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## HCC PRESIDENT'S RALLYING TOUR OF THE USA



Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah speaks to guests at a reception in his honor

In the latest push of what is becoming the biggest year ever for Heritage Christian College, the institution's president, Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, has toured the United States in April and May to share successes at the college and to rally involvement with—and funding for—the institution as it implements projects holding significant promise.

Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah's six-week U.S. itinerary began April 19 and included stops in Dallas, Texas; Abilene, Texas; Austin, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif; Nashville, Tenn.; Overland Park, Kan.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; Traverse City, Mich.; and other locations. Some of the stops are at campuses of Christian universities. The Abilene event was held at Abilene Christian University, an institution that played an important part in the creation of HCC. The Nashville event was at Lipscomb University while the Minneapolis event was at NorthWestern University.

In Kansas, Dr. Twumasi spoke at the Olathe Church of Christ, and in Michigan he did likewise at the Traverse City church of Christ. The Dallas occasion, dubbed "Witness Ghana," held on April 21, was at Chamberlin's Steak and Chop House, where dinner was served to invitees who heard Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah describe how HCC is transforming West Africa. The occasion was billed as a night of fellowship and "taking a trip" to Africa.

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Heritage Christian College Foundation (HCCF), the fund-raising auxiliary for HCC, has announced a major fundraising campaign (\$10 million over five years) in an effort to raise building funds, scholarship resources, and vitally needed campus and classroom supplies. Funds are particularly needed in 2018 to meet shorter-term needs.

The college, with a mission to be "a Christ-centered environment to promote transformative education through active engagement in the teaching-learning interaction, creative pursuits, servant leadership, and global competence," has grown rapidly in the three years of its existence.



Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah at table with guests at a reception

Mr. Deon Fair, chairman of HCCF, said he felt that this spring's push might eventually be looked back upon as the turning point in the prospects of Heritage Christian College, and that its bright promise and its deserving students inspired the participation of individuals who want to see Africa lifted up and, even more importantly, the cause of Christianity strengthened in a third world country that indeed wants to bring its people fully into the 21st Century.

Mr. Fair said that the college is operated by Ghanaians for Ghanaians. Supporters of the school point to a sense of pride that permeates the institution. The Ghanaians do not want efforts simply to be done for them. They take the lead in decision-making, in initiatives, in the work of the college. For details, visit the nonprofit's website at [hccf-usa.org](http://hccf-usa.org).

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HCCF Chairman, Mr. Deon Fair (standing) with some guests at a reception



## DR. TWUMASI-ANKRAH DAZZLES AT "A NIGHT IN GHANA"



Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah delivering the keynote address

The president of Heritage Christian College, Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, is a man with a clear message and an unclouded vision. He shares his thoughts in a way that draws everyone in. At a recent gathering (April 30, 2018) at Abilene Christian University, Dr. Sam spoke first about Heritage Christian College and then about what it means to live as a Christian.

His key line, which he asked his audience to remember as the "one take-away" from his remarks was: "To be a Christian, a true disciple of Jesus, is to be a personal participant in Christ's mission."

Then Dr. Sam talked about how to make that happen. "You and I participate in the mission of Christ when we identify a need," he said. "You can be here or wherever and still participate. The mission field is right on this campus."

But first Dr. Sam talked about Heritage Christian College (HCC) being "established as a Christian response to a national need," in his words. The need? A need to deal with the employment situation in Ghana that propels Ghanaians to leave the country, undergoing great hardships to find work elsewhere. "They want to be productive," he said. "But the system is not helping them. They migrate." Heritage Christian College offers education that focuses on ethics, technology, and entrepreneurship, thereby equipping students to help themselves. "They will be able to set up their own businesses," Dr. Sam said. Secondly, by providing jobs, they help others. Also, they can give back to Heritage Christian College and the communities in which they live.

Dr. Sam also talked about HCC's forerunner and affiliate, Heritage Bible Institute, noting that 136 students are training to become full-time ministers at the Institute.

Credit: [www.hccf-usa.org](http://www.hccf-usa.org)

Some guests at the night





## HERITAGE BIBLE INSTITUTE DEVELOPS PROGRAM TO TRAIN TERTIARY STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

The Heritage Bible Institute (HBI) is meeting a critical need in the churches of Christ in Ghana: that is, providing Bible training for tertiary students and graduates with plans for ministry, evangelism, teaching the church and impacting souls through effective leadership.

There is a bulk of students at universities, polytechnics, teacher-training and nurses-training colleges who desire to be ministers of the gospel, Bible Class teachers or find themselves playing various roles in church leadership who would have wanted to have good training in Bible and church leadership but their education and careers do not help them to do so.

Through a program dubbed "Young Scholars Bible Training Program" Heritage Bible Institute is responding to this need by hosting students during vacations at the campus for a 2-week full-day training in Preparation for Ministry, Evangelism and Discipleship, Hermeneutics and Homiletics, Teaching

the Bible, Congregational Development, Church Leadership among others.

The first session will run from 4th to 16th June, 2018. So far, 59 participants have expressed interest to participate in the maiden edition.



Students from University of Cape Coast, Ghana

## HCC RECEIVES APPROVAL TO RUN ICM UK DIPLOMA PROGRAMS



Heritage Christian College(HCC) has received approval from the Institute of Commercial Management, UK (ICM-UK) to run the professional diploma programmes of the institute. Courses approved for HCC to teach are; Professional Computing and Information Processing, Project Management, Journalism and Media Studies, Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations,

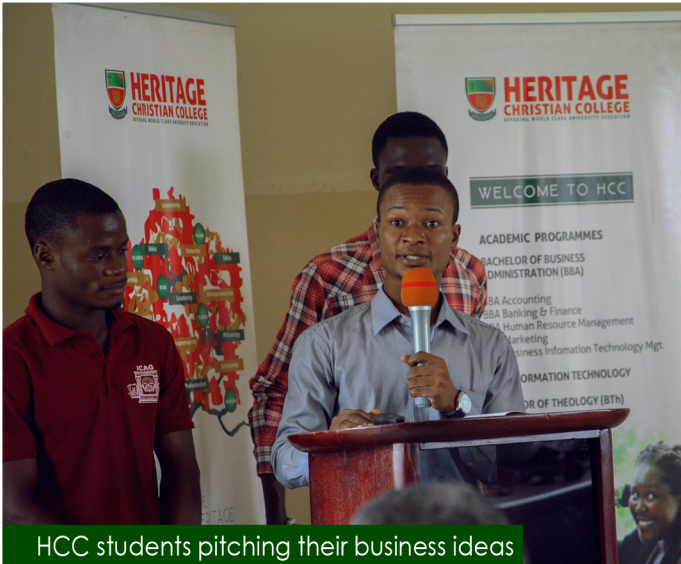
Accounting and Finance, Business Studies and Human Resource Development. Seventy-five (75) students have so far been enrolled into the program.

Established as a charity for global outreach in 1979, the Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) is the leading professional body for commercial and business development staff with courses running in 88 countries. ICM provides a wide range of professional qualifications in business, management and related vocational areas. ICM programs are designed to address and respond to the training needs as well as the personal development of learners, whether entering or continuing to work within the wide and varied commercial sector.

ICM certificates/ diplomas are accredited by the national Accreditation Board of Ghana; and graduates of ICM can gain admission to study for a two or three-year bachelor's degree in the relevant field at Heritage Christian College.



## HCC START-UP CHALLENGE BEGINS



HCC students pitching their business ideas

The maiden edition of the HCC start-up challenge began with a training workshop on the preparation of a Business concept note. The Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics (CEPE), a unit of HCC under whose auspices the event is being held, received over 40 applications from students, faculty and staff of HCC.

In the second round of the Challenge, fourteen (14) groups of shortlisted applicants pitched their ideas in 5 minutes to business experts and leaders in Ghana and the HCC community. The groups presented proposals from several areas of business including farming, daycare, IT systems, agro-processing and hospitality. The participants then underwent a 1-day workshop on the preparation of a 20-page business plan.

Participants will be required to submit a comprehensive business plan for consideration by the governing board of CEPE. Five (5) projects will be shortlisted for the award of up to GHs 25,000 (\$5,600) each.

## HCC GLOBAL SOCIAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE FINALS



Finalists at the challenge

The finals of the HCC Global Social Innovation Challenge have been held, with Group Charcoal emerging winners. The keenly contested competition saw 3 finalists presenting solutions to environmental and educational problems identified in Ghana. The Winners, composed of 3 second-year students (Evans Kwakye, Benjamin Nketsiah and Austin Carboo), proposed a solution to managing the waste problem in Ghana.

The Global Social Innovation Challenge (GSIC), organized by the University of San Diego, USA, is a social venture pitch competition that recognizes, resources, and rewards student-led social ventures focused on sustainable change. Participants are asked to develop a nuanced understanding of a social or environmental issue of their choice and identify gaps in the existing approaches.

Then, they are asked to identify a potential solution that can address the gap/s, has measurable positive impact, and can be financially sustainable & scalable. Finally, students create a compelling value proposition, build a viable business plan, and pitch the venture to a panel of judges for seed funding and other resources.

The GSIC gives students access to \$50,000+ in seed funding and a priceless experience of learning, value formation, and networking. The HCC winners will represent Ghana, together with students from 3 other universities, in the global competition at the University of San Diego, USA in June 2018.



## DR. DOUGLAS BOATENG, ONE OF HCC FOUNDERS, SPEAKS TO HCC STUDENTS

One of the Founding Elders of Heritage Christian College, Dr. Douglas Boateng has spurred HCC students on to reach higher heights in life and also serve humanity the best way they can. Dr. Boateng is a well-known Ghanaian philanthropist who paid for the full cost of the land on which HCC is situated.

In a special speakers' session called "Time with an Achiever", Dr. Douglas Boateng said, "I have always desired to be used as a tool in the hands of God to accomplish His mission wherever He wishes. I have cherished the opportunity to be a steward of God's blessings to bless others. None of the things I have done or own have been accomplished by my own strength; all have been by the grace of God and my greatest legacy I would love to leave behind is to use this to serve the world, to make a difference in the life of others. I am happy God has led me to do just that wherever he sends me."

The astute and accomplished entrepreneur is the Group Chairman of Continental Christian Traders Ltd., a Group of Companies comprising Glastein Estates Ltd., and CCT Ltd. These companies have been established, nurtured and expanded under his careful watch to expand into multi-national companies with presence across many countries in Africa including: Ghana, Togo, The Gambia, Senegal, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau, and Liberia. Dr. Douglas Boateng, who for many years was an elder at the Nsawam Road church of Christ, whose elders oversee HCC, is now an elder of the Church of Christ, McCarthy Hill. His acts of philanthropy have blessed so many individuals, groups and organizations. For HCC, it was a unique time with such a Christian role model who epitomizes its core values: Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics.



Dr. Douglas Boateng (Left) sharing his life story.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### HCC CHANCELLOR GRADUATES WITH DOCTORATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Dr. James Asare-Adjei

The Chancellor of Heritage Christian College has graduated from the SBS Swiss Business School, Switzerland with a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA). Dr. James Asare-Adjei studied at the Nobel International Business School, a center of the Swiss Business School in Accra, Ghana.

Dr. James Asare-Adjei is the immediate past President of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) and Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asadtek Group Limited, a major kitchenware and roofing products manufacturing factory, as well as real estate company located in Tema, Ghana. He holds a BSc Engineering degree from Kwame



Dr. James Asare-Adjei receiving his certificate

Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing (C.I.M – U.K), MBA (University of Central England, U.K), Master of Applied Business Research (SBS Swiss Business School, Switzerland).

Dr. Asare-Adjei is a member of the Church of Christ and is married with three children.



## HCC MENTORS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



HCC mentors with some of the students

In its second edition of the Annual Heritage Career Mentorship Program, HCC staff and students toured five out of the ten regions in Ghana to inspire and guide High School final year students who were preparing to write final exams. The team went to Western, Greater Accra, Volta, Ashanti, Central regions, meeting over 5,000 students in all. Some of these students are expected to enroll into HCC during the October admission season.

### SOME CRITICAL NEEDS OF HBI/HCC

We urgently need help for 3 key things:

1. **Funds to construct a Multi-purpose Building**

- per the Bill of Quantities from the architects/engineers this will cost **\$2.6 million**; and this building will provide several classrooms, a cafeteria/an auditorium and offices for faculty. We urgently need this building because our current student numbers and the rate at which we are growing vis-à-vis the facilities we have now make it almost impossible to continue to enroll students in 2 years' time. Also, the government agency, the National Accreditation Board will not permit us to continue to enroll in view of our inadequate facilities.

2. **Scholarship for Needy but Smart Students**

- especially the 5 from Village of Hope Orphanage - **\$5,000** per student per year, depending on whether the student lives on campus or not, signs up for meals from the cafeteria, brings a laptop or has to take one from the school among others.

3. **A Pick-Up Truck** for our School of Preaching (HBI) which we now operate from 5 different centers around the country with 136 preacher students.

- The Toyota Pick-up truck costs **\$39,000** – and it will replace our rickety pick-up truck that we use to transport teachers and students to work with churches in the villages.

#### PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING



*We are thankful to God and to you all our readers and co-servants of the Lord. We count on your partnership for prayers, support and advice as we carry out the mission.*