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CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE GRADUATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Heritage Christian College (HCC) has officially launched its Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics (CEPE) as a step to reduce the spate of unemployment in Ghana. According to the World Bank 2016 report on jobs in Ghana, about 48 percent of the youth in the country, who are between 15-24 years do not have jobs. Experts say, the country needs to create 300,000 jobs every year deal with unemployment in the country. Research shows that much of the education in Ghana prepares students to be job seekers instead of job creators.

As a step to check this trend, Heritage Christian College set up the Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics as a "business-incubator" system to equip its students with entrepreneurial skills and mentoring before they graduate. The Center provides the following services to the HCC Community: Business Advisory and Nurturing, Start-up Challenge, Business and Ethics Training, Venture Capital, Research into business trends, Day of Philanthropy, Talent Hunt and Business Boot-camps. The HCC Start-up Challenge, for instance, has prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for the best business plans by HCC students and faculty. Ghana's Minister for Business Development commended HCC for the innovative project and pledged government's support to help the Center achieve its objective. For more information, visit: www.hcuc.edu.gh/cepe/



Dr. Douglas Boateng (Elder) cuts the ribbon to launch the Center



Executive Director of CEPE takes guests round the Center



Students and guests at the launch

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24 "PROJECT TIMOTHY" STUDENTS GRADUATE

Twenty-four (24) students in the Heritage Bible Institute (HBI) grassroots leadership development program "Project Timothy" at Yendi and Saboba in the Northern Region of Ghana have graduated. Sixteen (16) studied at the Yendi Study Center while 8 studied at the Saboba Study Center. They had training for 4 years and were awarded Certificates in Church Leadership.

HBI has been running this program for over 20 years and has trained hundreds of church leaders who are working in various parts of the Northern Region which is one of the most deprived regions of Ghana. Currently, there are 11 students at the Yendi Study Center and 24 in Saboba. The urgent needs of the centers are classroom furniture, sponsorship for the instructors, boarding and feeding for the trainees and projectors for studies.



All the graduates with some instructors



Guests at the graduation



Graduates from Yendi Center



Graduates from Saboba Center with instructors



New students in class at the Yendi Center



New students in class at the Saboba Center

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE HOLDS THIRD MATRICULATION

Eighty-eight (88) new students, made up of 66 males and 22 females have been formally inducted into the university to read various programs. By program distribution, 58 are reading Bachelor of Business Administration, 19 are pursuing Bachelor of Science in Information Technology while 11 are studying Bachelor of Theology. By nationality, 86 are Ghanaians, 2 are Nigerians and 1 is Cameroonian. This brings the current student population of Heritage Christian College to 220.

The President of Heritage Christian College, Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah noted that "The education HCC offers is very distinct in our setting because we strongly believe that as one-time Professor of Oxford and Cambridge, C.S. Lewis stated, 'Education without values, as useful as it is, seems to rather make man a more clever[sic] devil.' At HCC, we are determined to contribute to fighting corruption and moral decadence that are so prevalent in our society today. Here at HCC, we believe a good Christian education is what will help equip the leaders of tomorrow with the right mindset, attitudes and skills to cause a lasting transformation in the society."



Some of the new students of HCC



New students with faculty and guests



Mr. James Asare-Adjei, Chancellor of HCC



Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, President of HCC

FIRST YEAR HCC STUDENT GETS BORN AGAIN

Edem Darkey is a first year BSc. Information Technology student



Executive Assistant to HCC President, Mr. Conrad Kakraba baptizes Edem



Edem Darkey, HCC student

TOP AFRICAN SCIENTIST SPEAKS TO HCC STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Students and Faculty of Heritage Christian College were privileged to interact with a top African Scientist, Dr. Julius Hagan. He spoke to students on opportunities for growth and development and scholarships in various fields. The faculty and staff benefited from his expertise in research and institutional advancement.

Dr. Hagan was adjudged the 2013 3rd Best Young Professional Scientist in Africa by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and was nominated by the Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, CTA, as one of the top 20 innovators in the world. He is a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department of Animal Science, School of Agriculture, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.



Dr. Julius Hagan



Dr. Julius Hagan speaking to students and faculty



Dr. Julius Hagan interacts with some faculty

HCC'S MENTOR UNIVERSITY RENEWS AFFILIATION WITH HCC

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) has renewed the affiliation status of Heritage Christian College for four years. It is a requirement for a new private university to be affiliated with a government university for a period to receive mentorship in different areas.

HCC got affiliation status from KNUST in 2012. After an assessment by a panel of experts from KNUST, HCC was found to be doing what is required of it as a new university college. HCC is due for re-accreditation and it is our prayer that the National Accreditation Board (NAB), the government agency that accredits universities in Ghana, will also pass HCC as our mentor institution has done. HCC needs more buildings and more faculty and programmes to keep up with the standards set by the NAB. Your prayers and support are needed in this regard.



Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology



Heritage Christian College

HCC MENTORS HOPE COLLEGE STUDENTS

As part of the annual Heritage Career Mentorship Program, some staff and students of Heritage Christian College, a university in Amasaman-Accra, met with final year students of Hope College Senior High School in the Central Region. Hope College is at the Village of Hope Orphanage, a project of the churches of Christ. The HCC team inspired the students who are preparing for their final exams with their life stories and also taught them time management, preparation for exams and making good choice of tertiary institutions.



HCC students and staff interacting with Hope College students

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 **\$2.4 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 65 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.