



# SUMMER BITS

HCCF'S BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DESIGNED  
TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND CURIOUS DURING  
THE SUMMER MONTHS

## YOU'RE INVITED TO GHANA DECEMBER 11-17

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**Trip Bits:** During our trip to Ghana this December, and following the graduation ceremonies, we will venture out and experience some of the rich heritage that Ghana has to offer its visitors.

**ELMINA CASTLE:** Building at the castle commenced in 1482 and was finished in 1486. It was first named São Jorge da Mina. It was used for gold and ivory trade mainly at the beginning.

In 1637 the Dutch army bombarded the castle from a nearby hill and took over control of it. They renamed it Elmina Castle and built another fort on the hill they used to attack Elmina castle from to prevent others to attack it.

After they took over control of the castle the Dutch enlarged it and restored it. It continued to be used as a trade center for gold and ivory as well as a slave center until 1814 when the Dutch abolished the slave trade.

In 1872, Elmina castle passed to British hands, but it wasn't used as a trade center anymore. After the independence of Ghana, from 1957 Elmina was used as a school and a police center for recruits.

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# THE GENESIS COMMUNITY

## INTRODUCING THE GENESIS COMMUNITY

This year, Heritage Christian College will officially release its first graduating class since its inception. To honor the students and faculty who have worked tirelessly to achieve this momentous milestone, we are introducing the **GENESIS COMMUNITY**, a dedicated community of **monthly donors** who are committed to a new way of education in Africa. 'Sowing seeds of eternity in the lives of many children we may not know'.

## PICK YOUR MONTHLY GIVING AMOUNT BELOW!

### \$10/MONTH

You'll help provide one balanced nutritious meal to our students through our scholarship program.

### \$25/MONTH

You'll help provide the CEPE program that helps HCC students create their own job opportunities upon graduation.

### \$50/MONTH

You'll help provide the vehicles necessary for our HBI students to go out and teach the good news of the gospel.



## TRANSFORMATION

I was born as the first child of 6 children to Muslim parents and grew up in an Islamic community where both parents played key roles. I had great difficulty continuing in the religion of my father because it had no real meaning to me and I feel I was not doing what my heart told me but I had no choice. Right from basic school, I was being forced by my family to accept and partake in the activities of the Islamic religion, but I gently found ways to avoid that and as a result, I suffered the punishment that came with it.

At school I partook in Christian activities and when I went home I stayed silent on my faith. My family drew back on their responsibility to me as they saw me as the black sheep in the family, but that didn't put me down. After high school I researched Christian universities in Ghana and learned about Heritage Christian College.

What inspired me to choose HCC is that it is a church of Christ institution and I thought it would be a great medium not only to study Marketing, but also learn to be a true believer in God. My parents weren't in agreement with my decision so it made it more difficult for them to cater for me, but with God as my provider things are going well with the help of some of the faculty and students. At HCC I took advantage to learn all I could about the steps to salvation and in February 2019, I took a step to be baptized and become a member of the family of Christ. I don't intend to look back or deny my newfound faith despite my hard circumstances, because I believe '**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me**'. My life has been **TRANSFORMED!**

## STUDENT PROFILE NURUDEEN ADAMS MOHAMMED

