

5-DAY MISSION WORK IN NORTHERN GHANA

Summary Report:

GHANA MISSION TRIP UPDATES - ACTS 2:45 MINISTRY @ PHILO ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

[The Acts 2:45 Ministry at the Philo Road Church of Christ](#) embarked on a mission trip to Ghana and teamed up with leaders of the Bomso Church, Kumasi to visit congregations in the Northern part of Ghana, from 11th to 15th May, 2024, to encourage and strengthen brethren to be resilient in the faith. The team donated study materials, clothing and communion items. In addition, lands and buildings acquired for them by the Bomso Church were duly inspected due to reports of encroachment on the lands. In all we visited 18 communities across three different regions over the 5-day period.

Communities visited in each of the three regions of Ghana:

1. **Upper East – 3** (Paga, Navrongo and Zuarungu)
2. **Northern – 12** (Yendi, Tatale, Zabzugu/Tasundo, Andoyili, Barchebordor, Gulnyansi, Makayili, Lepusi, Bimbila, Nakpa, Duuni, Gmagmamtibdo & Kpasani)
3. **Savannah – 3** (Damongo, Sawla and Bole)

In addition, two new souls (a couple), were baptized into the Lords Church.

So many congregations are dying out in the remote areas and there is the need for the bigger and financially stable ones in the cities rescue them from collapsing. I once asked, how these clothing could impact the life of the brethren and here is the response, *“the pictures depict clearly the state of the people in the area, sometimes they hardly get food to eat, especially in the lean season, let alone saving money to buy clothes, footwear and Lord's supper.”* *“They desperately need such items and they also share beyond the members of church which serves as motivation for joining the church.”* A picture of the **homes of some communities and their yam farming.**



MAY GOD BLESS ALL THE
DONORS FROM THE PHILO
ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST,
DUBLIN ST CHURCH OF
CHRIST, SUNNYSIDE CHURCH
OF CHRIST AND JASPER
STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Glory be to God Almighty.

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Philo Road Church of Christ



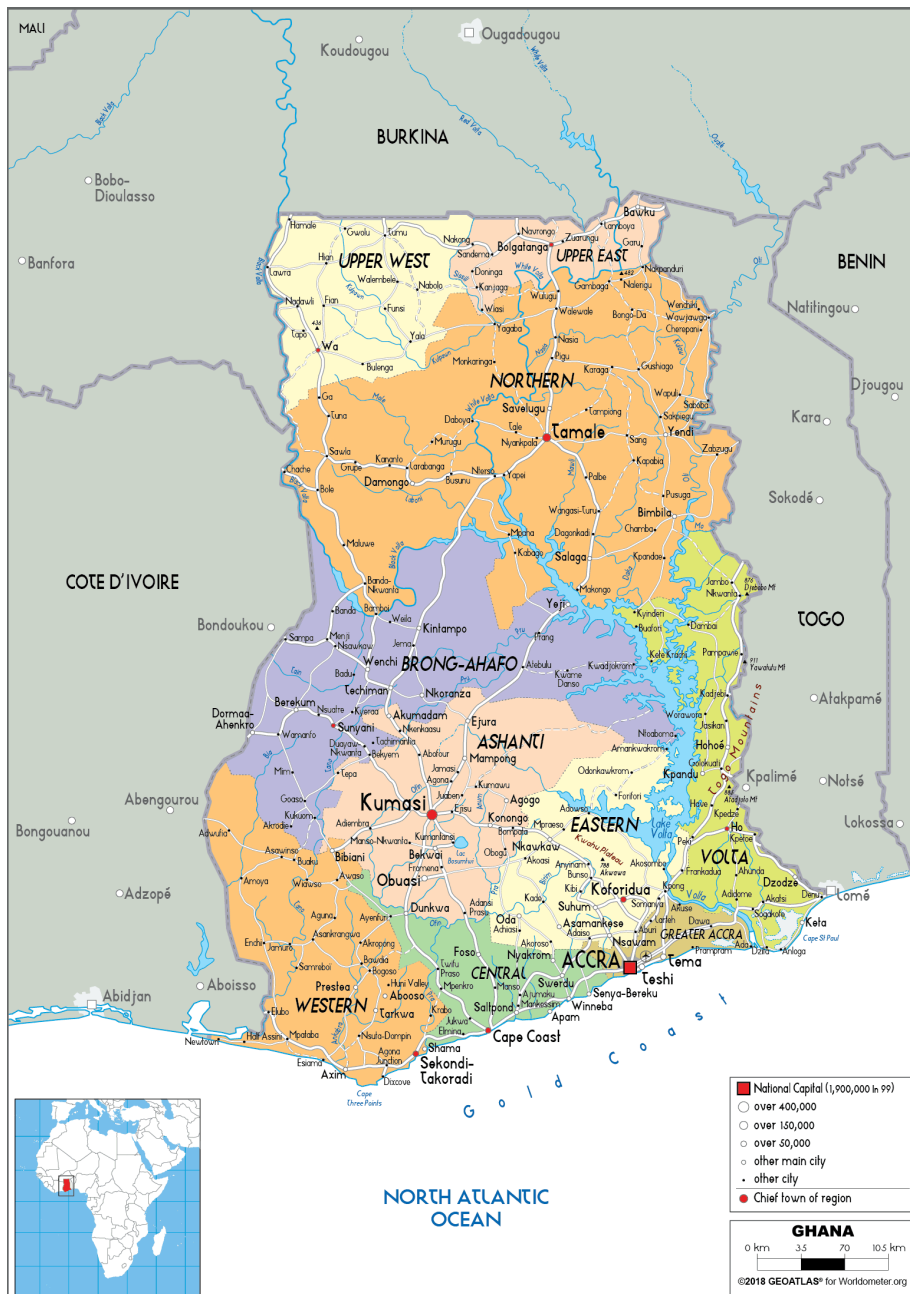
Preparation: Prior to the trip, 30 boxes of clothing and hymn books were shipped to Ghana and stored in my house at Kasoa, Accra. About a week to the mission trip, the boxes were transported first to the bus terminals and shipped to the three distribution centers, Paga, Yendi and Bole, through the STC Bus Service (Paga/Navrongo goods), and VIP Station (Yendi and Bole goods).



DAY 1 - Saturday, May 11, 2024:

The team set off from Kumasi around 10am for a 10-hr drive to Paga/Navrongo on Saturday, May 11, 2024. In the picture from left to right, myself, Steve - the driver, Elder Adu Gyamfi and Preacher Nana Adams. We got to Paga safely by God's abundant journey mercies around 8pm, checked into our Hotel, the Paga Country Side Hotel, had dinner and went to bed.





DAY 2 – Sunday May 12, 2024: Upper East – 3 Communities (Paga, Navrongo and Zuarungu).

We first visited the Church at **Paga** to fellowship with them. Boxes of items including clothing and study materials were donated to them to the glory of God Almighty. We left Elder Adu Gyamfi to worship with the Paga Church and the rest of us went to fellowship with the Navrongo and Zuarungu churches.

Sunday Church Bus in Navrongo





We stopped briefly at **Navrongo** church to fellowship with them and to donate a box of clothing, study materials and a box of hymn books.



Our last stop for the day was at the **Zuarungu Church**, formerly the Christ Union Charismatic Church which converted to the Church of Christ about 4 years ago, where we also fellowshiped with them and donated boxes of clothing, study materials and hymn books. The churches PA system is broken and currently use a megaphone during service. A portable church PA system is estimated at ~\$1,000.00.



Two souls were added to the Zuarungu congregation to the glory of God Almighty. They were a Fire Officer and his wife, a Teacher, who both got baptized after 2 hours of intense bible studies after worship. Later in the evening, we visited the **Paga Crocodile Pond** where you can pet a live crocodile.



We also visited the **Ghana-Burkina Fasso Border**, where except the boundary pillars, you could not tell if you were in Ghana or Burkina because the communities on either side of the border had essentially merged into one town. NB: Some of the pictures look blurry because the area is a high security zone and so taking pictures in some areas are not allowed and had to be taken secretly.

DAY 3 – Monday May 13, 2024: Northern – 4 (Tatale, Zabzugu/Tasundo, Andoyili, Barchebordor)

We set off from Paga at about 8am to our next distribution center, crossing the Oti River to Yendi, where we logged at the Madina White House Hotel for 2 days. Soon after arrival at about 2pm, we loaded our truck and set off around 4pm to visit 4 communities guided by John, a young minister of the Gulnyansi Church.

First, we visited the **Tatale**, where we inspected their recently roofed church building and donated a couple of boxes of clothes to them.





Next, we made a stopover and donated to the **Zabzugu/Tasundo** congregation.



We also made a stopover at the **Andoyili congregation** for the donation of items and inspection of their new church structure sponsored by the Bomso Church. Old and new structures.





Our last activity of the day was a donation of clothing and study materials to the **Barchebordor church**. Even though we got there on a non-meeting day and the community had no electricity (the light you see in the picture is from the headlight of our truck), yet we met a huge gathering of the brethren sitting in total darkness waiting to receive us.



DAY 4 – Tuesday May 14, 2024: Northern – 8 (Yendi, Gulnyansi, Makayili, Lepusi, Bimbila, Nakpa, Duuni, Gmagmamtibdo & Kpasani)

The day started as usual with the loading of boxes on top of the truck, but this time it was a very hot day (94°F) and the local brethren had all gone to the farm and so we did the loading ourselves and at the end, I was sweating like a pig (LOL).



We first donated clothes and hymn books to the **Yendi Church**. Yendi Church building.



From Yendi, the team travelled along the Eastern corridor from Yendi to Bimbilla to visit and encourage the congregations in the North Nanumba District of N/R. On our way, we came across some very interesting sites and signposts that we could not resist making a stop to take pictures.

Wonderful Signpost at the Yendi cemetery with amazing warning to the living.



Front view for entry.



Back view for exiting.

Next, we donated clothing and study materials to the **Gulnyansi** congregation.



We also donated items to the **Makayili** congregation and inspected their land, which had been encroached on.



Next, we visited the **Lepusi** congregation where sadly their entire mission school was essentially under a shed made with leaves, except the Jnr High class that met in the uncompleted church building. Interestingly, when I asked the kids about their career aspirations, most said they wanted to be nurses, doctors and pilots.



We also visited a leader of the **Bimbila Church** who had just gone blind to pray with him and to encourage him to remain faithful irrespective of his challenges.



Next, we donated clothes and materials to the **Nakpa congregation**, all in the Nanumba North District



We returned to Yendi, loaded our truck and set off again to visit three additional Northern Communities (Duuni, Gmagmamtibdo & Kpasani) late in the afternoon, after they had returned from their farms.

We first inspected the newly constructed church building and donated clothing and study materials to the **Duuni congregation**. The kids could not hide their joy when we gave out our last bread.



Finally, we donated clothing and study materials to the **Gmagmamtibdo & Kpasani church of Christ**. Their new incoming preacher John received the items but it was late in the night with no power, so we did not take pictures.



DAY 5 – Wednesday, May 15, 2024: Savannah – 3 (Damongo, Sawla and Bole)

For the last day of our mission trip, we set off on from Yendi to Damongo, Sawla and Bole in the Savannah region. On our way, we run into a convoy of a political party campaign forcing us to take a detour.



At **Damongo**, we held a meeting with the Leaders and members to try to resolve some misunderstanding, which had caused some of the members to backslide. The meeting went smoothly by the grace of God.



Last activity was a donation to the **Bole & Sawla congregations** where we also inspected their church building, and by the grace of God, the Bole & Sawla church building is now habitable.



We set off from Bole around 4pm, and travelled through Techiman and got back to Kumasi at midnight. Thank God for His Mercies and protection throughout the trip, the team was able to get back safely by the grace of God and we are grateful for all your prayers. May the Almighty God bless you all for your prayers and continuous support for this mission work.

Request for further support:

- More clothing will be needed toward the next visit.
- Donate Used Clothing (summer and light winter) & Shoes
- Donate linens, sheets, blankets, and towels
- Donate Accessories (bags, belts, purses, etc.)
- Donate Money For Shipping
- All checks should be issued to Philo Road COC – Acts 2 Ministry
- It cost \$300 to ship a large box of items
- We aim to ship about 30 large boxes (24" x 18" x 24" or 6 cu/ft)
- Kingsley will be on a missionary trip to Ghana next year to help distribute clothes
- Kingsley contact, 301-651-1169, kboateng@illinois.edu. Call or text me to pick up if too bulky to drop off at church.

Sharing Of Clothes At Some Selected Churches

Navrongo:



Gulnyansi and Bimbilla



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