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THE JOURNEY OF A MILLION MILES

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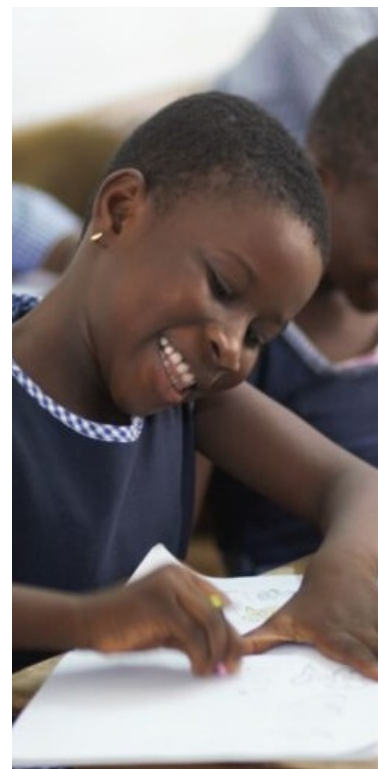
Dear Cherished Readers From Ghana & Abroad,

In these confusing times, where the outbreak of Corona virus is affecting lives across the world, we pray with you for GOD's strength during these critical times. For residence outside Ghana, we would like to inform you that the situation in Ghana is fairly stable.

We currently have about 378 people infected with the virus. Approximately 80% of people who contracted the virus were imported infections from abroad. The Government has taken strict measures in time to ensure that the virus does not spread further.

The measures include a partial lock-down until the 19th of April 2020 which may be extended. People may only leave their homes for essential daily needs. In the coming weeks it will become clear whether the approach taken by the Government has paid off and whether the impact of the virus on Ghana will be contained.

As a Foundation, we are currently taking it step-by-step, our fieldwork has temporarily been suspended and we hope to be able to get back into normalcy soon.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT PROJECT

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far, in the process of contributing and still contributing to the “School Transportation Project for Africa. We are grateful for all the immense help we have received so far. At the moment we have collected a little over 120 bicycles in the Netherlands, solicited donations of 2415 EUR for shipment and logistics, and hope to reach our target soon. We are not there yet, but we have had a good start!

The goal is to organize and ship a 40 feet container full of bicycles (approximately 400-500 bicycles) for children and teenagers living in rural areas of Africa with the pilot program to be rolled out in Ghana. In rural areas, children and teens often have to walk long distances to attend schools. This is due to the unending trend of unplanned settlements emerging on virgin lands as a result of poverty and the people's inability to afford the cost of living in developed townships. The trend of re-settlement of people on the African continent remains the only choice of survival for poor families who cannot afford the standard of living in organized settlements.

Governments in Africa find it difficult to create supporting budgets for these sparsely populated settlements due to limited financial resources for these settlements and the unplanned nature of their emergence. This leaves these settlements with inadequate or no social amenities including but not limited to schools, clinics/hospitals, drinking water, electricity etc.

Alternative modes of transportation for children to get to school are via private motor bike owners operating as motor-taxis, vehicle-taxis, buses, often not available and when available, are beyond the financial ability of these poor families to afford which leaves them with the only option by foot to travel distances to school.

By your donation of bicycles in kind or cash, we want to help children and teenagers from poor communities in Africa attend school every day without missing school lessons. This will improve their academic performance, help them pass satisfactorily their regional examinations, pursue tertiary/higher education, compete fairly for jobs in the local economy, earn fair wages, help their families come out of economic hardships and break the generational cycle of poverty (which is often not the case in typical deprived African community settings because they continually fail examinations and unable to pursue higher education). We hope to contribute to a greater future of these children to increase literacy rate and formal employment, leading to poverty alleviation and the economic growth of their societies.

The donated bicycles remain property of beneficiary schools. The schools will take full responsibility of bicycles which includes periodic maintenance. In this way, the lifespan of donated bicycles are increased with each bicycle serving several students over a couple of years. The bicycle is an investment to help these young ones attain a brighter future.

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CHILDREN & TEENS MEDIA EVANGELISM OUTREACH

We are faced with a challenge across the globe where more than 80% of content aired on television media are inappropriate for the development of children/ teens across the world leaving little or no alternatives available. Television Media and Radio Media are currently one of the main media channels in Africa for communication and education.

Internet data and smart phones are very expensive in Africa hence not affordable to the grassroots. Television and radio media therefore remain the most powerful communication tools.

7 years ago, Children & Teens in Worship Foundation commenced Children & Teens Evangelism Broadcasting on Ghana National Television Channel, GTV Life, which aired once every week but today, Children & Teens in Worship Foundation is reaching out to the young generation with the Love of God daily via Ghana National Television. We are calling for partnership and support to enable us sustain the impact we are making in the lives of the younger generation, as we raise a new generation in the truth of God's Love that surpasses all understanding.

More laborers are needed in the Lord's vineyard and we want to take this opportunity to invite you to join hands with us on this journey of a million miles we have embarked on, to lead the younger generation into an encounter with the truth of God's Love that surpasses all understanding.

DO HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP?

You can volunteer from anywhere in the world to help us make a difference in the lives of the younger generation. We need volunteers in these fields; language translation, graphic design, audiovisual presentation design, animation, video editing, project proposal development, cash flow statement development, book keeping, report writing, chaperoning children/teens workshop/seminars, serve as creative art skill development instructors (music, dance, poetry, movie making, script writing etc), rural Sunday School volunteer teachers, rural school academic teachers, social media profile management, fund raising volunteers, web developers, mobile application developers, system and software developers and more..

We would LOVE to hear from you. We need you to make a difference.



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The foundation has no fixed stream of financial income but it is dependent on ad hoc donations and sponsorships. The Ghanaian-Dutch couple, Mark and Petra, work with a group of volunteers in Ghana and abroad who make their precious time available for the activities, goals and objectives of the Foundation.

The workload of the Foundation is increasing, as new opportunities to touch lives continue to cross our path. We need major support in administration management and media evangelism broadcasting activities on the Ghana National Television Channel, GTV-Life. The support can be in kind and periodic donations to sustain the impact we are making in the lives of the younger generation. You are welcome to become a partner and be part of this vision.

WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER...

In our next newsletter we will tell you about other projects we are currently running, such as:

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM -

Funding education of children/teens from poor families

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM - Supporting disadvantaged and underdeveloped schools to improve the quality of education.

COMMUNITY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT -

Establishing local sports clubs in vulnerable areas to enable children and teenagers develop sporting skills to compete for career opportunities across the globe.



GET INVOLVED!

The Children/ Teens in Worship Foundation is generally run on the goodwill of our team as well as our partners, patrons and volunteers. However our team, partners, patrons and volunteers are never enough to do it all and we are more than happy to hear from you on your decision to help us make an impact in our bid to reach the world with the unconditional LOVE of GOD that surpasses all understanding.

We have different projects and we pray you find a way through a project of your choice to touch the lives of the generation today and beyond.

We look forward to hear from you soon on how you can help us make a difference!

Contact us today, let us join hands in touching Lives! Become a partner, let's change lives and impact our world.



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