

AFRICA'S HOPE, INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The year 2017 began with a great deal of hope and promise with expectations to accomplish a lot but that was not to last much longer. I was optimistic that so many things were going to happen at a faster rate but that did not happen. The optimism and enthusiasm soon gave way to a deep sense of frustration and hopelessness. We were determined not to give up because we couched ourselves in the Word of God which says that we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us. We made some progress in a number of areas but the pace was slower. There are many plans in the heart of a man but only the will of God shall prevail. God has His own times and seasons He has framed His work on. No one, regardless of who we are or what we do, can change God's framework which He has established upon His Word from the time of creation. We can only focus on God and wait upon Him to do what He has set out to do in His own time and what He does are always beautiful.

Global Missions Conference: We attended a Global mission's conference called **COSMOS** at Church of the Saviour in Wayne, Pennsylvania in the first quarter of the year. We put up a booth which had on display pictures of some of the many mission projects we do in Ghana

The Children's Hospital: We were able to finish block work by completing all the areas that needed to be finished with blocks. We made window and door frames for the entire building. We started to put in pipes for plumbing and electricals but we were unable to complete that work. We plastered the hospital building both inside and outside and the building looks so good. The beauty of it all is the fact that, while all of this was taking place, the facility was still serving the sick that were able to come there for medical attention.

Electricity at the Hospital: We did not give up in our relentless pursuit of electric power to the area. I made more than 50 phone calls to the Ministry of Energy and the Volta River Authority which does the ground work for the Ministry. I made a lot of people unhappy but more so uncomfortable with my phone calls. I maintained the same cordial attitude and still thanked them and wished them well even though the news was not good sometimes. One staff told me that every time he sees my name on his phone screen when his phone rang, his heart beat increased. I am glad to say that I was told a few days ago that we are now only days away from getting a transformer installed which has been held up for more than a year. That is the Ghanaian bureaucratic way. Keep the heat up or forget it and move on. I am trusting God for His favor and I know it will happen, for He has never lost a battle that He was ever in-charge.

Garden of HOPE Farms: AfriHOPE Missions (Ghana) started growing cashews and corn this year. We were able to plant 15 acres which is doing well. This is part of our mission to reduce or eradicate hunger and poverty. Our goal is **to plant 80-100 acres of cashew farm to sell to local and foreign markets to generate income to support our mission.** We have plans to use this ministry as an economic incubator to train other young people who are interested in becoming farmers to improve their standard of living.

Orphan Sponsorship: The last of the orphans from House of HOPE Orphanage who made it to College is in her final year and is scheduled to graduate in May of 2018 to become a certificated teacher.

"Thank You" to All Our Donors and All Board Members: Your love, generosity and kindness allowed us to do all the things we have highlighted above and even more that we could not mention in this report. We faced many other difficulties in the ministry but your acts of love and constant prayers got us through by the unflinching and intervening grace and mercy of God. You stood toe-to-toe and shoulder-to-shoulder with us throughout the year and we are ever grateful to you. You brought us encouragement and your presence emboldened us to know that we were not alone and God bless you!

“Thank You” Frank and Lisa for your years of service: Thanks to our outgoing Chairman of our Board, Frank, and his wife Lisa who served as Secretary to the Board. Frank led the organization through some incredible times over the last 4 years or so. Frank’s bio-agricultural company has expanded and therefore has placed a great deal of restraints on his time. Frank has pledged to continue to support the mission as he and his wife Lisa are able. We thank you, Frank and Lisa, for your friendship, wisdom, support and guidance through the years you served the Almighty God through Africa’s HOPE (dba: AfriHOPE). Fare thee well in all your commitments. (Douglas Yeboah-Awusi)