



Empowering Africans in rural West Africa to transform communities

Dear Friends of HBA,

Thank you for the support you have provided for our partners in West Africa over the past year! Your generosity ensured 2 different ministries were able to house, feed, cloth, educate and provide medical care for a total of 23 young people. The African Internship Training Center (AITC) in Kortokor, Ghana has begun a new program. The AITC took 12 young men from Northern Ghana and provided them with vocational training and CHE training. These orphans will return to their communities able to support themselves and also will understand the Christian-based development principles contained in CHE.



Youth at African Internship Training Center



Transformation House at the AITC, Ghana

Our other partner, the City of Refuge Ministries in Doryuma, Ghana has over 40 children, living in their Children's Village, that they have rescued from slaving for fisherman on Lake Volta. They also have constructed a school, for pre-k through junior high called Faith Roots International Academy, that is open, not only to their children, but also to children from nearby communities.



City of Refuge Children's Village



Rescued Children at the City of Refuge Village



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In addition to helping orphans and children harmed by human traffickers, HBA has continued to provide teams and individuals in support of community transformation work in the rural areas across West Africa using Community Health Evangelism (CHE) initiatives. This past year members of HBA supported training of African trainers at the AITC, taught Women's Cycle of Life, basic principles of hygiene and personal health, and conducted health clinics and assessments in both northern and southern Ghana and in the Ivory Coast.

As we enter 2016, we do so with a great expectation for how God will continue to lead, guide and direct our Foundation. However, we can only provide support for food, clothing, shelter, and education for these children with your help. As we have reviewed our funding sources for the next year we cannot maintain current levels unless you continue to provide financial support. Please remember that HBA does not subtract administrative costs from your designated support but passes on 100% of those funds to our partners. Below there are pictures and short bios of four of the children rescued out of child slavery now living at the City of Refuge. Their stories only provide a glimpse of what their life was like in captivity but now they are living in freedom and coming into a relationship with God. Please visit our web site at www.heartbeatforafrica.org/donate to support these children rescued from captivity. Full support of one child is only \$150 per month. Just think what that can do in providing food, shelter, education and the chance for a child to have a life. At full support of a child you will be given frequent updates regarding the child you are supporting. But also please remember any support that you can provide, even as little as \$20 per month will go a long way in helping these children.

As we look ahead in 2016 our partners have requested support from two medical teams and one education team during the summer months. Current plans are for one medical team to go to Gambia and the second medical team to Ghana in the June/July timeframe. The education team will support training of trainers in Ghana in mid July–August. The web site will be updated shortly with applications and details for these trips. Please plan on joining us. Have a blessed new year.

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Rapheal Kporti

Birthday: 7/12/03

The first time we saw Rapheal and his brother, Bismark, was during a medical outreach in their village. Both boys were just returning from the lagoon where they had been fishing all morning. We spoke to the boy's Aunt who was caring for them. She told us that the boy's father had abandoned their mother and she was no longer able to care for the boys so she gave them to their Aunt to care for them. The Aunt was sending the boys to the lagoon to fish to make an income for her. After investigating their situation we decided that it would be in the best interest of the boys to bring them to live at the Children's Village. Today Rapheal is in the 4th grade. He is doing very well in his classes and is receiving extra help in English and Math as needed. Rapheal and Bismark are enjoying their new home at the Children's Village and they love expressing themselves as children.



Enoch Daitey

Birthday: 7/16/03

When we first meet Enoch, he was just returning from fishing at the lagoon near Lalonya. After doing further investigations we discovered that Enoch was orphaned when he was three years old. He was then sent to work for a fisherman on Lake Volta. A few months before we found Enoch, his Uncle had gone to the lake to visit him. His Uncle was not happy with the conditions he found Enoch in, so he brought him back to Lalonya to live with him. Only Enoch's Uncle decided to send him to work at the lagoon instead of sending him to school. After assessing Enoch's situation we decided that it was in his best interest to come live at the Children's Village. Enoch is adjusting well to life at the Children's Village. He is in 4th grade this year and is receiving extra help in English. Because he hadn't been to school in the past he is having to adjust to the structure but he is doing very well.



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Hannah Kporti

Birthday: 6/20/06

We first meet Hannah and her brother, Alex, while doing an outreach in their community. The children were fishing in the local lagoon. After investigating the children's situation we discovered that after Hannah and Alex's father passed away their mother remarried and the children were being treated very poorly by their stepfather. Hannah and Alex were being forced to fish long hours. The children weren't going to school and both had signs of malnourishment. While discussing their situation with their mother she expressed that she didn't feel the children would be allowed to go to school as the stepfather wasn't accepting of them. Hannah and Alex came to live at the Children's Villaga on June 20th, 2012. Hannah is in second grade this year and is adjusting well to school and life at the Children's Villaga. Her health has greatly improved since being here.



Gabriel Kapi

Birthday: 5/18/05

Gabriel's mother passed away shortly after giving birth to him due to complications from child birth. When Gabriel was two weeks old his father relocated to Bejamese where he moved in with his mother. Gabriel's father was a farmer but he decided that he wanted to try fishing in hope that it would bring in more income. After just a few months of fishing on Lake Volta he was caught in a storm that caused his canoe to capsize and he drowned. After his father's death, Gabriel was alone with his grandmother who had no means to care for him. Gabriel was left to provide for himself and he spent most days wandering the streets looking for food. When Gabriel's grandmother approached us about his situation she said he had just started working with some of the fishermen in the area and was afraid for his safety. Today Gabriel is in 2nd grade. He received extra help from our resource department. Since he is used to caring for himself, he has had to do some adjusting to live by rules at home and at school. Over all Gabriel is adjusting well to life at the Children's Village.



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