## **Birthright of Ghana** As told by Doris Adom Asante

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THANK YOU BIRTHRIGHT INTERNATIONAL FOR THIS PRIVILEGE; I AM HONORED AND HUMBLED. WITHOUT YOU, THERE WOULD BE NO BIRTHRIGHT OF WEST CHESTER OR BIRTHRIGHT-GHANA.

> "We will show mercy to the poor and not miss opportunity to do acts of kindness to others, for these are the true sacrifices that delights God's heart".

- Hebrews 13: 15 (PTP)

### Population $\geq$ 31 million



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Ghana became an independent state from Great Britain on March 6, 1957.



### The national anthem of Ghana.

God bless our homeland Ghana And make our nation great and strong, Bold to defend forever The cause of Freedom and of Right; Fill our hearts with true humility, Make us cherish fearless honesty, And help us to resist oppressors' rule With all our will and might for evermore.:

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### BIRTHRIGHT SUCCESS IN THE DEVELOPING NATION OF GHANA

#### Ghana does not have

- Social Services
- Food Banks
- Government Housing
- Medicaid

Opening Birthright in Ghana 17 years ago was very difficult.

In fact, people told us we could not do it.

"Nice idea, but it will not work in Africa."

The concept of volunteering time or donating funds was not popular or common.



### THANKS TO YOU!

The facts were clear;

The truth is we did! And with your help, we are still doing it! You, our Birthright family, have been there for us.

You held our hands from day one.

You told strangers about us and made them our friends.

You made the difference.

You changed our story.

We are thankful to you for your:

- 17 years of prayer
- Love and friendship

- Financial donations
- Mailing packages of "baby stuff" to Delaware.
- Driving to Delaware to deliver "baby stuff".
- Purchasing our made-in-Ghana products.

We are open because of you!

### How do our clients get your donations?

Barrels are shipped to Ghana from ports in Philadelphia, PA. 6 to 8 weeks later the items arrive in Ghana and are cleared from the port.

They are then sent to a storage facility for customer pick up. We hire a car, pick up these barrels and take them to our office. We sometimes wash, iron and store baby items for our clients. Baby items are sometimes even mailed to clients who are hours away.

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# Empty barrels are used to store water.

Most people do not have running water in their homes.



Ready for Ghana







It's a miracle we are still open and fully operating during this pandemic.

Since January 1 to April 8, 2021 we have served 259 nursing mothers, handled 511 appointments and phone calls and know of 34 babies born.



### 17 YEARS OF BIRTHRIGHT'S IMPACT ON OUR NATION OF GHANA

Thousands of babies have been saved!

Mothers have had healthier pregnancies and babies! Families have been restored! Relationships have been saved! Some mothers in other African nations such as Togo, Benin and Nigeria have also benefited. We are a safe place for women/

girls when they need help.

### Hopeless to Hopeful Program Since 2017

- Provide skills for women / girls with a goal to become self-supporting.
- Provide equipment such as sewing machines or beautician supplies.
- Some of our mothers are financially challenged with no hope. For lack of a few hundred dollars, they are stuck in a life of poverty.
- With careful guidance and a small amount of funds, mothers have a future.
- In the past 4 years, 50 mothers have been given hope for a different future!

### Our plans for the future

- A 24 hour hotline in Ghana.
- More speaking engagements and signboards to Create more awareness of the help Birthright provides to mothers in difficult pregnancy situations.

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Sell more made-in-Ghana products to raise awareness and funds.

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For our 17th anniversary, our goal is to get a billboard on the major highway!

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Right now, we have 6 signboards that are (long) walking distances from the office.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP US!

- Invite us to speak at your fundraising events virtually or in person.
- Include a paragraph about Ghana in your newsletter.
- Display our made-in-Ghana products at your event tables.
- Share your ideas with us; we are always open to learn.
- Support us through material and financial donations.
- Most importantly, keep us in your prayers.

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"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV.

Birthright work is a work of ministry!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord". 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV.

## GOD DID NOT CALL US TO BE SUCCESSFUL; HE CALLED US TO BE FAITHFUL.

Finally, I would like to mention three amazing women who have been my role models and from whom I continue to draw strength and knowledge.

- Mrs. Ann Downs-Former Director of West Chester and current Board Member.
- Mrs. Joanne Dearlove-Former Director of West Chester and current Board Member.
- Mrs. Elaine Marshall-Former Executive Director of Leesburg, VA.

There are many other Birthright friends who have been a great support these past 17 years, so many who have been incredibly kind and helpful. Birthright-Ghana owes you all a tremendous debt of gratitude.

You are the reason we are still encouraging all mothers to have their babies!

We are making a difference together and saving lives with love  $\heartsuit$ 





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