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Friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International

December is here, and it's time to look back on what has happened over the past year within and outside the ministry of Houses of Hope Ministries Int.

It has been an exciting year with highs and lows. One of the highlights of the past year was the annual Easter Conference, where young and old from our churches and from outside them could meet and be encouraged during this event. During these days, we had joint prayer meetings, gatherings, shared meals and of course washing up. Through these fellowships with each other, community is built and faith is strengthened.

Another highlight is that we had foreign visitors again this year, who encouraged the churches in Ghana with their visit. This year, they were Elder Donald Kok from Evangeliegemeente Reveil in Lelystad, the Netherlands, and Pastor Joël Santana from the United States, from Iglesia Fuente de Vida church in Aberdeen. Donald made a wonderful contribution by giving bass guitar lessons in our church in Accra, and Pastor Joel during his speeches at the Easter Conference in Berekum.

The invitation for BSH. Wim to come to Washington DC and speak at a gala evening organized by an American Christian organization was also a highlight. Here, God has opened doors that will have an impact in the short term.

Churches

There are also positive developments in our churches. For example, Rev. Cennick started visiting the churches in Berekum and Sunyani every two months this year. He spends a week with them to encourage the pastors and leaders and teach them God's Word.

HoH Church Accra

The church in Accra is experiencing positive developments. After the Easter conference, there was an unprecedented increase in new people attending the church in Accra. Gradually, this has declined again because there is little work to be found in Accra and people have found jobs outside the city.

Throughout the year, a team evangelizes in Accra. In September, we had a week of street evangelism in Accra. As a result of this week of street evangelism, four people, including a few married couples, were converted and are now actively involved in the church programs in our church in Accra.



HoH Church Sunyani.

The church has good leadership and a growing number of members. These brothers and sisters are faithful in their church attendance and are also involved in Bible study evenings and prayer meetings. As a result, people's faith grows, they learn from the Word, and their spiritual depth increases.

What we see happening in Accra, we also see in Sunyani. People regularly leave because they have found jobs in other places.

Another point that requires our attention for the church in Sunyani is that a good sound system and keyboard are needed. Worship is very important within the churches in Ghana, especially when the church is growing.



HoH Church Berekum.

The church in Berekum is also experiencing growth. The young leaders are very active. Through regular street evangelism by the youth leaders and young people from the church, a number of young people have been converted and now attend church regularly. Many of them are students and eager to learn. The youth leaders guide them in Bible teaching. Older people have also been converted, not through street evangelism, but because they were brought to church by family members.



Pastor Daniel and his wife and two of the Youth leaders.

In Berekum, we also need a keyboard, and the sound system needs to be improved because people love worship and rhythm and dancing for God. We have a number of people who can play the keyboard in the church in Berekum.

Over the past year, we as churches have had to help more people in our diaconal role. This year, we have had to deal with many more brothers, sisters, and children who have been struck down by illness than usual. Often it was malaria, diarrhea, or typhoid caused by contaminated drinking water or food. This required examinations in hospitals and laboratory tests, and medicines had to be purchased so that these sick people could be cured.

Distributing food has also demanded more of our efforts because the prices of rice, oil, and other foods are unaffordable for many of our people.

Another need is English Bibles. The NIV or NKJ translations are often used in Ghana. Most young people who come into our churches do not have a Bible. It is almost impossible to buy Bibles from our monthly donations because we are also experiencing a decline in gifts and donations this year. It is possible to send Bibles to Ghana, but the shipping costs by boat are also quite high.

In August, the mother of Apostle Cennick suffered two strokes and passed away shortly thereafter on September 5. She had one son, Apostle Cennick, and one daughter, Mina. The father was never in the picture. As a result, Apostle Cennick, as the only son, was solely responsible for arranging and paying for the funeral ceremony.

Thanks to donations from a number of churches and brothers and sisters in the Netherlands and America, he was able to bury his mother in a dignified manner according to Ghanaian traditions.



Bishop Wim flew to Ghana in October to assist Cennick with the funeral as spiritual leader of the Houses of Hope churches ministry. Bishop Wim also used this trip to speak with various people within and outside the ministry in Ghana.

Financially, it has been a difficult year because we have noticed that donations and gifts have decreased. The churches are developing positively, but so is the care for the largely poor people in our churches. That is quite a concern, but at the same time we are also grateful for all the support you have given us over the past year, spiritually through your prayers and practically through your gifts and donations.

Our prayer points for the coming year are spiritual protection for us and our team of pastors and leaders in frontline ministry. Attacks are nothing new to us!

Another topic of prayer is that God will touch people's hearts and give them compassion for the work we are privileged to do by grace and to (continue to) support with a monthly gift or a quarterly gift and/or a one-time gift or donation, remembering what is written in Proverbs 3:28: "Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you."

What a call/command to show mercy to your neighbor, your brother, your sister, and others.

We and our teams in Ghana, Suriname, and America wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and blessed 2026. We pray that you may all be a blessing to those around you!



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