

OLD YIELDS PLACE TO NEW - PART 3

Dear Friends,

This month I am pleased to be able to offer you a few more introductions to the new teachers at the Akrampa School. If you have missed the beginning of this series, please check the April and May *Lectern* on the FLC website.

Our Akrampa Mission School has been undergoing some changes these past few months, and I'm so pleased to be able to keep you updated. The mission in Akrampa Ghana is made possible ONLY by the generous donations of the members of the FLC congregation and other individual friends of the mission. Each and every one of you who gives to the mission are creating positive change here in Akrampa.

The new teacher introductions continue with Ms. Ellen Asiamah. Ellen is 45 years old, a single (divorced) parent with three children; two boys and a girl, aged 13, 10, and 8. Ellen comes from the mid part of Ghana. She has been teaching for 16 years and is a Certified Teacher/Caregiver for Kindergarten. At the Akrampa school she has been assigned responsibility for the KG1, which is 3-4 year old students. She loves to read and play with the children.

Some 64 years ago now, in June of 1952, I, Pastor Ben, was born in a town called Winneba, Ghana. It is on the coast of Ghana. I lived there till 1969 after graduation from middle school, and before going to secondary school. Winneba is about 44 miles from the capital of Accra and about 32 miles to Saltpond, where I currently live. Winneba has a population of about 45,000 people. Due to its location, the city's main industry is fishing. Winneba's economic circumstances have changed positively because it now has the largest University for the training of teachers.

I include this information because one of our new teachers, Mrs. Christiana Afful is of my ethnic group known as 'Fantes', and is a native of Winneba. She is 36 years old and married with two daughters, age 10 & 7. Christiana has been a certified teacher for 12 years since her graduation from Teacher Training College. Akrampa is the

second school that she has been posted to since she became a teacher. She teaches her native tongue (language), Fante, to the Kindergarten students. She enjoys gospel music on the FM radio broadcasts in her free time.

Mrs. Pascaline D. Phiawodzi is 31 years old, married, with two children ages 4, and 2. Her children have yet to start school. She is a native of the region closest to our Eastern neighboring country of Togo, popularly known as Volta Region. Pascaline has been teaching for the last 7 years, since her graduation. At the Akrampa school, she is teaching the Junior High school students at this time. Pascaline is an ardent listener of the gospel medleys that play in the afternoon on FM radio.

May the Lord bless and protect all of our friends in the United States.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben

Thanks For Your Ongoing Help

The Ghana Committee would like to thank each of you for your support of our mission in Ghana through the Lenten Mite Boxes. With everyone's enthusiasm and the combining of our collective loose change, we were able to raise over \$1,450.00 for a new vehicle for Pastor Ben. It's a great first step in working toward our goal and, as usual, we are blessed by your generosity. God's blessings to each of you!

Our congregation bought a used Jeep for the Mission in Ghana in 2003. As of March 18, 2016, the mileage on the odometer was 392,252. As you might guess, it is having many, expensive, problems. Pastor Bennett Wilson cannot run the mission for us without a vehicle, so the Ghana Committee has launched a campaign. The start was the distribution of "mite boxes" to the congregation at the beginning of Lent. The total needed will be about \$25,000. If you make a contribution for the new car, please be sure to mark that clearly on your check. We will keep you informed on the progress and we will be announcing some more fundraising efforts.