

Students in School Administration - Part 4 - Edna

Dear Friends,

This article is part 4 of the story about students in School Administration, who go by the title, "Prefect". Part 1 of this series was in December of 2019. (If you missed any of my previous letters, they are all posted on the FLC website.) Prefects are students who distinguish themselves and are appointed to be leaders among their own peers. I have talked about the Boys Prefect, **Emmanuel Asante** who is the **Senior Prefect**, and the Girls Prefect, **Abena Kyerewah Amoako**, who is the **Assistant Prefect**.

This article is about **Edna Amissah**, who is the **Sanitation Prefect** at Akrampa school.

Edna Amissah is eighteen years old - born on December 31, 2001. In the beginning of these articles I stated that all the Prefects are in the last year of their Junior High school education. Thus, like Emmanuel and Abena, **Edna** is in the final year (9th Grade) of the Junior High School level.

**Edna** was chosen to be the Sanitation Prefect because her exceptional diligence about her personal hygiene. As the title suggests, she is in charge of general student hygiene and that of the school compound. She doubles as the **Office Girl**, and in this it's her main responsibility to clean the Head Teacher's office and ensure that the duty roster of those set up to clean classrooms and the compound do their tasks as expected. Usually, this position is given to the student who stands out in cleanliness and commitment to making the environment clean, and Edna is one of the students who distinguish themselves in that characteristic.

Edna is also very hardworking. She is an average student and works hard at her studies. She is good at Basic Design Technology, and is aspiring to become a fashion designer. This subject is one of the subjects that fall under 'homemaking arts', which require a demonstration room that the new Kitchen/Multipurpose building will be used for. The practical lessons of the Basic Design Technology, will now be taught in the new building. Naturally, with this propensity towards designing, she is often seen with samples of cloth that she has cut into shapes.

This is one more chance for me to say 'thank you' for the continued support of the Akrampa Mission. Your consistent giving makes everything possible for the mission. On top of regular giving we have been blessed with some extra large gifts that make special projects possible. One such project is the construction of the new Kitchen/Multipurpose building for the school. This building will be used to cook the breakfast meal that is served to the children, and for teaching the students in 'homemaking arts'. This subject is one that female students will take an exam for at the national level. Thus making it so important that they have a space to learn and grow in a field that may one day become a career for them.

Edna is from a family of 6, and she is the eldest of the children. There are 3 boys and 3 girls. Edna's father is Mr. Emmanuel Amisah and he is a farmer. Her mother, Mary Asomani, is into petty trading. Just like most Akrampa women, she sells foodstuffs and other farm produce, to eke out whatever little she earns to add to their husbands so they can provide some education for their children. Even though the family, like ninety-eight percent of the people in Akrampa who are below the accepted poverty line, they are proud and happy to see their children benefit from the school in Akrampa. It is the hope of all parents that their children will receive a good education for survival in their own life.

Edna's parents are a great encouragement to her because she sees the tenacity of purpose in their lives and the commitment they are showing to provide a quality life for all of the six children. She is determined do all she can to achieve her aim so she can support her parents and help take care of the younger siblings.

Edna relates so well with all and therefore is liked by many and especially by her friends. Her affable nature endears people to her. This is an asset since it's not easy asking people to do cleaning in the community, especially in the school, but because of her attitude people cooperate most of the time without complaining.

Blessings, Pastor Ben Wilson