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MEET DEBORAH ANKRAH

IN HER WORDS-DEBORAH ANKRAH

DISOWNED AND ABANDONED

'I am a first-year student of Heritage Christian College (HCC) studying Human Resource Management. I chose to come to HCC because of the entrepreneurial focus of the university. When I got to know of the support the university provides for its students to own their businesses before they graduate, I was really excited because I love to do business, but I have not had any formal training and raising the capital to start is also a challenge.



My story became complicated when I came to HCC and decided to get baptized and fellowship with the students at the Campus church. My father is a national executive of a denomination (Savior Church of Ghana) and he was furious that I decided to get baptized into Christ and fellowship at the church of Christ on HCC Campus. **As a form of retribution, my father disowned me**, abandoned me to my fate and ejected me from a room he hired for me which is close to the HCC campus. He has since then refused to pay my tuition fees and provide for my needs. I have had to move from place to place, seeking shelter and food from friends, HCC students and faculty. I have also faced several challenges in the midst of all this, including a motor car accident.

However, I looked up to the HCC Campus church whose leaders made sure I got a room to live in and get some money for upkeep and I have also received financial support from some of our faculty. I hope to become part of the Start-Up Challenge to get some support to begin my own business and be able to fend for myself. In fact, I am very happy to be at HCC and find the Christian brethren here who provide the needed support for me. My rejection and abandonment are painful, but I know that this is the price Christ said his followers would pay for choosing to follow him. I still have faith in God that He will make a way for me where there seems to be no way, and I will realize my dreams here at Heritage Christian College.'



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