



BLUE HORIZON AID

Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

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BHA donates desks to Kotobabi No 2 Junior High School



Infrastructural challenges in the country's educational sector get many worried because it is a means to develop the human resource base needed for major development.

"Ghana's Schools of Shame", an upcoming feature series on JoyNews by Jojo Cobbinah (journalist), highlight the country's education infrastructure challenges in some districts of the country.

The situation is not different in the Kpandai District in the northern region. Many of the children slum it hard on the floor even during examinations.

Kotobabi No 2 JHS in the Greater Accra region was not left out when the BHA team received a clarion call from the school to come to their aid in April 2003. The situation was very precarious when BHA team visited (details in April 2023 newsletter). Mr Benjamin Turkson, The Executive Director of BHA pledged his support to the school. The project was to fix the broken desks but only 10% could be fixed as the wood was weak for repairs. BHA decided to provide them additional new desks to aid teaching and learning.

In May 2023 thirty dual desks were donated to the school. This is expected to accommodate sixty children in one class. It was a sigh of big relief for the children of the school when the delivery van arrived on the school premises. It was all joy for the students as they all run to occupy the desks outside their classroom.

This dream was made possible through Ghana Freundeskreis (GFK). GFK partners BHA to provide development in deprived areas of Ghana especially in education, water and sanitation.

PHOTO GALLERY



Desks arrival on school premises



Desks being offloaded by Ensaam team



Emmanuel (Ensaam CEO) looking on



Aerial view of pupils occupying their desks after the presentation



BHA Exec Dir, Ben (Middle) , Mrs Agyem(Next to Ben to the right) with other teachers of the school



The management of Kotobabi No 2 has honoured Blue Horizon Aid. The Headmistress of the school Mrs Agyenim Agyem presented a certificate of Honour to Mr Benjamin Turkson (ED, BHA).

In her presentation she commended BHA for the numerous contributions it has made to Ghana especially in the area of education. She mentioned that the basic education in the country is faced with numerous challenges and her school is no exception. She thanked BHA for the donation of desks and pleaded for more support for the school in terms of more desks and other ICT equipment to enhance teaching and learning in the school.

In his response Mr Benjamin Turkson said, BHA gives thanks to the Lord for His continuous blessings and protection. He dedicated the certificate of honour to Ghana Freundedkreis. He said GFK is the main sponsor of all the developments BHA undertakes and without GFK there is very little BHA could have done. He entreated the management of the school to ensure that the desks are put to good use and also help to prevent them from being broken. He also said he believes this will go a long way to alleviate the congestion of pupils sitting on desks. Two pupils can comfortably sit on each dual desks to enhance teaching and learning.



Monthly Devotional Guide

TITLE: THE GOD OF POSSIBILITIES

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32

‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. Jeremiah 32:17

God is a God of possibility. He specializes in turning hopeless situations around. To trust Him is to accept a new mentality of possibility into your life. To trust Him is to change your perspective from limitation to abundance. He makes a way where there is no way and opens up streams in the desert.

Consider these stories. They can each be your story.

When Moses was eighty years old and well past the prime of his life, God looked for him in the dry desert and called him to a task of a lifetime. At the time when Moses had settled to a life of disappointed dreams and unfulfilled hopes, God stepped into his life and ordered an about turn. That turn led to the greatest emancipation program of all time. It is possible to have a new start when you are old!

Job had experienced the best of days and now he was in the worst of days. After working so hard to achieve success, he lost everything – wife, children, health, and business investments. In a short time, he fell from being the most successful man of his day to the most sorrowful man. In that place of hopelessness and disappointment, God stepped into his life and gave him a new life with a new family, health, and wealth. It is possible to regain what you have lost!

Peter denied Christ and saw Him crucified. Can you imagine the guilt of Peter! He was so full of guilt and disappointment for his failure that he abandoned the mission that the Lord had given him. Yet, on resurrection morning, Jesus remembered him and later restored him. The man who failed Christ was asked to ‘feed my lambs’.

Just remember this. It is possible to start late and finish well. It is possible to recover what the enemy took from you. It is possible to regain your mission in life!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, nothing is too hard for you. I trust you to let all things work out for my good. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

GOVERNMENT TO OFFSET DDEP LOSSES WITH \$1.5 BILLION



Ken Ofori Attah, Ghana's Finance Minister

The Finance Minister, Ken Ofori Atta has disclosed that the government will inject 1.5 billion dollars, into the National Stability Fund to help offset the losses incurred during the Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP).

The banking sector is predicted to lose about ₵41.3 billion to the DDEP, between 2023 and 2028 which has resulted in many banks struggling to stay afloat.

The debt restructuring exercise became crucial to help bring the country's debts to sustainable levels.

The program also became key to Ghana gaining access to a US\$ 3 billion credit facility, from the International Monetary Fund. (IMF)

In a press on the IMF engagement, Ghana's Finance Minister Ken Ofori Atta indicated that "with regards to the banks, yes, we went through the DDEP program, and we have all seen the effect on the banking sector and therefore the structure of the Ghana Financial Stability Fund which we intend to fund with \$1.5 billion".

Mr. Ofori Atta added that "\$250 million will come from The World Bank and the government will contribute \$500 million as we still speak to our development partners for them to participate in the exercise. As you know it was really crucial to be able to reduce the level of interest that we are paying to support our debt".

"The World Bank should hopefully, in the third quarter, be able to bring that initial support going forward, as you know we are running a budget deficit. We are also agreeing for zero financing for that so to continue to support the programs that we have is where the \$600 million will be deployed" he added.

He also indicated that "going forward, the issue of efficiency of government and efficiency of services to the people are going to be key, and therefore finding ways of ensuring that we are efficient in our deployment what we have will be very crucial".

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MAY 2023

1. Inflation - 41.2% (April) 45.0% (March) May - Not available yet as at Jun 10.

2. Interbank Exchange rate Monthly Average - **This month of MAY**

(GHC/US\$) - 10.9715

(GHC/GBP) - 13.5888

(GHC/EURO) - 12.0095

3. Interbank Exchange rate Monthly Average - **Last Month of APRIL**

(GHC/US\$) - 10.9516

(GHC/GBP) - 13.7624

(GHC/EURO) - 12.3043

4. Average Commercial Bank Lending Rate - 25.94% (May 2023)

5. 91 Days Treasury Bill Rate : 20.7996%

Source: Bank of Ghana (bog.gov.gh), statsghana.gov.gh

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BELIEF IN GOD WE

PROCLAIM THAT JESUS IS LORD AND THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD."

CREDIBILITY

"TRUSTWORTHINESS, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY TOWARDS ALL OUR STAKEHOLDERS."

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"