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# CHRISTIAN MESSAGE TO READERS

## \*PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS\*

\*Scripture Reading: \* 1 John 2

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. \*1 John 2:29\*

The righteousness that we received by putting our faith in Christ must also be translated in our daily walk with the Lord. We must not just confess that we are righteous but consequently practice righteousness in all that we do.

The basic idea of abiding in Christ is that of dwelling. It is just like dwelling in a house. We are to dwell in Christ, in the kind of life He showed us how to live. He lived a righteous life, a life that was always right toward God and man. Therefore, we are to make our home in Christ, to dwell and move about in the righteous life of Christ. We are to be right with God and man just like He was.

If we know God is righteous, we will practice righteousness. The person who lives a righteous life is the person who knows God. God is righteous; His very nature is righteousness. Therefore, a person who lives a righteous life is the person who has the nature of God. He is the person who allows God's nature to be lived out and through his life. If a person does not have the nature of God, then he does not live out the life of God.

Just like every child inherits certain traits from their parents, so does every Christian inherit God's righteous nature. Although we know that God is righteous, we experientially come to know that certain people are abiding Christians by the righteous works they do.

We can always tell if a person knows God by the fruit and treasure of his life: Is he desirous of living a righteous life, a life just like Jesus Christ lived? Of course, we may fall short sometimes but our inner strivings should always be to imitate Christ.



Bishop Jonathan Ekuban

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are a righteous God. May my life reflect the righteousness I have in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen!



# BHA PARTNERS OLD STUDENTS OF KORLE GONNO ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC BASIC SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

BHA's Executive Director, Mr Benjamin Turkson paid a courtesy call to St Mary's Roman Catholic Basic School and met with some of the old students of the school. Helena who is an old student, reached out to BHA to assist them with some dire needs of the school. She and other old students wish to partner BHA in school development. Mr Benjamin Turkson immediately followed up by visiting the school in Korle Gonno, Accra. He had very good interactions with the children and also observed a lot during his visit.

He mentioned how happy he was that the old students had taken such bold measures to help the school. He agreed that there were lots of things that the school needed. Some of the challenges the school is facing are leakages of the ceiling, electrical wiring, desks for the pupils, repairing of school doors, windows and computers for the ICT lab.







**PUPILS IN CLASS**



**A KINDERGARTEN CLASS**





## DANIEL COMPLETES SEFWI BEKWAI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH THE HELP OF BHA

When Daniel gained admission to the senior secondary school, it was quite tough since he didn't have any support.

He nearly dropped out of school until BHA came to his rescue and restored hope by supporting him throughout his SHS education till completion in September this year.

He continued to make BHA proud by excelling in quizzes and his school exams.

He was the Asist. Boys Prefect while in school and headed the school debate, drama and beautification clubs.

BHA is proud to announce that Daniel has successfully completed Sefwi Bekwai Senior Secondary School through our support and waiting to further his university education.



**DANIEL IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**



**DANIEL 'S HOME IS A WOODEN KIOSK**

**BHA is always bringing hope to the hopeless hearts of many. Daniel dreams of practicing law in the near future**

### A RECAP OF DANIEL'S STORY (JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER)

All my hope was lost, when i was about to quit the Senior High School. Someone introduced me to the Executive Director (ED) of Blue Horizon Aid who supported me with money to transport me to school and some money for upkeep. BHA also supported me with some textbooks I needed in school.

During the lockdown, Executive Director also donated food items, hand sanitizers, nose mask and cash donations to support me in these difficult times.



Daniel lost his mom through a car accident, and had seen his dad only once for the past 20 years. Daniel had no decent place to sleep, no food to eat and sometimes only drunk water to sleep or slept without food.

He had no money to board transport from Accra to Sefwi Bekwai Senior High School which is about 386km (240miles) from Accra and about 8hours drive on a commercial transport.

Daniel Mensah was born on the 23rd December, 1999 and a student of Sefwi Bekwai Senior High School. He comes Aflao in the Volta Region of Ghana.

He started school at Sepfenufope RC Basic School at Aflao in the Ketu South Municipal Assembly.

I started from kindergarten one but stopped at primary one because my mother could not pay my examination fees. I stayed home for three years after which I went back to school. I started school again at the age of six.

Since I started school, I never wrote any end of term exams because I was owing both school fees and examination fees. I stopped schooling without moving to a new class. On 9th December 2009, I met my biological father for the first time when he came to his father's (my grandfather's) funeral. He left as soon as the funeral was over because he was residing in Nigeria.

In January 2010, I decided to follow a family member coming to live and work in Accra. She agreed to allow me follow her when my mother permitted me. When we arrived in Accra, we both got work at a laundry (I was 10 years then).

I worked for three months, and I decided to go back to school because I have been seeing my age mates going to school and speaking English and I wanted to do the same thing.

I spoke to my sister about it and she was ok with it so I got admitted to Klagon TMA Primary "A" Basic school at Klagon.

I started school again at the age of 10 in class one (1), meanwhile the normal age for being in class one is six years. Before the end of the third term in primary one, I was able to speak and write in English.

After the promotional exams, I was promoted to primary two. I continued from there to primary six.





During my second term in primary six, I lost my mother in a car accident. I travelled back to my hometown for her burial.

After the burial, I could not come back to Accra because the person I was staying with (the family member) had gotten married and left for Benin.

After staying in the village for some time, I decided to come back to Accra because my aunties and uncles were unwilling to help me go back to school because I was attending church at the village which is a taboo in the family, because my grandfather was a fetish priest. The only way they would help me is I should stop going to church.

I came back to Accra knowing very well that I have no place to sleep, no food to eat and water to drink.

Fortunately, I met Mr Appiah, my primary six teacher, who greeted me and he asked why I stopped the school and I explained everything to him. He then asked me to return to school the following Monday.

Meanwhile a friend had also offered to allow me to stay with him in a kiosk (wooden structure). He took me to see Miss Olivia Soglo, the headmistress of the Junior High School department when I went to see him.

She conducted a test for me to see if I qualify to be in form 1, after the test, she said I was good and I was admitted to JHS 1. Mr. Appiah (my primary six teacher) bought all the items I needed to start the school. I was promoted to JHS 2 after final exams in JHS 1.

I could not complete JHS two because I was owing a lot and Mr Appiah could not afford to pay so I had to quit school and look for a job (cleaning of people's houses, washing people's cars, weeding and running errands).

After working for some time, I decided that I needed a certificate and therefore, I have to complete at least the Junior High School. I got myself admitted to school and sailed to form three where I was made the school prefect.

The time came to pay registration fees for the BECE. I could not raise enough money to pay the fees.

At this point life was very tough because it was difficult to even get food to eat and I sometimes have to sleep on empty stomach and in some cases I have to drink water to sleep. By the grace of God someone paid my fees and I wrote my exams.





## UPDATE ON LAPTOPS DONATED TO OLD LASHIBI SCHOOL

In August last month GFK during their trip to Ghana in partnership with BHA donated Laptops to Old Lashibi school. The laptops were twelve (12) in number.

The Executive Director, Mr Benjamin Turkson stated that the donation from Ghana Freundeskreis would help support and encourage ICT learning in the school.

Present at the donation were the Assistant Headmaster, Francis Dotse, the teachers, as well as BHA and the GFK Team



They promised to teach students to use the laptops effectively to gain ICT skills.

The Assistant Headmaster thanked Blue Horizon Aid, and Ghana Freundeskreis for their kind gesture and assured them of greater care in managing the laptops .



**MR BENJAMIN TURKSON WITH GERD  
EIBACH PRESENTING LAPTOPS TO  
OLD LASHIBI JHS**



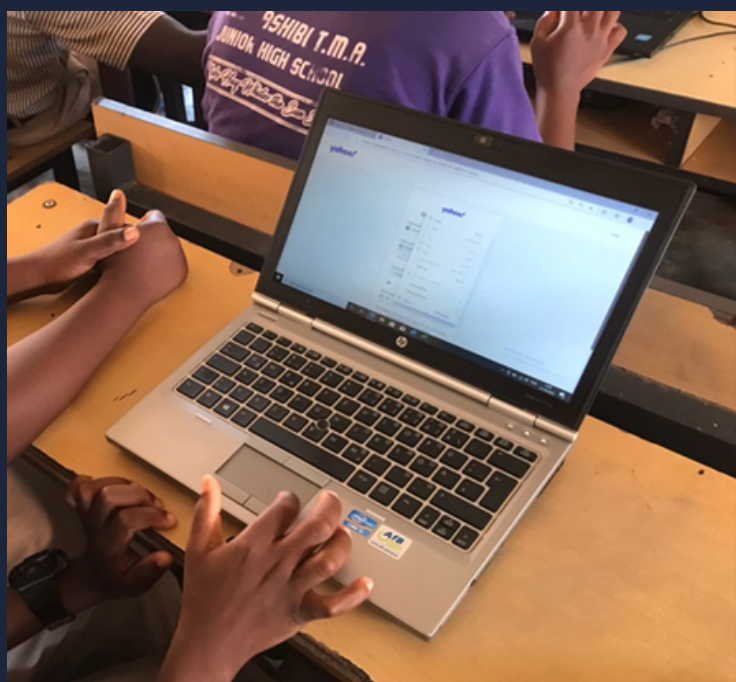


The BHA team made it a priority to pay the school a visit to check on the laptops and how well they were being used.

Some findings were also done to know how the donation aided their studies.

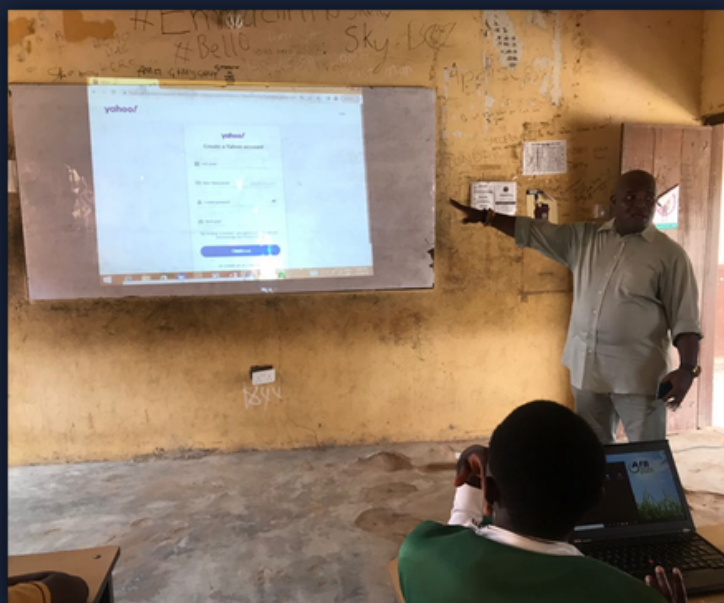


Students mentioned that one of the main benefits of the donated laptops are web accessibilities. They are able to go online and carry out research, which was useful for their presentations and assignments.



ICT teachers informed us that with the help of the laptops, during group projects, students are able to complete tasks quickly by working together in teams

The laptops are helping the students to learn in different ways. The students are now able to learn and understand various modules where the courses are taught resourcefully using online materials.





# GRATITUDE

BY BENJAMIN TURKSON

Psalm 100 :4 - Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Gratitude is a word used to express thankfulness and praise. Psalm 92: 1 - It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High. An attitude of thanksgiving has the power to fill us with hope and joy.

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift and not giving it. I want to thank Ghana Freundeskreis for their continuous generosity and support. I also want to thank you our readers for your time and effort in helping us get through these life changing endeavors.

We are overwhelmed with your forthcoming response and thanks to you, we have helped address dire issues of the under privileged. We are so thrilled and cannot wait to continue this journey with you. The Bible teaches us about the power of having a grateful heart. Psalm 50:23 - Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless, I will show my salvation.



## THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

MR BENJAMIN TURKSON

BHA is continually working and contributing towards ensuring an improved quality of life and quality education for the rural poor and needy.

**GOD ALMIGHTY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE AND WORK IN OUR LIVES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS AND FOR YOUR BLESSINGS OVER US. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS THROUGH BLUE HORIZON AID AND GHANA FREUNDESKREIS.**

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Trustworthiness, transparency, accountability and integrity towards all our stakeholders.

### BELIEF IN GOD

We proclaim that Jesus is lord and that God raised him from the dead.

### RESPECT

Everyone has equal value. we will treat everyone with equal respect.



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