

## **2-WEEKS HUMANITARIAN WORK IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN GHANA – MAY 2025**

### **Summary Report:**

In Ghana, about 30% of people live below the poverty line (\$2.15 per person per day), and 24% don't have access to clean water. The situation is worse in the rural communities where 65% live below the poverty line and only 20% have access to drinking water from an improved source that is accessible on premises, available when needed, and free from fecal and priority chemical contamination. In rural areas, livelihood depends mainly on small scale farming, making them vulnerable to weather changes like droughts that can wipe out crops and drive-up food prices. High unemployment, especially among young people, limits job opportunities, while rising inflation makes everything more expensive. With poor roads and limited access to education and healthcare, many communities struggle to break free from the cycle of poverty, which is further complicated by overcrowding in schools and limited resources.

Rural Ghana Missions (RGM) embarked on a 2-week humanitarian trip to rural Ghana to attend to the physical and spiritual needs of communities in the Northern Region, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, and also communities in the Central Region, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Our mission was to encourage and strengthen the brethren to be resilient in faith, carry out community evangelism and to meet some of the physical needs of the community through health screening, clothing and school-supply giveaway. In all, a total of **16 international and local volunteers** visited **4 communities** across the **two regions**, **screened about 1200 people** and **baptized 41 new souls in just 2 weeks**. In some of the communities visited, Sunday church attendance quadrupled during our visit and the **current attendance is about 200% above average attendance** prior to our visit.



Welcome to the Rural Ghana Missions and the Churches of Christ

**FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING & GIVEAWAY**

**Annual May Mission Trip**

- **COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING**
  - Blood pressure (BP)
  - Diabetes or Sugar Level
  - Eye Screening
  - Wound treatment
  - De-worming medication
  - Basic first aid supplies
- **DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES & BOOKS**
- **DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
- **GOSPEL CAMPAIGN**





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Communities visited in each of the two regions of Ghana:

#### **1. Upper East – 2 (Kayilo and Paga)**

RGM and its team of Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacist and ordinary volunteers started the 2025 Health Screening, Gospel Campaign, Clothing and School Supply Giveaway at Kayilo near Paga, and in the Paga township, both in the Kassena Nankana District, Upper East Region of Ghana, providing:





### Health Screening Services

1. Blood Pressure screenings
2. Blood Sugar (Diabetes) tests
3. Blood Oxygen level checks
4. Eye examinations
5. Body Temperature checks
6. Deworming medication for all
7. Multivitamins and other medications as needed
8. Toothpaste and toothbrushes

### Community Impact

1. Screened approximately 450 people
2. Provided referral notes for 13 individuals with critical health concerns
3. Donated 6 large boxes of clothes, and 4 small boxes of books and school supplies

### Gospel Campaign

1. Evening public preaching and gospel campaign
2. 16 people accepted Christ and were baptized into the Kayilo and Paga Churches.

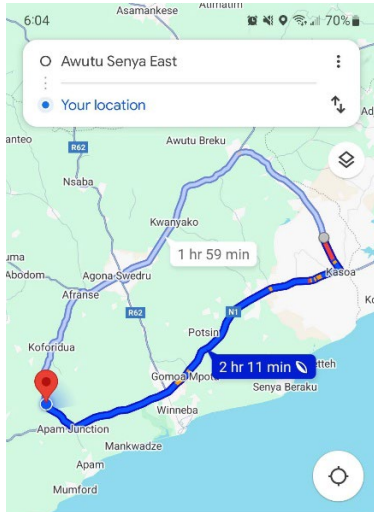






The team's dedication to improving health and sharing hope was truly inspiring.

## 2. Central Region – 2 (Gomoah Nkoranzah and Pedu/Abura near Cape Coast)





RGM and its team of Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacist and ordinary volunteers continued week-2 with Health Screening, Gospel Campaign, Clothing and School Supply Giveaway at Gomoah Nkoranzah, near Apam Junction in the Central Region providing:

### Health Screening Services

1. Blood Pressure screenings
2. Blood Sugar (Diabetes) tests
3. Blood Oxygen level checks
4. Eye examinations
5. Body Temperature checks
6. Deworming medication for all
7. Multivitamins and other medications as needed
8. Toothpaste and toothbrushes

### Community Impact

1. Screened approximately 400 adults and 300 school children
2. Provided referral notes for 12 individuals with critical health concerns
3. Donated 8 large boxes of clothes, books and school supplies

### Gospel Campaign

1. Evening public preaching and gospel campaign
2. 25 people accepted Christ and were baptized into the Gomoah Nkoranzah Church.



Due to time constraints, the team could not visit Pedu/Abura near Cape Coast in the Central Region, nevertheless we dispatched 22 medium boxes of clothes to be distributed to the brethren and people in the community.

So many congregations are dying out in the remote areas and there is the need for bigger and financially stable ones in the cities/abroad to rescue them from collapsing and to meet some of their physical needs. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS ALL THE DONORS FROM THE PHILO ROAD, KEMP, DUBLIN ST, SUNNYSIDE, JASPER ST., AND MARTINSVILLE IN - CHURCHES OF CHRIST, THE GHANAIAN BRETHREN IN THE USA (THE OPEN BIBLE FORUM), ALL THE INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND DR. ALFRED ADDICO, CEO OF DUPONT CIRCLE PHARMACY, WASHINGTON DC.

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## History and Strategy

The Bible teaches that everyone—especially the poor—deserves a place in our lives and in our homes. In Luke 14:12–14, Jesus says: “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Guided by this teaching, we embarked on our first fact-finding mission last year to better understand the challenges facing poverty-stricken believers in rural communities across Ghana. As part of that trip, we shipped and distributed 30 boxes of clothing to 16 communities, impacting over 2,100 individuals—from schoolchildren to the elderly.

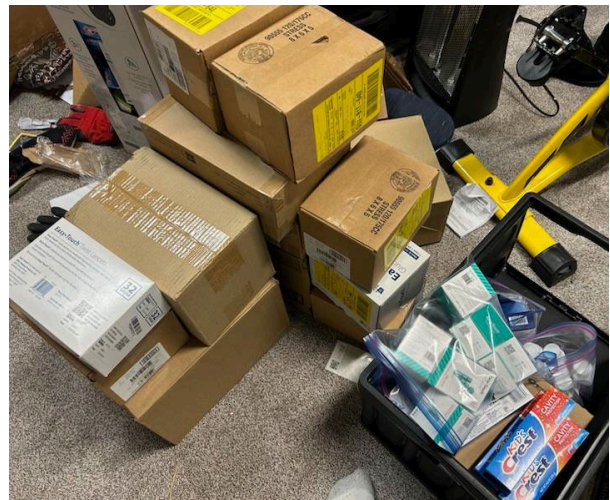
Mr. Charles Bentil, a preacher and father to a nine-member recipient household, shared that the clothing his family received would sustain them for the next 6 to 12 months. This meant they could redirect their limited funds toward essentials like food, school fees, and other pressing needs. His story is just one of many that reflect the powerful impact your support through RGM has made.



Based on what we observed and in consultation with our church Elders, we made a strategic shift this year and for the future. Rather than spreading resources thinly across many locations, we will focus on a few targeted communities at a time, integrating evangelism campaigns with the delivery of essential support. Our goal is to help revive struggling congregations by first addressing some of their most immediate physical needs and those of the rural community.

## Preparation

Prior to the trip, 53 boxes of clothes, study materials and school supplies were collected from churches, friends and colleagues at work, and shipped to Accra, Ghana. In addition, a box of medical supplies was donated by Dr. Alfred Addico of Dupont Circle Pharmacy, Washington DC and shipped to Accra. About a week to the mission trip, the boxes were shipped to the two distribution centers, Paga (Paga and Kayilo goods) and Gomoah Nkoranzah (Nkoranzah and Pedu/Abura goods).





## Week 1 - Upper East Region (Kayilo and Paga/Navrongo)

### DAY 1 - Thursday, May 15, 2025:

A team of four, set off from Kumasi around 7am for an 11-hr drive to Paga/Navrongo, a border town between Ghana and Burkina Faso. In the picture from front left to right, Frederick Nana Adams (Pharmacist), myself, Stephen-the driver, and hiding behind me, Daniel Avuomatsodo. We got to Paga safely by God's abundant journey mercies around 7pm, so exhausted we just checked into our Hotel, the Paga Countryside Hotel, had dinner and went to bed.



### DAY 2 – Friday May 16, 2025 @ Kayilo near Paga/Navrongo:

The team was joined by 5 additional local volunteers of nurses and interpreters at Kayilo, near Paga/Navrongo. We set up under a tree in the community near the Kayilo church. For the health screening, we set up 5 stations for registration, blood pressure/oxygen, blood sugar/temperature, consultation/tooth/eye-exam and deworming. The sixth station was for clothing and school supply giveaway. Everyone received deworming medication and most received multivitamins, toothpaste, tooth

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blushes and other medications depending on their state of health. The exercise continued from 9am till 4pm. We screened about 250 people in this community with an estimated population of 1000 people. 8 people with critical vitals were given referral notes and a couple received funds to visit the nearest health post. Many expressed their utmost gratitude to the team for such an impactful exercise. In all we donated 3 boxes of clothes, study materials and school supplies to the church and community. We took a 2-hr. break and reconvened in the evening for the Gospel Campaign and Public Preaching at the end of which 2 people gave their lives to Christ.

#### **DAY 3 – Saturday May 17, 2025 @ Paga/Navrongo:**

The Rural Ghana Mission team continued the humanitarian exercise in Paga, at the premises of the Paga Church. We screened approximately 200 people and provided referral notes for 5 individuals with critical health concerns. We also donated 6 boxes of clothes, study materials and school supplies to the church and community. We continued with evening public preaching and gospel campaign during which 4 people accepted Christ. The team's dedication to improving health and sharing hope was truly inspiring.







#### DAY 4 – Sunday May 18, 2025 @ Kayilo and Paga:

On Sunday, the team split into two, worshiping at Kayilo Church and Paga Church respectively. I ministered to the brethren at the Paga Church, where 56 attendees joined in worship with 3 visitors, twice the average attendance of 23 prior to our visit.

Most importantly, 7 souls were baptized into the Kayilo and Paga congregations in the morning after church worship.

In the evening we continued our public preaching and I am so delighted that 7 additional souls were baptized into the Lord church right after the program. In total 14 souls have been baptized, Praise God!!

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.

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**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, Gmagmaamtibdo & 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, Gmamtibdo & 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 **Gmamtibdo & 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.

### Trip Expenditure In Ghana:

The agreement with the Elders of the Bomso church was that we split the cost of the joint trip. They provided the truck, feeding and part of the accommodation cost. We paid for all the shipping, fueling of the truck and part of the accommodation cost (receipts attached).

1. Shipping of items from Accra to the 3 distribution centers in Northern Ghana – GH 6200.00
2. Total Fuel Cost – GH 4,065.82
3. Two Night Hotel Accommodation – GH 1,060.00

**Total = GH 11,325.82** (~\$870.00 @ GH 13/\$1 to be reimbursed).

NOTE: Ruthie made a cash donation of \$20 (balanced to be reimbursed = \$850.00)