

# BLUE HORIZON AID NEWSLETTER



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A successful school is one that provides a clean and safe environment for its students. School hygiene reflects in several ways; for example, waste management, cleaning services, and the overall health of students and staff. Blue Horizon Aid recognizes sanitation systems aim to protect human health by providing a clean environment that will stop the transmission of diseases. BHA in a bid to promote sanitation donated sanitary bins to Kotobabi No. 2 TMA JHS.

Lack of proper sanitation causes diseases and reduce the quality and function of life. Sanitation has become a very serious problem which poses danger to the individuals, families, communities and the nation at large. One of the major causes of poor sanitation is improper disposal of waste.

People dispose waste materials indiscriminately on the streets and there are not enough dustbins on the streets to dump waste into. One major negative effect of poor sanitation is its bad impact on health, and in this case the health of students. Improper disposal of waste can greatly affect the health of the population living nearby the polluted areas. Below, we're going to cover this and more!

# Executive Director's Message

The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate and love one another. One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone. [Galatians 6:2](#)- Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help. Jesus expects us to help others even when we don't feel the need to help. He expects us to love others just like he loves us. [Deuteronomy 15:11](#)-There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be open handed toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.



## READERS!

Thanks for being an inspiration and a support to our cause. We want you to know that your support has made us more driven than we used to be. It doesn't matter if you have a lot to give or a little, it's the heart that matters!

## GHANA FREUNDESKREIS!

Thank you Ghana Freundeskreis for all the support and encouragement in our lives. Thanks for being an inspiration to us and to others, As we express our gratitude, we want you to know that words are powerless to express our gratitude to you. Your kindness and generosity is overwhelming.

## HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS!

Let us wholeheartedly love the unloved, help the helpless, and bring hope to the hopeless. Keepsakes for the heart by doing little deeds of kindness!

# SALVATION PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

TITLE: LET IT GO

MEMORY VERSES

PSALM 39 :4-5 - MATTHEW 6 :14-15 - \* \_ “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you : But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” \_ \*

Unfortunately, people are rarely aware when hostility from one relationship affects their ability to get along with others. So, they try and try-unsuccesfully--to work out their differences with others, never recognizing the real source of the problem. Once they get tired of trying to change, they excuse their insensitivity as part of their personality and expect people to "work around" them. They develop a take me-or-leave-me attitude, and in the process, they hurt people they love the most.

Unforgiveness breeds a feeling of rejection. When a person is wronged in some way, whether in marriage, business, friendship, or some other relationship, a feeling of rejection occurs. “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15

If you do not forgive others who have offended you, your Father in Heaven will not forgive you. Today, I came to announce to someone that it is best to let go of everything that happened in the past. I know it's painful and it really hurts but you have to let go and move forward. I want to see you receive your blessings. Blessings of marriage, children, businesses, spiritual growth and all that God has in store for you in Jesus' name, Amen!

TITLE: LET IT GO

PRAYER

Father, I let go of every pain and heartache and I surrender it all to you.



# KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS

## BRIEF HISTORY OF KOTOBABI NO. 2



## KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS



The School was started initially in the year 1977 as a private school by Mr, Samuel Ocansey of blessed memory. He was also the founder of Christ Apostolic Church, Kotobabi No. 2 Assembly. He had the intention to educate the children of the early settlers who travelled from Ada to engage in farming activities. The school started with as little as 17 pupils and was later handed over to Ghana Education Service (GES), Tema District in 1982 with an increased student population of 144 with 4 teachers. The school since then has grown with an enrolment currently sitting at 1332. Kotobabi No.2 TMA JHS is made up of the a cluster of school with a kindergarten, two primaries A and B, and a Junior Secondary School.



# IMPORTANCE OF SANITATION

Hygiene, as defined by the WHO refers to ***“the conditions and practices that help maintain health and prevent the spread of diseases.”*** A school child educated to the benefits of sanitation and good hygiene behaviour is a conduit for carrying those messages far beyond the school walls, bringing lasting improvement not only to his or her health and well being, but also to that of the family and the wider community.

This is KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS, a government school located at Spintex in Accra. BHA witnessed a hideous sight for sore eyes when a visit was made to the school.

After witnessing such a gory scene it was extremely crucial to over-emphasize the importance of school health and hygiene in education.

Teachers need to be motivated enough and well informed on sanitation to be able to extend morals of cleanliness to the pupils



**SCHOOL COMPOUND TURNED REFUSE DUMP**





# DONATION OF SANITARY ITEMS

## KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS RECEIVES SANITARY BINS



### EXHIBITION OF SANITARY BINS FROM BHA



### BHA TEAM ARRANGING SANITARY ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

The BHA team visited Kotobabi No.2 JHS following a special request from the Head Teacher of the school. Mrs. Frances Agyeman Agyem besought BHA's Executive Director Mr. Benjamin Turkson to come to the school's aid in helping them maintain good sanitation in this era of covid.

Items donated included sanitary bins, bundles of tissue paper and gallons of liquid soaps and detergents.

Mayfair Adjei- Nkansah a team member of BHA in her speech mentioned how the team was grateful to the teachers for their persistence in helping the students.

She stated that the (Executive Director of BHA) Mr Benjamin Turkson, with help of the donors (Ghana Freundschaftskreis) was positively hopeful that work on the other projects would commence soon.



### BHA TEAM



The Headmistress (Mrs Frances Agyeman Agyem) stressed on how timely the Sanitary bins were and expressed great appreciation at the kind gesture of donating these items to the school.

The Management of the school who were present were The Headmistress (Mrs. Frances Agyeman Agyem) Adelaide Nyan (Assistant Head Teacher & English Teacher), Christine Lydia Armah (Science Teacher), Patricia Henfull (Social Studies) who warmly received the BHA Team with great excitement in anticipation of receiving the items.

BHA saw the extreme need to adopt a life skills approach being promoted with that in mind as well as classroom teachings. Having teachers motivated and well informed on sanitation to be able to extend morals of cleanliness to the pupils that has to go hand in hand with practice and that in turn demands that schools have adequate, clean and well maintained and facilities. Maintaining personal hygiene and sanitation is important for several reasons such as personal, social, psychological, health, etc.

Proper hygiene and sanitation prevent the spread of diseases and infections. If every individual on the planet maintains good hygiene for himself and the things around him, diseases will eradicate to a great level



**BHA TEAM WITH MANAGEMENT OF KOTOBABI SCHOOL FROM LEFT, MR MARK JUMPAH, MR PRINCE OPPONG, PEARL OHENE AMOAKO, CHRISTINE LYDIA ARMAH (SCIENCE TEACHER), ADELAIDE NYAN (ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER & ENGLISH TEACHER), CHRISTINE LYDIA ARMAH (SCIENCE TEACHER), PATRICIA HENFULL (SOCIAL STUDIES) AND MAYFAIR ADJEI-NKANSAH**



**HEAD TEACHER WITH BHA TEAM**







**KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS**



School hygiene is one of the primary necessities of any educational facility. School hygiene is a determinant of overall school attendance. This is true for both students and staff members, who attend KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS. Students go to school less frequently because of illness or a general distaste for attending a school that isn't cleaned properly or that isn't hygienic. A building that isn't hygienic can collect a significant number of bacteria over time. Considering the amount of people who go in and out of schools, this can be especially dangerous and can lead to sickness and illness for everyone involved.

Health-related policies should include the overall hygiene of a school. To promote hygiene within KOTOBABI NO.2 TMA JHS, it was necessary to support them with these sanitary items.



PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Observe social distancing; Avoid handshaking
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, dispose the tissue in a closed bin, and then wash your hands.
- Always wear a mask, particularly when leaving home.

Table 1: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 and Treatment Outcomes, Ghana as at 20 Sep 2021.

Category	Number of cases	Recovered/ Discharged	Severe	Critical	Dead	Active
Routine Surveillance	47,388	118,647	119	42	1,142	3,867
Enhanced Contact Tracing	76,140					
International travelers (KIA)	2,785	2,657				
Total	126,313	121,304	119	42	1,142	3,867

**\*\*Severe-119, Critical 42**

Table 2: Positivity rate by Surveillance type for samples tested in Ghana Mar 2020- Sep 2021

Surveillance Type	Total no. Tested	Total no. positive	Positivity rate
Routine Surveillance	427,999	47,388	11.1
Enhanced Contact Tracing	805,307	76,140	9.5
International travellers (KIA)	497,809	2,785	0.6
Total	1,731,115	126,313	7.3

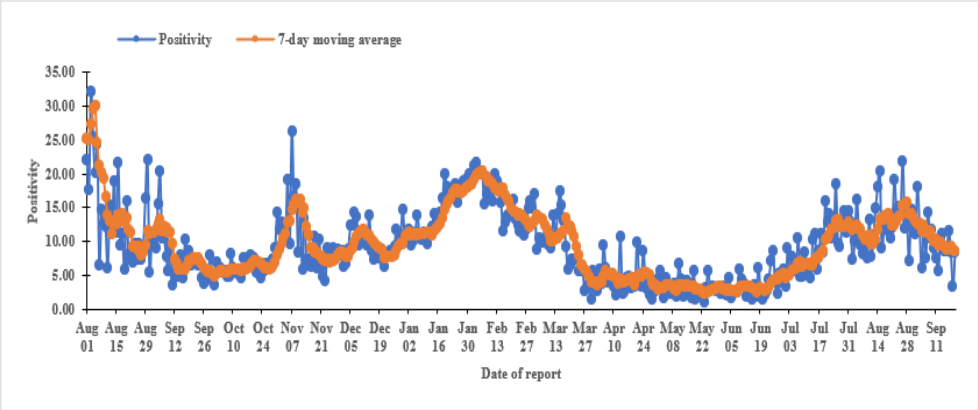


Figure 1: COVID-19 positivity rate in Ghana by date of report taken, 01 Aug 2020–20 Sep 2021

Source: MyJoyonline.com  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The country’s active Covid-19 cases have declined, data from the Ghana Health Service (GHS) says. According to the Service’s latest update, a total of 3,867 active cases were recorded in all 16 regions as of September 20.

Out of the cases recorded, 119 are said to be severe while 42 others are considered critical. Also, three individuals have died due to the pandemic. The additional casualties bring the country’s death toll to 1,142. So far, 167 new cases have been recorded. These cases were recorded in six regions and the Kotoka International Airport (KIA). Total Covid-19 confirmed cases is 126,313 and out of these cases, about 121,304 have recovered and have been discharged from the health facilities.

Meanwhile, the Ghana Health Service on Friday commenced vaccinating citizens who have not been inoculated against the virus in the Greater Accra Regional Health Directorate. The 5-day vaccination exercise also paves way for individuals who have received the first dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine to receive their second jab.



## 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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