

## OLD YIELDS PLACE TO NEW - part 2

Dear Friends,

The mission in Akrampa, thanks to First Lutheran, has focused primarily on bringing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the people of Akrampa. Along with that we have endeavored to meet their other needs, like clean water, a complete basic school for grades Kindergarten to Basic 6, and feeding the children.

Every Wednesday, from 8:30am-9:00am, at the Ak-rampa school we have a session which is described as 'School Worship'. Ghana is blessed with a constitution that allows an education curriculum, and the school authorities to conduct what is comparable to a church worship service (so it is appropriately referred to as 'school worship'). During this time hymns, choruses and gospel medleys are sung, and the Scripture is read. Then an address is given (initially by me, and now there is a roster where I have asked the teachers to participate also). Then an offering is taken which is kept by the school administration for some needs that can't wait for me or the education authorities to meet. School attendance is high on Wednesdays, and each Wednesday is an occasion of great joy manifesting in singing and dancing!

Last month I began to tell you how the Akrampa school is in a time of change. It now has a new female head teacher, and 6 other new teachers. I'd like to introduce them to you. Last month began my story of the previous head teacher Daniel Ahiabile retiring and giving the school over to our new head teacher Stella Colecraft. The old yields place to new.

Our new head teacher, Stella Colecraft is a single mother of two boys. The older is 24 years of age, and the younger is 21. She has been a teacher for thirty consecutive years, since her graduation from teacher training college. Of these 30 years, 12 of them have been in the capacity of headship in a basic school (like Akrampa). Stella, incidentally is a native of Saltpond, which is where I live. We have never met before and are only getting acquainted here in Akrampa.

Faustina Owusu, is one of our new teachers. She is a 50 year old married woman with two children. Faustina has also been teaching for 30 years and was in the same school where Stella was head teacher. Faustina teaches two subjects: Social Studies and Religious Knowledge. She is a native of the Eastern Region of Ghana.

Elizabeth Quartey is another new teacher at Akrampa. She is a 46 year old woman, married with four children. Elizabeth has been teaching for 13 years. Elizabeth teaches the subject of Environmental Studies. She is also a native of the Akrampa community so could be described as a 'home girl'.

To conclude this month, an update on the Junior High School being built by the Government in Akrampa... Since last month's update, it has now been roofed, though still not painted or ready to be used.

Next month I will have more new teacher introductions for you.

Blessings, Pastor Ben