



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

Pictured from left to right bottom row: Shane McClung, Melisa McClung, Doug Fair, Maria Kell, Kevin Fair, Logan Cooke, Casey Cooke, Ethan Cooke, Rachel Cooke, Susan Fair, Deon Fair, Mike Ratcliff, Jeannie Lytle. Pictured from left to right top row: Steve Kell, Jim West, Mike Brooks, Dr. Dora Akuetteh, Erik Tryggstad, LaDonna Mack, Steve Mack, Dr. Rick Lytle (not pictured are Matt Brundige and Chris Grissom)

AN HISTORIC MOMENT



BY DOUGLAS FAIR-Director of Development for HCCF-USA

THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF HERITAGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, AND THE 19TH COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF HERITAGE BIBLE INSTITUTE



There are times in our lives when we experience circumstances or events where the English language does not provide sufficient words to describe these events or circumstances in life. The recent graduation ceremonies of Heritage Christian College in Accra, Ghana was one of these 'moments in life'. Here is just a sampling of some of the words the team who travelled with HCCF shared, in order to help us paint a picture for what we experienced before, during, and after graduation at HCC: *compelling, overwhelming, motivational, humbling, transformational, grateful, awesome, beautiful, inspirational, challenging, inspired, and EPIC!*

Our group was invited to attend and participate in the Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy, and Ethics (CEPE) Start-Up Challenge, where students presented proposals for their businesses to a panel of local judges. We were honored to be invited to participate in this competition, and Dr. Rick Lytle, Maria Kell, and Steve Mack were asked to be part of the judging panel. Listening to these students present their business concepts and plans was truly **INSPIRATIONAL**, and all who presented are winners in our eyes. The group called BOS PIGERY came away with the grand prize and we will be honored to sample some of their food on our next visit to Ghana.



We also had the opportunity to visit with several of the students who have already started their businesses after having previously competed in past years' CEPE Start-Up Challenges. One of our favorite student businesses was **A-Dan Snail and Mushroom Farms**, started by Comfort Awuah and Roberta Dankwa. Their snails pictured here are about the size of a baseball and are used primarily in soups. I did give the snails a try and can honestly say they were 'tasty' (thank goodness for the very spicy seasoning which was sprinkled on the cooked snail I ate).



Saturday, December 14th will be a day that many people will remember forever, as this was **Graduation Day at Heritage Christian College**. When you think back to what began as a dream by Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, then to graduation day were Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah told those in attendance of his own personal story as a young child struggling for survival on the streets of Ghana, to the official confirming of the graduates, this was truly an **HISTORIC** moment to witness and be part of. **NONE** of which would be possible without the support of the Ghanaian Churches of Christ, their inspired leadership and contributions that went into making this dream a reality, as well as you-our friends-who have contributed well beyond the funds that we have received over these past years. To single out all the individuals, churches and families who have contributed over these past years to HCCF would not be possible, but I do want to personally thank the board members of HCCF as well as Dr. Ian Fair for their enormous contribution of time, money, and intellectual wisdom that has enabled this graduation to take place.

HCCF Board Member-Shane McClung
and Teresa Twumasi-Ankrah



Dr. Rick Lytle and the team from
Brundige Creative-Chris Grissom and Matt Brundige





Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah
President of Heritage Christian College

I am very excited to reach out to like-minded individuals like you. Since HCC was accredited it has grown in leaps and bounds. This is because of the support of people like you who appreciate the transformation the Lord is bringing into the lives of young people through the College. HCC is committed to training ethical leaders who will combine entrepreneurship and technological skills to impact the church and the world by creating employment, leading and serving with principles of servant-leadership, and giving back to the society.

In the course of training these future leaders, we see the need to support many of them who are financially less endowed but have demonstrated the determination to reach higher heights in life. I entreat you to offer a helping hand to support these students. Thank you!-**Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah**

2020 SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVES

From Dr. Victor Boadu: Chairman of the HCC Scholarship Committee

'It gives me much pleasure to brief you about the scholarship packages of HCC and the impact your support will make. I am especially elated because HCC has for the past four years been able to support its students with scholarship packages that have made it possible for many of them to continue and complete their studies here at HCC. Given the background of many of the students, it is heartwarming that the packages offered to them have made some significant impact on their ability to obtain a university education. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our cherished supporters and donors, without whom we could not have achieved this much. With warm regards-**Dr. Victor Boadu**'

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

- To award one student who best exemplifies the Core Values of Heritage Christian College
- To honor one student for Outstanding Christian Service

CHRISTIAN WITNESS SCHOLARSHIP

- To award two students who are in full-time ministry
- To award two children of full-time gospel ministers/missionaries of Churches of Christ
- To award one young member who serves in a leadership role in the local church

ORPHANS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP

- To award one graduate from Churches of Christ SHS whose parents are deceased
- To award one High School graduate with physical disability
- To award three graduates of Hope College

THANKFUL HEARTS

2020 SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVES CONT.

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP

- To award one from Amasaman catchment area

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

- To award three brilliant but needy students

RURAL EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- To award three brilliant but needy students

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

- To award three brilliant but needy students



2019 SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT STORY BY YAW FRIMPONG, CEO OF ADPEXTTRAC LTD. (BBA ACCOUNTING-2019)

'I am a proud beneficiary of the President's Scholarship. I was honored for being the first student to apply to the newly established Heritage Christian College in 2015. This scholarship alleviated the burden of my parents in paying me fees. I was also awarded GHC 13,000 as one of the winners of the maiden edition of the HCC Start-Up Challenge. I have started my vehicle tracking business and I can honestly say that HCC has truly impacted my life. I started my own business while still a student at HCC as I did not want to join the UGA (Unemployed Graduates Association).'

2019 SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT STORY BY HENRIETTA MILLS, (BBA MARKETING-CURRENT STUDENT)

'I am a beneficiary of the HCC Scholarship under the category of Children of Full-Time Gospel Ministers of the Churches of Christ. My parents have struggled over the years to cater to my needs and that of my siblings, and I wondered how I could finish my university education given their limited financial resources. I am grateful that HCC provided me a scholarship as well as a laptop which I pay in installments. By the grace of God, this has helped me to pursue my degree in Marketing at Heritage Christian College.'



HCC Graduates



HBI Graduates

2019 – YEAR IN REVIEW: “A LOOK INTO THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR”

BY DEON FAIR, PRESIDENT, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Yes, the year is gone! It is behind us in many ways and it is time to reflect on God’s blessing over this year and eagerly anticipate what he’ll do in 2020. Since 1998, God has worked in this ministry to make sure that much is accomplished. Looking back, we see His hand in everything accomplished. Even the discouragements end up being encouraging as it helps us understand his guidance. A special word of gratitude and thanks to my dear friend Samuel for inviting us to be part of his dream. We invite you to continue to pray for Sam, his loving wife Teresa, their children, the faculty and staff of Heritage Christian College, and the Churches of Christ in Ghana who faithfully support this Christ-Centered ministry.



2019 DID NOT DISAPPOINT. IT HAS BEEN AN AMAZING YEAR!

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- HCC exceeds over 360 students and with 45 new students this October is close to exceed 400 students, which will occur in January 2020
- HBI exceeds 110 current students and commissions 37 new ministers during the 2019 ceremonies.
- The Professional Development School, partnering with ICM-UK, has over 70 students
- HCC celebrates its first graduating class with 30 graduates in front of an audience of more than 500 people including media coverage from 8 National TV broadcast houses, several radio stations and newspaper reporters.
- The Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics (CEPE) continues to build its reputation in Ghana as students start and incorporate their businesses. HCC leadership are encouraged by reviews from Ghanaian examiners who praise the CEPE for its unique and exciting contributions to the growing economy and for providing new employment opportunities via startups, many of whom are already employing people.
- Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah and team presented to the Barnabas Group in San Diego and Orange County.
- Alex Asmah becomes Doctor Asmah having graduated from the University of Cape Town (UCT) and successfully defending his doctoral work, and presented to the BAM Conference at Lipscomb University.
- We enjoyed witnessing several more students accepting God’s invitation and being baptized.
- The Governing Council of HCC honored Daniel and Ruth Ampadu-Asiamah for their pioneering work in establishing the Church of Christ in Accra and the Accra School of Peaching, now Heritage Bible Institute (HBI), an integral part of HCC today.
- HCCF hosted 21 people on our 1st group trip to Ghana where we all participated in the inaugural graduation and a tour of Ghana’s western region.

These are just a few highlights from a busy year, now we look to 2020 and ask for God’s blessings as we pursue our role in His Kingdom; to develop capabilities that enable Ghanaian and West African Christians to be prepared to become Servant-Leaders in His Kingdom. Thank you to all of you who have assisted. We ask for your continued support and prayers.

In Him,
Deon