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*Educating Christian Leaders for the Advancement of Kingdom and Community*

## Lipscomb University Staff and Students Visit HCC

HCC was honored to receive a visit from students and staff of Lipscomb University. The team was in Ghana for a mission trip. They came to our campus to interact with some students and staff of HCC and see what the Lord is doing through HCC. They had earlier been to the Village of Hope Orphanage, a project of the Churches of Christ.

Lipscomb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university in Nashville, Tennessee. It is affiliated with the Churches of Christ. The leader of the delegation, Mr. Paul Stevens, who is the Assistant Director of Missions Outreach at Lipscomb University, said the tour of HCC gave them the opportunity to see how HCC was bearing the light in Ghana as a Christian university and also strengthen the bond between the two universities.

Heritage Christian College, which is sponsored by the Churches of Christ, develops such partnerships with foreign universities in a bid to keep the students and faculty of HCC in touch with global standards and thereby propelling the university towards its vision of becoming the flagship Christian University in Africa for the purpose of advancing the kingdom of Christ and national development.



## Lipscomb Faculty Lead Entrepreneurship Training

Lipscomb University’s Director of the Center for Business As Mission, Professor Rob Touchstone, and Dr. Bart Liddle, Assistant Professor of Management and Chair of the Management, Entrepreneurship and Marketing Department, led HCC faculty in a 5-day training seminar via WebEx.

The session was on *Business As Mission* and included details about starting and running a business using lean startup principles. This is particularly helpful for the Ghanaian context because of the difficulty in accessing startup capital for business. Emphasis was placed on entrepreneurship and how businesses can be powerful tools in God’s Kingdom. The professors moderated the sessions with a theological and practical framework for doing business. We extend our gratitude to Professors Touchstone and Liddle.

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## Senior High School Mentorship Seminar

The first edition of The Heritage SHS Career Mentorship Seminar came off successfully at the HCC campus. More than 80 participants made up of Senior High School graduates and other prospective applicants to tertiary institutions, parents and mentors took part in the program.

The Career Mentorship Program was under the theme “Knowing Your Future Today: Choosing Right.” The career guidance program was designed by HCC to serve the needs of Senior High School Graduates who need direction in selecting career paths and programs at the tertiary level. Participants would be linked to their mentors for further guidance in their chosen fields.

Mentors were drawn from various fields including I.T., Accounting, Human Resources, Marketing, Banking and Finance, Ministry, Education, Law, Media, Entrepreneurship, Oil and Gas, Psychology, Nursing, Engineering, Economics, Hospitality, Fashion, Medicine, and many more.

The Senior High School Graduates were excited about the opportunity to be exposed to many experiences from their mentors. They were also happy to be connected to them in order to receive further guidance in their fields.

The seminar was followed by a series of short courses in June in the areas of I.T., Entrepreneurship, Business, Bible and Ethics, Public Speaking, and Media. The courses are designed for the SHS graduates to occupy them while they await results of their final examinations.



### Senior High School Short Courses

Short courses for Senior High School Graduates took off on June 1st. The students were introduced to principles that would make them succeed in whatever they set their minds to. For the next one month, the participants took short courses in IT, Business, Bible and Ethics, Entrepreneurship, Public Speaking, and Communication, among others.

33 Senior High School Graduates attended – of these, 5 have applied to attend the university, while several others have requested copies of the admissions paperwork; we pray they also decide to apply for admission.

## HCC Partners with Ghana Rescue Mission

Heritage Christian College welcomed a team from Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) to discuss an initiative to support rural preachers. RGM is a ministry under the oversight of the Osu Church of Christ, Accra. It supports about 50 preachers across Ghana and has received over 180 more applications for support. It spends about GHC 8,000 (\$2,000) a month helping the preachers. It is considering adding 50 more preachers to the current 50 it supports via the leadership of each preacher’s congregation.



HCC and RGM agreed to collaborate to provide refresher training for rural preachers who are supported by RGM. The financial component (transport and feeding) will be borne by RGM. HCC will provide housing and human resource and other logistics for the training. Both parties agreed to have the refresher training on an annual basis.

## Professor of Christian Ministry Leads Seminar for Sunday School Teachers and Faculty Development



Sunday School Teachers of the Churches of Christ from the Greater Accra region gathered on campus to participate in a seminar designed to enhance their abilities to put together more effective and engaging teaching and learning materials for use in the classroom. The seminar was on the theme: **“Curriculum Development and Adaption,”** and was facilitated by Dr. Megan G. Brown, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul in Minneapolis.

The Sunday School teachers who participated in the seminar teach a variety of classes on Sundays in their various congregations. They were taught different methods of creatively imparting knowledge to their class members without compromising their messages. They were taught active learning strategies based on the use of arts/visuals, oral/discussions, drama, reflections, technology, space, and self-directed methods, among others.

Participants had a hands-on experience in the various teaching methods and were made to explore the benefits of the methods of instruction and learning. They were also taken through different

ways of developing the curriculum for their lessons as well as ways of assessing their students based on their styles of learning. Attendees described the session as an eye-opener and resolved to put what they learned into practice to make teaching more creative and less monotonous. We are grateful to Dr. Brown for facilitating this beneficial training.

Dr. Brown also facilitated a two-day Faculty Development Seminar for HCC Faculty. The seminar is part of

efforts by the university to keep its faculty abreast of current teaching and learning methods used by top universities around the world. In the seminar session on the theme: **“Creative Teaching and Instructional Methods,”** HCC faculty were updated on current trends in curriculum design, teaching and learning. They were also exposed to the active learning strategies and learning styles of different generations of adult learners.

Heritage Christian College is poised to expose its faculty to global standards so as to impart students with the highest quality of teaching in order to be globally competent. We are thankful for Dr. Brown’s willingness to share her expertise with our faculty.





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