

Students in School Administration - Abena. And many thanks!

Dear Friends,

I'd like to begin this letter with a very special thank you for the FLC congregation. Although I cannot be in Ohio with you the Ghana Committee keeps me updated on events. On January 26th they held a fundraiser for the Ghana Main Fund. It was a continental breakfast for the congregation during the annual meeting. Many of the congregation brought food to share and the congregation gave generously! Thank you. All of that money goes directly into the mission to help the students. I am so grateful week after week for your full support. Thank you to all who brought food and to all who gave financially!

Now moving on to our topic. Since December I have been writing a series of letters to you about students who distinguish themselves and are appointed to be leaders among their own peers. In Ghanaian schools these students are specially chosen to represent their fellow students and their issues at the administrative level. These **Student Prefects** are kind of a bridge between the staff of the school and the rest of the students.

Are you wondering why I am writing about this topic? I think it is very important to share with our congregation what goes on in our Akrampa School, and to really highlight how special and fantastic our students are. Our students work hard and strive to be great. It is your help, giving, and support that gives us the chance to really help these students succeed.

Last month I told you about Emmanuel who is the **Senior Prefect** for the 2019/2020 academic year. This article is about the **Assistant Prefect**, a girl, who goes by the name **Abena**. This name is given in place of a **Christian name**, and is the name for girls born on Tuesday. Her full name is **Abena Kyerewah Amoako**.

Abena Kyerewah Amoako is fourteen years old - born on May 31, 2005. Just like the Senior Prefect, Emmanuel, Abena is in the final year (9th Grade) of the Junior High School level. You may have noticed that she is a year older than Emmanuel. She is also a brilliant student - which her home environment has encouraged - because her parents are educated. She was chosen to be the Assistant School Prefect. In a real sense of her role, she is the assumed leader of the girls in the school. Which is in contrast with Emmanuel, who is the leader of all of the students in the entire school.

Abena is from a family of 5 children. She is the only girl, and the eldest of the siblings. There are 4 brothers after her. Abena's father is Mr. Richard Ofori, a trained teacher who teaches in one of the schools in the big town of Bereku.

The ability to educate your children is one of the factors that may determine the number of children in many Ghanaian homes. This is a trend that is increasing as parents are now understanding the children's need to attain a quality of life as they grow up. As an educated man, and a Christian, Mr. Richard Ofori has blessed his marriage thus having his wife, Lucy, take the marriage name, Ofori. Abena's mother, Lucy, is a trader in food items, at the local market.

Abena desires to become a doctor in the future. Currently, to work toward achieving this goal she takes her studies of mathematics and science very seriously and she performs well in these two subjects.

Her father is an English teacher, so with his help at home, it has allowed Abena to do quite well with this subject in school also. Abena is very serious with her studies and always seeks extra help from the teachers to improve on her work.

It is obvious that her parents are a great encouragement to her because she has a very determined attitude that exudes self-confidence. She is loved by her friends and encouraged by family as well. As the first born child, her father, Richard has shown intense determination to support Abena and also teach the community that committed parenting, love and education will really give each child the best path forward. Of course, being an educated teacher himself is a motivating factor to help his daughter achieve her dreams.

Abena is very intelligent, loves to read story books and sing gospel songs. We are all very proud of her and look forward to seeing her succeed in the future.

Blessings, Pastor Ben Wilson