



Newsletter september 2025



Dear friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International

The holidays are over and the first signs of autumn are already visible. Our last newsletter was in May 2025, so it's time for a brief report on the past few months.

After Brother Donald Kok's departure from Ghana, the music lessons he gave in Accra have been taken over by local teachers, and the two young people who learned the basics from Donald have continued with them. Rev. Cennick's son is now also being taught how to play the drums, so the loud sound is assured for the next generation.

As we already mentioned in the May 2025 newsletter, Rev. Cennick visits our churches in Sunyani and Berekum. There he teaches Bible lessons to our pastors, leaders and the new generation of young leaders. He started doing this at the end of June and last month (August) he went for the second time. This seems to be a very good arrangement because he inspires and encourages them and teaches them from the Word.



Project Update

In June, after an endless and sometimes seemingly hopeless period of repairs, the trotro taxi bus arrived in Accra. In August, we started operating the taxi service in Accra. Thanks to various donations, this has become possible after five years of inactivity.



Our pastor's wife's shop in Sunyani is also starting to bear fruit. They can keep the family going with the proceeds, the bills can be paid and the school fees for the children can also be paid. It is wonderful to see that micro-projects are bringing change in the lives of our church members, but also beyond.

Other good news

Last year, we helped two sisters from our church in Accra to pay their rent. Due to unexpected circumstances, they and their child were left homeless. In addition to the rent, we helped them set up two small micro-projects. This year, they are managing to pay the rent themselves with the income from these projects and are also able to provide for themselves.

Difficult circumstances

Sometimes, and often, we have to make decisions by letting our hearts speak above our minds. From our Western perspective, it is often difficult to realise how these people live but once you have seen and experienced it, you can no longer ignore it. We realise that we cannot bear the suffering of the whole world, but your heart breaks when you are confronted with the hopelessness and need of the many brothers and sisters there.

This sometimes leads us to make choices that are urgently needed, but where we do not know in advance how we will manage financially. The remarkable thing is that God always provides what is needed. Thanks in part to your support, we are making this possible together!

Trip to America

Rev. Wim was in America from 8 August to 18 August to give talks and Bible studies at the “Iglesia Fuente de Vida”, which means “Church of Living Water”, led by Ps. Ricardo Torres. He is a good friend of ours. Pastor Joel is his co-pastor and board member of Houses of Hope Ministries Int.

Wim was invited by a group of wealthy American Christians to give a speech at the historic ‘Cosmos Club’ in Washington DC. This organisation has supported us over the past year. Together with Pastor Joel Santana, Rev. Wim was able to present Houses of Hope Ministries Int. in a dignified manner.

It was a very special evening during which he was able to share his testimony, calling and vision and share a short Word. Through photo collages and personal conversations, he was able to explain which projects their donations are spent on. In 2026, they will once again support us financially, which we are very happy about.



The plan to fly from America to Suriname to encourage the Houses of Hope Int. churches there was cancelled due to the long flight time and high costs. Hopefully, this can be rescheduled for the beginning of next year.

In addition to all the positive news, we also have a number of prayer topics.

In recent months, there have been many sick people in our churches. Malaria is one of the most common problems. It is necessary to go to the hospital to be diagnosed and then buy medication. Our people often wait much longer than is reasonable because they do not have the money for the laboratory tests and to buy the necessary medication. They then often become seriously ill and may even die.

Typhoid is another disease that is becoming increasingly common because the drinking water in Ghana is contaminated. Our people are also affected by this because bottled water is far too expensive and it is not always possible to boil the water. I know from experience that you can become seriously ill and even die if you do not receive the right medication in time.

Colds or bronchitis-like symptoms are also common due to the polluted air caused by exhaust fumes. The petrol shipped to Africa is often adulterated with other cheaper but toxic liquids, which cause many lung problems.

Rev. Cennick's mother had a brain haemorrhage last month and was admitted to hospital for the second time at the end of August due to paralysis. She died on 5 September as a result of this. Cennick has only one sister and, as the only man in the family, is responsible for his mother. Would you please include them in your prayers?

The intercessions we ask for are that God will protect and heal our brothers and sisters. The second intercession is that God will provide extra finances, because these are costs that you cannot foresee or prevent, but we feel that as a diaconal church we have a responsibility for our sheep.

We are grateful for your involvement, prayers and donations, which make it possible to continue the work in Ghana.

Kind regards, also on behalf of our teams in Ghana.



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