

THE WINTER WRAP

OUR BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP YOU INFORMED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

GIVINGTUESDAY

BY DOUGLAS FAIR-Director of Development for HCCF-USA
WE NEED YOUR HELP ON #GIVINGTUESDAY

It's such a busy time of the year for everyone, and I love it! Thanksgiving is just around the corner, then Christmas and before we know it, a new year will be upon us. For a good number of us, we will be leaving for Accra in December to celebrate the very first graduating class of students at Heritage Christian College. I'm looking forward to writing a new column called: 'where are they now', but before that we have some work to do, **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



If you have been following along on our facebook and instagram posts, you will have seen us starting to mention **#GIVINGTUESDAY**, scheduled this year for December 3rd. Here is the official press release for #GT: *GivingTuesday, taking place December 3rd, is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage giving and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Every year, on GivingTuesday, millions of people across the globe mobilize to show up, give back, and change communities. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet.*

Our fundraising goal for **#GIVINGTUESDAY** is \$30,000 so we can purchase a new vehicle to be used by the HBI and HCC students and faculty. We will have a page set up on our website for you to access and donate directly to if you feel moved to do so. We will also create a Facebook fundraising page that you can donate on and then invite your friends to donate to your page as well. I'll send the links, directions, and connections in our next WINTER WRAP newsletter, scheduled for November 15th release. As **#GIVINGTUESDAY** was created for a social media pushed campaign, we need your help to make it as successful as possible.

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

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MEET DINA APPERKEY

IN HER WORDS-DINA APPERKEY

At 8 years, I discovered that I could no longer walk for strange reasons. Some people said it was due to spiritual causes, while others said it was a medical problem. I could not go to hospital because there was no money. I was crawling on all fours and suffered for a long time. The Chief of my hometown Kade, in the Eastern Region, was a member of the Church of Christ, sent me to church to meet with some missionaries of the church who later supported me financially. It was because of their financial support that I was then able to undergo surgery on three separate occasions. Only years later was I able to walk with crutches.



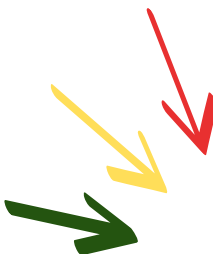
Because of my condition, I did not have smooth education although I was very much determined to continue school. I managed to enroll in Senior High School and later gained admission into a College of Education to train as a Teacher. I later dropped out due to financial difficulties.

It was at my home church in Kade that I heard about Heritage Christian College, and I applied because it is a Christian University. I love the university because it has helped me to grow spiritually and have found a loving community of students and faculty. However, I still struggle to pay my fees and I have to go around to different churches to beg for money for tuition and upkeep because none of my family members is in the position to support me. I am now in my third year at Heritage Christian College.

After I complete my degree at HCC, I would like to set up an NGO to support persons with disabilities. Through my church, I was introduced to HCC, and it is this same chance that I would love to give back to others with similar disabilities to mine.



By joining our Genesis Community of monthly donors, you can support students like Dina Apperkey by making a monthly commitment towards 'scholarships'.

 I'm so excited to tell you that while I was preparing this newsletter, we just received a #GT donation for \$10,000 which will go towards our \$30,000 goal!!!

Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world.-Nelson Mandela

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