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**Ministering to the physical and spiritual needs in Ghana, Africa**

## FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE & TESTIMONIES

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of God's mercy and blessings on the Ministry. Our thoughts go back to the flooding that happened in June. Many of our good friends and loved ones were affected by the unusually high water. We had sent out a plea to our donors for help and were very humbled by your generous response of over \$35,000. We want to share with you, some of the testimonies of the people who received Flood Relief Funds.

Levi Chupp  
LHIM Office Administrator



This couple were staying in a mud building. During the flood, the back of their building came down. They are now staying at a place which has no conveniences, but they are managing it. They thank the one who came to their aid for such unexpected help! God bless them and be with them!



Ernest Eshun and his family say thanks to the donors for such a kind donation. May God bless them more and more and more.



During the flood, Auntie Kasewa's mattresses, bucket, trunk, kitchen items and many more items were taken away by the flood. She expresses her thanks for such kind donations. She said, "God bless you all!"

# THE RIVER IS COMING!!



*Flood waters rising quickly*

Psalm 46:1-3 declares, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear...though the waters thereof roar and be troubled..."

Little did we realize that normal Saturday morning, June 18th, how we would test this promise.

It came quickly. At 11:00am we heard shouting, "The river is coming!" Though we have seen this phenomenon before and had a little water in buildings, never had it come so fast. Soon it was rising inside the lowest school building. Staff and a few students worked to elevate books and electronics, never guessing it would reach 45 inches deep!

The water continued to rise until 5:30 that evening. Three of the five houses on the compound, the two school buildings, and even the school canteen and store had water inside. Most of the farm animals survived, but all pigs contracted a virus spread by the water and died several days later.

Behind the Living Hope compound, an invalid sat on her bed as the waters rose in her room. She called for help, but no one else in the apartment complex heard her before they left. Her bed started floating. Using her cell phone, she contacted a relative who came to her rescue. He and a friend tied a rope to the Living Hope school building pillar, waded through the rushing water to her apartment, and carried her piggyback to safety.



In the Abbina village next to the Living Hope compound, three houses collapsed and many had water damage. Eighteen of the 38 school staff suffered flood losses. In a village farther away, half of the houses were destroyed. Three bridges were taken out. One police officer lost his life.

Precipitation had been abundant this rainy season; however, that June morning it was not raining. Why then the flooding? The Living Hope compound is in the flood plain of five small rivers that converge into one and enter the sea. Widespread heavy rains in the north caused these rivers to swell, plus a dam was opened, turning the normal run-off into unprecedented high water.



Though the waters "roared", and we left the compound that night feeling like refugees, we experienced God's strength in so many ways. Fellow missionaries came immediately the next day to help with the clean-up and provide meals. Working diligently for four days, the teachers restored order in the school. The financial aid provided "a very present help in trouble" for replacing beds, furniture, appliances, and school-books. The flood waters left the buildings damp, paint peeling, and mold growing, so restoration continues bit by bit.

After receiving aid, Justina, the school cook, expressed, "We are grateful! It wasn't easy at all, but my children were able to replace their school things that got spoiled. God richly bless you for helping us."

~ by Evie Weaver

# REBUILDING & FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

*house project we are helping with proceeds from the flood relief money*



*Gertrude - Flood victim*

*Thank you will not be enough for what you have done for my family. We would like to use this medium to express our heartfelt gratitude. I am so grateful for the support you have showed us during the flood. We will never forget your aid and kindness. It is my prayer the Lord will also bless you all. I thank you all from the deepest of my heart for expressing the love of God through your donations. My sincere appreciation and gratitude. May the Lord Almighty bless you.*

*Letter of gratitude from Gertrude*



*The coconut trees, planted in spring of 2019 by the group from Illinois, are starting to bear!*



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*Mary Koomson, lost a lot items during the flood. She she slept on a bed sheet on the floor. She asked God blessings upon the Donors!*



*We are putting one end of the new barn to use. We should have broilers for Christmas! The rest of the barn is still under construction.*



**Thank you for supporting the work of this ministry through your prayers and financial gifts.**

**Please continue to pray for the native and American staff as they serve in Ghana.**

### **CURRENT NEEDS & PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- ~ A couple/family to help with maintenance and ministry
- ~ Pray for the children as they go to boarding school that God would guard their hearts and lead them
- ~ Bless house parents and staff for their faithfulness
- ~ Lift Living Hope Academy up in prayer
  - \* That each child would experience Jesus
  - \* Bless Staff for their faithfulness