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Friends of Houses of Hope Ministries International,

Spring has flown by and summer vacation is already behind us. Much has happened in the past few months.

Visit Apostel Cennick Boateng

In mid-May until early June, **Apostle Dr. Cennick Boateng**, Senior Pastor of our mother church in Accra and overseer of our other churches in Ghana, visited the Netherlands.

He had been invited to fulfill several speaking engagements to strengthen relationships. We had wonderful, blessed meetings at: Maranatha Int. Amsterdam, Save Haven Church Amsterdam, Charisma Int. Almere, Levend Water Lelystad en Evangeliegemeente Reveil in Lelystad



We also organized an interchurch pastors' and leaders' breakfast at the building of Evangelie Gemeente Reveil in Lelystad. Various invited pastors and leaders, from both within and outside the country, were present to see and hear what God is working out through the ministry of Houses of Hope Ministries Int. — from 2001 as co-pastors in Peru, and from 2005 as pastoral couple in Suriname, the Netherlands, America, and Ghana.



We had a beautiful time together, with good fellowship in which relationships were strengthened and new ones were built.



In the days that followed, there were several meetings and discussions with a view to the developments of the HoH churches in Ghana and beyond.

Visit to the USA

Bishop Wim has been invited to travel to Washington, USA, in early September to meet with the Archbishop in the Anglican Episcopal Church. This Archbishop has himself worked in Africa for many years and is involved in the organization of a Protestant group that invited Bishop Wim last year to deliver a speech during their gathering at the historic "Cosmos Club" in Washington DC.



Archbisship McManamin

Several Bible studies and speaking engagements are also scheduled at the church of Ps. Ricardo Torres, "Iglesia Fuente de Vida," Maryland.

Armenia

In May, our student Jake Agyir from Ghana graduated as a physician from the University of Yerevan in Armenia. From there, he flew to Ghana to complete his final practical weeks at one of the hospitals in Accra.

In mid-August, he had to return to Armenia, where he will serve for six months as a physician in civilian service for the Armenian government, as compensation for the Armenian government having paid half of his tuition fees. After this period, he will receive his medical diploma. In April 2027, he will fly back to Ghana to work as a doctor in one of the hospitals.

Floodings

In mid-June, the capital Accra and surrounding areas experienced severe flooding due to extreme, prolonged rainfall. Homes were submerged, cars were swept away, with all the distress that entails.

A number of our families were affected. After a week, they had things somewhat back in order when disaster struck again and their homes flooded for a second time. The few possessions they had — mattresses (often slept on directly on the floor), chairs, simple couches, refrigerators — were completely ruined. With a few donations, we were able to offer some relief.

After the water recedes, pools of stagnant water often remain. Stagnant water is a breeding ground for malaria and dengue mosquitoes, causing many more people to become ill.



Churches

The church in Accra

The church is doing well. We are grateful for stable, spiritually well-equipped, solid leadership. The church is an active, praying church where new people find their way. Naturally, there are situations — spiritual and practical — that call for improvement.

The church in Sunyani

This is a stable church with regular evenings of Bible study and prayer. However, Pastor Emmanuel's wife continues to suffer from a displaced vertebra in her lower back, which causes significant pain and now also affects the functioning of her arms and neck. This is a considerable hindrance for her activities as a pastor's wife, and her reasonably successful micro-project has also suffered, resulting in a decline in income along with mounting medical and medication costs. Nevertheless, Pastor Emmanuel and his wife remain positive in life, placing their hope and trust in God.

The church in Berekum

The church in Berekum recently held a three-day retreat where Bible studies on various topics were discussed. Pastor Daniel and his wife, along with Pastor Paul, are responsible for the church activities.

Students

Additionally, Brother Abraham, one of the young leaders from Berekum who studies at the University of Cape Coast, returned to Berekum during the university's vacation period. Together with Brother Christopher, another young leader from the church in Berekum, he spent the past weeks evangelizing and is actively involved in church activities.

Brother Christopher also hopes to begin his first year as a student at Cape Coast University in September. Young people with passion and dedication!

At this university, Brother Abraham is active. He has started a prayer group that now has ten young people participating. They are praying that more students will give their lives to Jesus. In the coming semester, they will begin evangelizing on the University of Cape Coast campus!

"When God's Spirit has touched you, you cannot sit still!"

Micro Projects

The various small micro-projects are doing reasonably to well. The sisters and one brother who received support over the past year to start or expand these projects are now able to generate additional income for their families. We have great respect for Ghanaian women. They often stand on their own — **they are power women!**

Health

The health of many people concerns us. We deal with many sick individuals within the ministry. Malaria and typhoid are common. Anyone, even if perfectly healthy, can contract them. Contaminated water and infected food are often the cause.

People go to the hospital too late because they lack the money to pay for examinations and medication. As a result, they are often already seriously ill and require several days on an IV drip before they can transition to regular medication. Often they do recover, but not always.

Young children are also frequently ill. On one hand, this is related to the causes described above, but on the other hand, the monotony of their diet — often just rice or yam without vegetables — causes additional problems. Problems born out of poverty. Hospital and doctor costs are growing beyond what we can manage.

Diaconal Church

Caring for the flock of our churches in Ghana carries an extra dimension that we, in our Dutch churches and elsewhere, can hardly comprehend. The diaconal aspect plays a much larger role because people have little or no income. The system of basic social security and health insurance will take generations before it becomes a reality in Ghana — if it ever does.

AGAPE Love

Looking out for your neighbor and showing compassion. Leading people to Jesus is a commission. Loving and caring for your neighbor is a commandment that comes with a price: an all-sacrificing love... where you sometimes have to set aside things in your own personal life, especially when we have had the privilege of leading these brothers and sisters to Jesus.

We are grateful that churches and individuals support our work worldwide. We ask you to continue standing with us in prayer for the work that we and our team of pastors and leaders are privileged to do in Ghana.

We thank you for all donations and gifts that we have been privileged to receive from you in recent months.

With much gratitude,



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