

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& Happy New Year

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Some widows with their food items

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



BENJAMIN TURKSON (EXEC DIR)

It is an undeniable fact that the year 2020 has been a very “difficult” year with the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic. This has dramatically changed our world and every facet of our lives and businesses were not left out including ours.

The most painful for us as a business was the loss of lives which globally stands as 1.82million deaths (WHO). For us every life is important, so the death of one person is not taken for granted.

However, as Christians the bible teaches us that in all things we should give thanks to God (1 Thessalonians 5:18) This pandemic has consolidated the fact that God is the ultimate person who can save us. All the complex medical systems in the world could not save

the valuable lives that were lost. Doctors and frontline workers did their best but it still did not stop people from dying.

The only person that can save us totally from this pandemic is Jesus Christ. For the word of God says in Jeremiah 32:17 “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all mankind, Is there anything too hard for me”? This means that nothing is difficult for God to do. I therefore beseech everyone reading this newsletter who does not know Jesus Christ to turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as their Lord and personal Saviour (Salvation Prayer, Pg 6)

I want to take this opportunity to thank God for his divine protection for our lives. I specially want to thank my BHA team for working very hard during these difficult times to realise our vision of “bringing hope to the hopeless”. Indeed, we have brought hope to a lot of people. The team has been so amazing. Without you we wouldn’t have come this far. I specially want to thank every member of Ghana Freundeskeis for their amazing support over the past year. It has been awesome working with all of you. God richly bless you for every support you have provided to help humanity. You have been absolutely fantastic.

I am very confident about the future and I look forward to a positive 2021 and we shall continue to bring hope to the hopeless.

I would like to wish you happy holidays and above all healthy 2021. Let me take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

DONATION OF PACKED FOOD TO INMATES AND OFFICERS OF THE ANKAFUL INFECTIONS DISEASE PRISON



The Blue Horizon Aid (BHA), made a donation of packed food to the inmates and the officers of the Infectious Disease Prison section of the Ankaful Prison in Cape Coast, the Central Region of Ghana. The donation was done on the 24th of December 2020 as part of the organization's core humanitarian drive. This forms a very important part of the organization as it seeks to support the needy and vulnerable in our society.

There was a total of one hundred and forty-six people made of sixty-two inmates and eighty-four prison officers involved. Each of them was given the packed food as part of Christmas celebration. The BHA does not want such special groups of people to be left out in the celebration of the festive season.

BHA was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Teye Kodzi. Mr. Kodzi is the project officer of the organization. Mrs. Kodzi accompanied him to serve as a support.

Receiving the items on behalf of the inmates and the officers, Supt. Roger Azanya, the director of this part of the prison expressed his appreciation on behalf of the rest of recipients and prayed the blessings of God for the entire team of BHA for remembering them in such a wonderful way. He recounted the fact that this donation was the second in the year 2020 and wished God's grace for the organization to enable BHA continue its good work in the coming year.

Supt. Roger Azanya gave the BHA representations the opportunity to share a message with the inmates. Mrs. Kodzi shared a message that talked about Jesus' birth and the reason for His coming into the world, which is to save the lives of sinners. She said since we are all sinners, we all need Jesus in our lives. She encouraged the inmates to submit their hearts to Christ so that He will enable them to live lives acceptable in the sight of God.

When the BHA team exchanged further pleasantries including taking of group photographs, they departed with joy and gratitude in their hearts to God for the opportunity to do something for the needy.



Group Picture - Mrs Teye Kodzi (third from left) and Mr Teye Kodzi (seventh from left) with some of the prison officers
Note: For security reasons inmates were not allowed to take group pictures

DONATION OF FOOD ITEMS TO THE WIDOWS, DISABLED, AGED AND THE SICK IN THE WEIJA COMMUNITIES



BHA donated food items to widows, disabled, aged, the sick and other underprivileged people in the Weija community in Accra on New Year's Day of 1st Jan 2021. The food items include bags of rice, oil and drinks. Mr Eric Turkson, a banker by profession and the brother of the Exec Director of BHA did the presentation on behalf of BHA.

In his presentation, he mentioned that Christmas and this festive season is the time for giving. He said God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God

unconditionally gave us His son Jesus to die and save us from our sins, therefore Christians must also learn to give unconditionally.

He gave an account of Paul in the book of Acts 20:35 "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'".

In his closing remarks, He admonished them to believe in Jesus Christ as the main provider of anything they need and that they should not give up; For the word of God says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11

The beneficiaries expressed their joy and thanksgiving to God and BHA for the support given to them.



TITLE: PLACE YOUR ULTIMATE TRUST IN THE LORD

Memory Verses:

PSALMS 121:1-2 - "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth"

While it lies on the rock facing the sun with no feathers and its skin at the mercy of the sun, the eagle bangs its beak on the rock. Remember the beak is a source of power. It is with the beak that the eagle fights, attacks prey and rips through flesh. Due to its effectiveness, the eagle has a great deal of confidence in its beak. From birth, the beak has been reliable in winning the fights it has been involved in. The beak has played a significant role in overpowering its prey. It is no wonder that the eagle trusts in this reliable source of strength and power.

However, when retardation sets in, it becomes brittle and hence less effective in fighting and tearing through flesh. Banging the beak against the rock breaks it, and therefore gives the eagle an opportunity to grow a new beak.

As the eagle trusts in its wings and beak, so do many Christians trust in other things in their lives apart from God. Some trust in their careers, businesses, finances, education, families, spouses and physical assets more than they trust God. To grow spiritually, we must stop trusting in these natural, temporal things in our lives and place our ultimate trust in God. We need to break off what we think is our source of strength, and power and bare ourselves up to the mercy of God.

As you lift up your eyes and look up to God, He will surely provide all your needs. He will protect you and your family. The sun shall not smite you during the day nor the moon at night. Blessed shall you be as you place your ultimate trust in the LORD!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I lift my hands and surrender to You. My help comes from you Lord. In You alone I put my trust. Direct me in every step I take and in every way I go. May Your Will alone be made manifest in my life. Amen!

Salvation Prayer

Dear God in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus, I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins and the life that I have lived; I need your forgiveness.

I believe that your only begotten Son Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn from my sin.

You said in Your Holy Word, Romans 10:9 that if we confess the Lord our God and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, we shall be saved.

Right now I confess Jesus as the Lord of my soul. With my heart, I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. This very moment I accept Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior and according to His Word, right now I am saved.

Next Step - Get into a Bible-based Church



OUR CORE VALUES

Belief in God

We proclaim that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead.”



Excellence

“We will strive to be the best of the best in our service delivery. Exceeding Expectations will be our Hallmark.”



Respect

“Everyone has equal value. We will treat everyone with equal respect”



Credibility

“Trustworthiness, transparency, accountability, integrity towards all our stakeholders.”

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