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MEET EZEKIEL AMEVOR

IN HIS WORDS-EZEKIEL AMEVOR

I am Ezekiel Amevor and I come from Ningo in the Greater Accra Region. As a young child, I was staying with my mum in Accra before my dad came and took me to the Volta region of Ghana. My dad told me I was going to be working with him on the Volta Lake. I would be fishing with my dad and at the same time I would be trying to go to school. I was very passionate about getting an education at that time and I wanted so much to be in school.



So, I was very glad when my dad told me that I am going to go to school when I go back with him to the Volta Region. Unfortunately for me, that work was a difficult work—fishing and at the same time going to school, combining the two was very difficult for me to do. **Back then children were being trafficked on Lake Volta.** There was this American woman who came with a Ghanaian man who was a local teacher, and they purchased the freedom of seven children, and I was one of the seven. So they came rescuing children who were on Lake Volta instead of being in school. They were going to send the children back to their families, or to look for a place for them to go to school.

At that time my dad was not around and I took advantage of that because also at that time, my dad was somewhat busy, and I was so passionate about getting my education, it **made my life very rough.** So I was sent to the **Village of Hope** in Gomoa Fetteh, it is an orphanage and children's home in the Central Region of Ghana and that is where I grew up from the age of 12 years up to now.

As I was saying, I grew up at Village of Hope, so all my life I have been to private schools. So I am used to and love a small classroom of students. Heritage Christian College once came to Hope College to talk to students about HCC and what they could offer students like scholarship and some level of technology and teaching staff. I sent a letter to Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah, the president of Heritage Christian College, and said that I would love to come to Heritage. At that time the rules of Village of Hope said you could not go to a private school because the fees are very expensive.

So when my senior high results came, I saw that I did very well, and I spoke to them saying that I wanted to go to Heritage Christian College. Even though I knew the rules of the Village of Hope were that we could not get a chance to go to private school because of the fees and stuff. I told the school administrators that HCC was going to offer me a business scholarship as part of my fees and stuff. This scholarship is what actually gave me a chance to come to HCC.

I think scholarships to students of Heritage is important because it cuts off some of the burden from parents in terms of paying for fees. It is not every parent who can afford the fees of their students. And, a child who is passionate about education really needs help. Scholarships to students like myself at HCC are very important because 25% of my school fees are taken care of for me, and that is going to make me be able to finish my program at HCC, and some students do not have a chance at all to be in the school.'

Ezekiel was asked to share his favorite past moment or time.

'I don't know whether I have one ... but I think that moment was when I was taken from Lake Volta, because when I was sent to the Village of Hope, that is when my life started over again.'



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