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#### Lighthouse Newsletter

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**Board Report** 

### **Redeemed Vocational School**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD! Psalms 31:24 ESV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. 2 Tim. 1:7 CSB

Unfortunately, life in Haiti has not improved since our last newsletter. After the president was assassinated, kidnappings multiplied, the availability and price of fuel fluctuates, and we all live with fear. Living life



Mechanics Class



with the very real possibility of danger is a very different way of living than many of us have ever experienced. I can't tell you how to navigate it - how to make decisions for yourself and those you're responsible for. I can only tell you that we're living one day at a time. Today we live in Haiti. todav we have a ministry that God gave us, and today God protected us and our loved ones. Today, by the grace of God, Redeemed Vocational School is still thriving and classes continue as if we live in a safe country. We have so much to thank God for as we await the promised peace and deliverance of the return of Jesus!

Politically, all the people appointed by President Jovnel have been forced out of the government and the 'opposition' is in power once again. This whole security catastrophe was caused by a power struggle in the government for who controls the government contracts. There's a surprising amount of money - literally billions- that could provide all the infrastructure Haiti needs if it were used for this country instead of lining the pockets of a few of the rich and powerful.



Sewing class



Sewing class wearing dresses they sewed

We still haven't had elections for the next president, and we could be faced with even more chaos before that happens. We don't know the future, but we've placed our lives in the hand of God and we keep taking one step at a time and trusting God for each new day.

Last year we didn't have a graduation because of COVID restrictions so we were doubly excited to celebrate again this year. Over 80 students graduated the past two years and it was so good to celebrate some good and to count our blessings. Our students are mostly from our town but this year we had a few from back in the mountains, and even one from a small town across the lake. Adults and young people that God entrusted us with. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our teachers and office staff who worked so diligently to get us to this point, and especially to God who has so richly blessed us.

Our classes have grown significantly in the past few months. Since going to Port has become so risky we have more students staying local to study. So, even though life in Haiti is difficult and many missions have chosen to leave for now, we thank God that Redeemed Vocational School is not only surviving but also thriving by the grace of God.

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph



Graduation award

### Letter of Appreciation



Emmanuel at graduation

With great pleasure and a heart full of gratitude, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the Directors of Lighthouse Educational Assistive Fund (LEAF) program for the assistance offered me to pursue my tertiary education.

My name is Emmanuel Kofi Tettey. I am a Ghanaian. I live in Cape Coast, a city in the central region of Ghana. I was selected to be a beneficiary of the Lighthouse Educational Assistive Fund program in 2014. This offered me the opportunity to secure admission into Kumasi Technical University (formerly Kumasi Polytechnic), where I pursued a Higher National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Power Systems major and completed in 2017.

The financial assistance I had through the program played a momentous role in my academic achievement. It enabled me to give undivided attention and focus to my studies and issues that were consequential to my success. I was able to purchase the tools, instruments, components and materials I needed for my practicals and project works. This gave me a better understanding of the relationship between electrical and electronic engineering and how they can be fused to solve technological problems in our contemporary world.

Additionally, I was able to attend all the educational trips organized by my department to enrich our understanding of the concepts and theories we studied in class. In one of those trips, we visited Aboadze Thermal Plant: an electrical power generating station in the western region of Ghana and there we had the opportunity to visit their control room. It was very intriguing to see how the entire plant was being managed by a SCADA system, so I developed interest for industrial automation and control course in the future. These experiences were very helpful to me, they enabled me to excel in my academic work. Thus, I graduated as one of the best students in my year group.

Thank you very much for extending your generosity to me. I am sincerely grateful.

Emmanuel Kofi Tettey

# **Healing for Michael**

11 year-old Michael Gamano is in Ankaful Basic school and a member of Pilot program.

Michael was sent by his mother to buy something by the road side. Unfortunately a car knocked him and he had a broken bone on his left leg. He was admitted at the hospitals for six months and had two surgeries; it was a painful time for him.

Michael, his mother, his school and the entire members of Pilot program appreciate Mr. Arnold Frey and Mr. Delfred Weber for being a blessing to him, by paying his hospital bills and expenses.

By the grace of God and prayers from Lighthouse Ministries International; Michael is healed and now in school. Glory be to God.



Michael with his broken leg

Joyce Nana

# **LEAF** Program

There are 44 children currently sponsored by the LEAF (Lighthouse Educational Assistance Fund) program through IGI administrated by Williams Yirenkyi. Here are photos of all the children, along with their families and friends, enjoying a program together in December 2021.



Students with their family members and friends





William with students



#### Mailing Address Note

During the months of January and February there were some issues with mail delivery which may have caused your donation envelopes to be returned to you stating that the organization has moved. We have not moved and the address remains the same. Mail is again being delivered as expected. We appreciate your patience while this was getting resolved.

### **Board Report**

"Christ Dispels Fear – Spells Hope" (A quote on a sign I see regularly.) May we cling to that hope!

Greetings to all who read these pages!

We are grateful to God for His Goodness in sharing His love to the less fortunate through your financial support and prayers.

Pray that the staff can relate to the children in a way that they would desire to live for Jesus.

We feel blessed that the new home is able to touch more lives with better facilities.

Williams, our contact for the child sponsorship program came down with typhoid fever. Pray for his continued healing.

We are excited that some board members are planning to travel to

Ghana, Lord willing, April 6 – 14 for the annual Canadian & Ghanian board meeting. They will be seeing the new childrens' home for the first time! Pray for their safety and timely travel.

A hearty thank-you to Randy & Julia Snyder for their contribution during their four year term on the events committee! A special welcome to Brian & Marilyn Gingrich as their replacements.

And whosever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matthew 10:42

God bless you for your continued support!

On behalf of the board,

Kevin Weber

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