who led a team of students and teachers to construct a classroom block for the Papase School.



University of Indianapolis Students teach Papase school children

GCM in partnership with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is carrying out a research in school feeding in northern Ghana involving 1046 students in four schools. The manna pack rice made of rice, dried vegetables, soy and vitamins is donated to our mission. Two forty footer containers of rice were received this year with a third one waiting in the harbor in Tema, Ghana to be cleared in early December. We thank FMSC for their partnership with

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Our goal in community development is to empower the communities to take responsibility for their long-term wellbeing, spiritually and materially. GCM in partnership with Feed My Starving

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Enoch prays for lunch to be served to children at Obanda School

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM 2017)

I thank God, the GCM Board, all our partner churches and individuals who prayed, fasted, hosted Lydia and I and other GCM Staff and donated sacrificially to make ICOM 2017 a resounding success on many fronts, with over 8000 in attendance. As president, I spent close to 6 months in the U.S.A, traveled over 15,000 miles to 12 universities and dozens of churches to promote global missions with emphasis on reaching the remaining 6996 Unreached People Groups. Special appreciation to the churches and individuals who gave close to \$30,000 towards the air tickets of the seven of us who attended from Ghana, the expanded GCM booth and other expenses. I cannot leave out Dave Empson and the

staff of ICOM who gave me immense moral, spiritual, technical and logistical support. **TOGETHER**, God's plan to redeem the world remains a theme applicable to our lives as individuals, churches and groups committed to reaching the world for Christ.



Enoch and Lydia with Pastor Mont at Westbrook Church, south of Chicago

VISION FOR 2018

As we thank God for the progress made in 2017, we envision a sustained and improved effort in 2018 and beyond. The following are projected goals for 2018 and beyond:

- ❖ To continue with preparatory work towards relocating Joshua and Godfred as a church planting team among the Chakali People Group in Upper West Ghana.
- ❖ To replace four old motorcycles with new ones at a cost of \$3,000 per motorcycle.
- ❖ To continue the fund for the purchase of an additional pickup truck to meet transportation needs in visiting the churches and clinics. We currently have two trucks purchased in 2005 and 2014. The cost of a new truck is \$25,000.

- ❖ To work with IDES and other donors to provide clean drinking water for 4 communities in northern Ghana.
- ❖ To continue the process of a succession plan which should result in a smooth replacement of Enoch as director in the next 5 to 8 years. The vision is to mentor and hand over to a 30-40year old evangelist with a graduate degree in missions who has potential and ability to lead well.
- ❖ To support 6 students in pastoral and missions training in Ghana. More trained and competent leaders are needed in opening frontiers of the Gospel in Ghana, Burkina Faso and other nations north of Ghana.
- ❖ To hold two seminars in the history and values of the Restoration Movement to instill deep values of biblical non-denominational Christianity among GCM staff and other church leaders.

CONCLUSION:

We thank God for His grace that empowers us to do all the above and we pray for more grace to do even more in 2018 and beyond. We also thank and appreciate all the churches and individuals who partner with us in prayer, visits, finances and other ways to make the ministry functional and dynamic. Without our donors, we could not survive financially to continue to serve. Together we form a winning team for our Lord, the initiator and perfecter of missions. To Him be all the Glory.