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From The General Secretary



We are grateful to the Almighty God for His grace and mercies, and for ushering us into a new year, 2020 and a new decade.

Since my induction as the new General Secretary of the BSG in January, 2020, your support has been overwhelming. The COVID-19 pandemic coupled with its attendant initial lockdown and restrictions in movements in Ghana has brought in its wake both threats and opportunities for the ministry of the Bible Society of Ghana. We are praying passionately, petitioning God to intervene and heal our land from the shackles of the COVID-19 pandemic so that our lives and activities could return to normalcy.

Our theme for this year, “The Bible and Politics” brings to the fore the role Christians must play in the political life of Ghana. It calls on all

Ghanaians, especially Christians, to be citizens and not Spectators” as aptly put by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo during his inaugural address in January, 2017.

Very soon, activities to kick-start the political process to elect Parliamentary candidates and a President for Ghana will commence. It is expected that as Christians, we would get involved in and show the way in positive politicking.

Politics is about the way we interact with our fellow human beings and the rest of creation. At the family, community, national and global levels, we are always confronted with decisions on how to relate with one another, including how to govern ourselves as men and women from various walks of life as well as how to manage the resources placed at our disposal for our collective well-being.

The BSG continues to collaborate with and relies on the support of individual Christians and the churches to fund our projects and programmes, therefore our prayer for you is this, “May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness-an abundance of grain and new wine” (Gen 27:28).

With the help of God and together with the management and staff of the BSG, we will endeavour to execute the core mandate of the BSG, in terms of Bible work, ranging from Translation, Publishing, Distribution and Bible engagement programmes, such as literacy, trauma healing and children/youth work. We will continue with the digitization of the operations of the BSG to make BSG more responsive to the contemporary needs of the society.

May the Triune God bless and keep you and your families safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enoch Aryee-Atta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee-Atta



BSG celebrates 55th Annual Bible week

The 55th Bible Week Celebration was under the theme “The Bible and Politics”. The celebration was done across the nation from the 1st of February to the 9th of February 2020.

This year’s Bible Week had various speakers assigned to preach on the theme across the country, in both launch and celebration services respectively. At the launch for the Sabbath Churches, SDA Sakumono branch, Apostle Dr. Emmanuel Anim, the Rector of the Pentecost Trinity Seminary and a former Council Member of the Bible Society of Ghana spoke on “The Bible, Politics and Governance: The Dilemma of The African Church”. Citing scriptures from Genesis Chapters 1 & 2,

Luke 10, Deuteronomy 6:5 and Psalm 24:1, he said the scriptures:

- State that God created the heaven and the earth.
- Reveal the mind of God to His people to know who He is and gives understanding of who we are and the God we worship.
- Teach us how we may relate to God and one another

Dr. Anim admonished all Christians to demonstrate our love for God by both our words and deeds.

Regarding politics and governance, he encouraged Christians to engage in politics because it deals with people with different ideas working together to achieve a task.

He admonished that we should not see politics as a battle but a civil exchange of ideas with a common goal of creating peace and prosperity for people.

Dr. Anim in his closing remarks illustrated the three arms of Government The (Executive, Legislature and Judiciary) in Isaiah 33:22 “For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our King; He will save us”.

He admonished Christians not to see politics as evil or a dirty game but a way that God could use to fulfill His plans.

In his conclusion, he encouraged Christians to stand against bad actions and allow the systems in Ghana to work for our mutual benefit.

The new General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana, Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee-Atta in his message to the Churches, revealed that “The Bible Society of Ghana is a non-profit making organization committed to translating the Bible into major Ghanaian languages. He seized the opportunity to appeal to Christians and Organizations to support the Bible Society of Ghana to enable it make the Word of God available and affordable.

He went on to say that the Bible Society and the Church have over the years celebrated the Bible Week to call attention to the centrality and relevance to the word of God and also thank God for the gift of the Bible while we celebrate the

unity of Christians in spite of our diverse denominational traditions.

The General Secretary underlined the reason for the theme, “The Bible and Politics”. He explained that during the celebration each year, a theme that resonates with the occurrences in our society is chosen and this year is no exception. He advised that as we head for the polls on December 7, 2020. Christians have a role to play in ensuring a peaceful, free and fair elections in Ghana. It is a call on all Ghanaians especially.

The Bible Week celebration was climaxed on the 8th and 9th February in over 200 Churches where Reverend Ministers moved from their Churches to preach in other Churches as Guest Speakers.



New General Secretary

Pays Working Visit To Sekondi-Takoradi



Rev. Enoch Aryee-Atta with executives of the Takoradi Local Council of Churches

The newly appointed General Secretary of the Society, Rev. Dr. Enoch Eric Aryee-Atta accompanied by the Regional Supervisor, Mr. Gershon Bonso, paid a familiarisation visit to Sekondi-Takoradi Regional office on December 9 to December 11, 2019.

During his visit to the sector, the incoming General Secretary paid courtesy calls on some heads of churches in the Region including the Bishop of the Anglican church, Rt. Rev. Alexander Asmah, the Methodist Bishop Rt. Rev. Daniel De-Graft-Brace and the General Overseer of the Christian Faith Church, Bishop Emmanuel Botwe

as well as the Area Head of the Church of Pentecost for the Sekondi Area, Apostle Daniel Sey.

The New General Secretary, Dr. Aryee-Atta also met the executives of the local council of churches in Takoradi, and Sekondi to introduce himself to them and to thank them for their support over the years and to encourage them to support the BSG

even more in the coming years.

Also, the General Secretary had a meeting with the proposed Area Executive Committee Members at the head office of the Church of Pentecost at the New site. He used the opportunity to call for more support and collaboration with the BSG in making the Bible available and affordable to all believers.



The General Secretary with some Executives Members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Sekondi-Takoradi



Free Bible Distribution Brings A Testimony At Nwomaso D/A Basic School

The free Bible distribution project to upper primary pupils in the basic school brought about a testimony from a young pupil in class five at Nwomaso D/A Basic school, within Breman Esikuma District in the Central Region.

As the Cape Coast office sought for areas to distribute free scriptures to pupils in various schools, they identified some remote area schools in the central region. This decision however became

a challenge for the office looking at the distance they had to cover before they get to the named schools in those villages and the fact that the office had no duty car. After further consultation with some volunteers and donors in Cape Coast, one donor who was offered to release his pick-up for this important exercise while another fueled it.

The Regional Manager, set off with one volunteer and a driver early in the morning on Wednesday for this exercise. The volunteer who knew those villages suggested which schools we should

begin the exercise from. At midday, we had covered only two schools out of the five selected schools distance from one school to the other.

On our way to the third school, it began to drizzle but we managed to get there. This school was situated in a village where a vehicle goes there once a day and most teachers were using bicycles and motor cycles to the place. The joy on the faces of the pupils after seeing us in our pick-up cannot be described. The pupils and the staff received us gladly and we made our presentations to them.

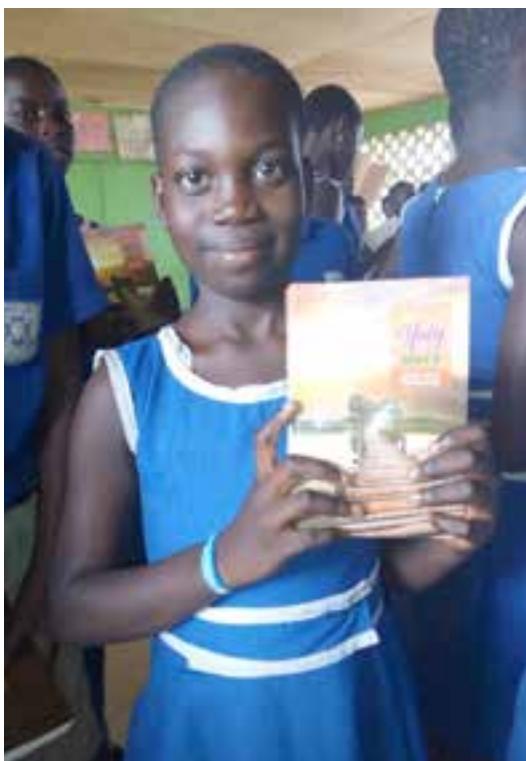
It was after this third school that I suggested to the driver and the volunteer that we needed to return to cape coast to avoid traveling in the night. The volunteer pleaded that there was still another school among our list which was on our

way back and that we should pass by and meet them because even though it was past 3pm, he believed the pupils and the teachers would still wait for us since our coming had been communicated to them. I was reluctant to that suggestion because we would get to the said school almost 4pm and I was wondering if a village school at which closes at 2pm would wait additional two hours for visitors.

What broke the camel's back was when a heavy rain began immediately we set of to the said school. The heavy wind and rain alone discouraged us from going but we went all the same. On reaching the school, it was still raining and the class 5 and 6 pupils whom we communicated our donation intentions to were waiting for us indoors. We got off the vehicle, passed through the rain and got to them in the class. The cheers, applause and joy of these pupils made me almost shed tears. I was wondering how these pupils would have been heart broken and disappointed if we had not turned up

We distributed the Bibles and this young boy in class five got up, lifted his Bible in the air and shouted 'Awurade meda wo ase se watie mempaebo, w'ama mensenka meankasa me Bible.' Literally interpreted "Lord Jesus I thank you for answering my prayers, you have made it possible for me to get my own Bible."

I started shedding tears as I watched this boy happily repeating this statement to the hearing of his mates and the others too joyfully gazing at their Bibles. I told my team on our way back that the struggle we had gone through to reach this village might be due to the prayers of this poor boy to receive his own Bible.





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Induction of General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana

The Induction Service of the 7th General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana (BSG) – Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee-Atta was held on Sunday, 26th of January 2020 at the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), Prince of Peace Congregation Community 5 - Tema. The Service was graced by renowned Clergymen and women as well as Council members of the Bible Society of Ghana.

The message “Sent to Preach the Good news” was preached by Rev. Prof. B. Y. Quarshie, Rector of the Akrofi Christaller Institute of Theology Mission. He stressed on the need for Christians to take up the mantle of winning souls and living as the Bible expects them to.

Rev. Dr. Aryee-Atta extended his sincere gratitude to the present and past members of the Council of the BSG and his predecessors – Mr. Thomas Adevu, Mr. Maxwell Dzunuu and Rev. Professor Joshua Kudadji (All of blessed memory), Mr. David Hammond, Very Rev. Kofi Owusu and Rev. Dr. Erasmus Odonkor together with the management and Staff (past and present) of BSG for the very firm foundation they had helped to establish for him to build on.

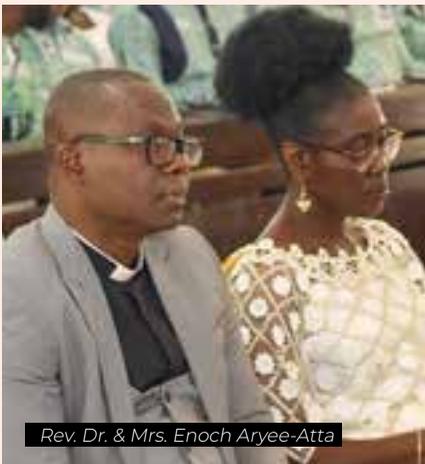
The new General Secretary who indicated that his serving in BSG is a call by the Lord for him to serve in His Vineyard, promised to abide by the tenets and values of the Society and he pledged to work to achieve



Some staff members and stakeholders of BSG at the Induction Service



The Council Chair, Mr. J.N.B Tetteh and some officiating Ministers at the service



Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Enoch Aryee-Atta



Some congregants



Some congregants

the vision of the society of making the Bible available and affordable to everyone in the language they can understand.

“I would endeavour to lead the Management and Staff of the BSG to execute the core mandate of the BSG, in terms of Bible work, ranging from Translation, Publishing and Distribution to Programmes with its several activities, such as literacy, trauma healing and youth work.”

He further promised to enhance the digitization of the operations of the BSG to make it more responsive to the contemporary needs of the Society. He reiterated that in working towards executing the mandate of the BSG, we would be guided by the core values of the Society which is faithfulness, partnership, professionalism, excellent Customer service and Responsiveness in all our programmes and activities.

Rev. Dr. Aryee-Atta expressed gratitude to the District Minister- Rev. Andy Odonkor and the Session of the PCG, Prince of Peace Congregation for agreeing to host the induction ceremony and he concluded by assuring the Council, Heads of Churches, Members and Staff of his full commitment to the task/ assignment given which would be discharged with the help of God to His glory alone.





BSG Volta & Oti Regional Oversight Committee Inducted

Working with churches and all stakeholders in the Volta and Oti Regions over the years, has been very fruitful in promoting the Bible cause. As part of the efforts to deepen the successes chalked so far and increase our visibility in these Regions, the National Council of the Bible Society of Ghana in consultation with stakeholders constituted a five-member committee to oversee the BSG operations in these Regions for the next two years.

It was glorious and all joy at the Central Assemblies of God Church, Ho on 15th March 2020 when Prof. Mrs. Akosua Anyidoho (Vice Chair of Council), Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee-Atta (General Secretary) and Rev. Issifu Dokurugu (Computer Assisted Publishing Officer) Joined Heads of Churches in the Volta and Oti Regions to induct into office the first oversight committee members.

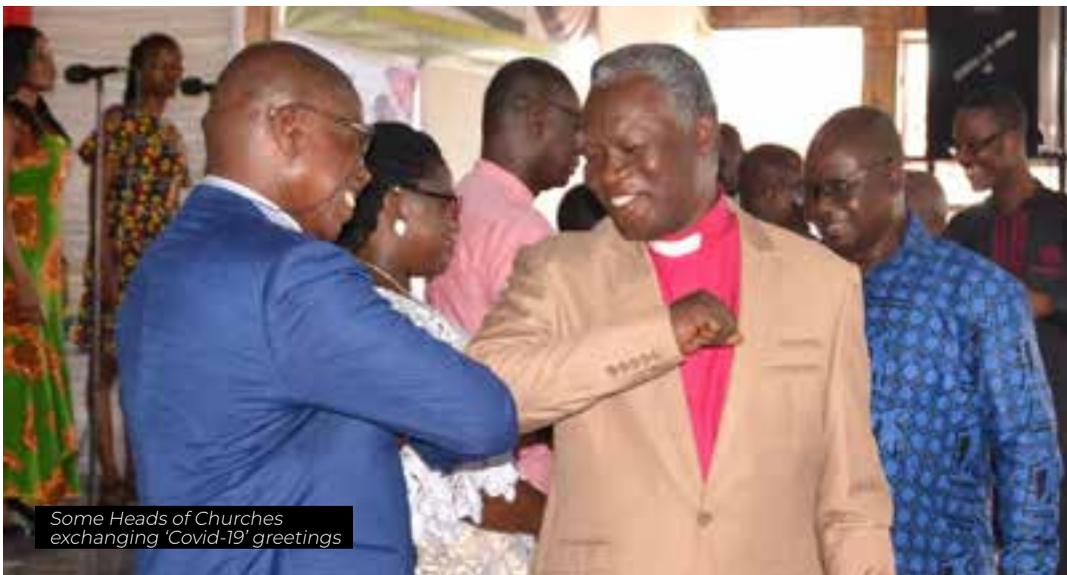
Speaking on the theme, Called to Service (John 9:4) at the event, Apostle J.K. Sarkodie of the Apostolic Church, Ghana emphasised that Christians are called to impact every sphere of society with Godly values and principles. He said all Christian should endeavour to serve God with their profession, intellect and possessions so as to bring the transformation God expects to the Ghanaian society. He further challenged the inductees to fully devote themselves to the mission and vision of the Bible Society of Ghana and assured them of the presence of the Holy Spirit to help them succeed as the first oversight committee members for the two Regions.

The atmosphere was very serene when Prof. Mrs. Akosua Anyidoho and Apostle Moses Ahiakor of the Church of Pentecost inducted the five member Committee into office. The inductees were; Rev. Seth Mawutor (Chairman), Mrs. Esther

Chomaffo Adade, Mr. Joy Kafui Kormla Akpebu, Mr. David Adzovie and Mr. Simon Komla Mawulolo Nayo

In an acceptance speech, Rev. Seth Mawutor on behalf of the other inductees, gave thanks to God, Council, management and all Bible society stakeholders for the opportunity given them to serve. He

called on all to give them the necessary counsel and support. Special thanks go to all Heads of Churches who made the event a memorable one. Rev Godson K. Bodza and Rev. Eric Seyram Anku of the Evangelical Assemblies of God Church deserve a special mention for their remarkable reception as the host church.



Some Heads of Churches exchanging 'Covid-19' greetings



Prayers being said for the Inductees by heads of Churches



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Forum of Bible Agencies (FOBA) Re-launched

The Bible Society of Ghana with eleven (11) other member organizations such as Biblica, OneHope, Scripture Union (SU), Lutheran Bible Translators, Theovision International, Faith Comes by Hearing, Great Commission Movement of Ghana, GILLBT, Bible League Ghana, Lutheran Media Ministry and GHAFES teamed up for the re-launch of the Forum of Bible Agencies (FOBA).

The re-launch which took place at the Legon Interdenominational Church (LIC) -Legon on 26th February 2020 was themed “Working together in partnership to serve the Body of Christ” and it was chaired by Rev. Dr. Joyce R. Aryee. (President of the BSG)

The Forum of Bible Agencies (FOBA) began in Ghana in 1999 with the aim to broaden evangelistic efforts through the translation and distribution of scriptures in the sub region. The member organizations work on Bible translation, Media translation, publication of Scripture, audio Bible, Jesus film, devotional, Christian literature, Audio-visuals for evangelism and discipleship, contemporary resources for missions, research and consultancy and training.

FOBA sees the need for the member organizations to co-operate wholeheartedly in carrying out the task of recognizing distinctive characteristics

and unique ministry of each organization increasing the speed and scope of making God’s word available to every individual in the language of their heart.

According to Rev. Dr. Joyce Aryee, there is an urgent need for Para church mission groups to work together to make sure the Word of God is declared publicly in the country.

She described the assignment to make the Word available as a blessed one but difficult. She encouraged the member organizations to work together to fulfil the work God has given us because there is a reward for that.

The Guests speaker of the programme, Apostle Jude Hama - Former General Director of Scripture Union explained that coming together as Bible Agencies in Ghana gave member organizations a better appreciation of their uniqueness.

He admonished FOBA members to Hear well - God’s word, understand well – God’s word, obey well and Practice or Live out well God’s Word. He opined that the Bible is the only basis of “what we believe, and how we behave” as the body of Christ, the Church.

According to Apostle Hama, a Biblical and historic truth is this: “Every season of spiritual awakening or authentic revival



has been ushered in by a revival of biblical engagement, and effective Bible use, biblical preaching.”

He emphasized that the Bible is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible directive, guideline (or instruction) for all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience”. He stressed that Truth is not created by man; it is only learned from God. Therefore, Pastors and individual churches cannot create new revelations, invent new teachings or make new laws to bind the conscience of God’s people. He stated that where there are creeds, they only serve to affirm the authority of God’s Word, The Bible and that they do not stand alone as authoritative by themselves.

He concluded by saying that God still speaks but He speaks through His Word, therefore, let the truth in the Word of God be spoken to the people. The Church he said must be called back to God’s Word hence the need for Biblical literacy.

Rev Dr. Joyce Aryee in re-launching FOBA advised that Jesus ministered in a very hostile world, likewise the Apostles and the foundation they laid is what the present age is standing on, hence, the

need to recommit our dedication to FOBA as member organizations.

She spoke about power emanating from the FOBA team being re-launched and maintained that FOBA had the power, hence, the need to make the power evident in our generation.

Rev. Theodore Asare, CEO of Theovision a member organization of FOBA promised that the team would engage in different partnership projects and they would work together to bring scripture engagement to the nation.

Member organizations displayed their products in an elegant exhibition fair.



The Bible and Politics

– Very Rev. Professor Emmanuel Martey

As part of the Bible Week Celebrations for this year, a Public Lecture was organized to give an exposition on the chosen theme, “The Bible and Politics”. The Lecture came off on Thursday, 6th February, 2020 at the Osu Eben-Ezer Presbyterian Hall.

Speaking at the Lecture, Very Rev. Professor Emmanuel Martey, a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana admonished that “Christians should be concerned about how their government is run and how their society is ruled. To maintain a godly society, individual Christians should become involved to some degree in politics – whether it’s by praying for their leaders, exercising their privilege to vote or actually hold a political office”.

In his presentation, Prof Martey stated that, the Bible gives the truth regarding the Christian attitude and stance towards politics and governments, some of which were:

1. Respect for Authority (Romans 13: 1-3)
2. Always placing God first (Matthew 6:33)
3. Prayer for Political Leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
4. Payment of Taxes (Matthew 22:21)

5. Seeking Justice, Defending the Oppressed and Helping the Poor (Isaiah 1:17)

1. **Respect for Authority: -**

According to him, Christians are called to respect authority. The Bible affirms that God is involved in politics and places leaders in authority for a reason - for our benefit. Therefore, we ought to respect the governing authorities. Our responsibility to the government is to obey the laws and be good citizens (Romans 13:1-3). The respect for authority runs through the whole Bible from the Old to the New Testament which gives an impulse and a desire for political order. He also stated that the Bible testifies that Israel's glory days were synonymous with kingship and that the earliest Christians had a high level of respect towards political authority.

2. **God must always be placed first: -**

He opined that, however, in giving respect, God must always be placed first. The ultimate leader is God who permeates and supersedes every area of life. He explained that politics is merely a method God uses to accomplish His Will, although, some human beings may abuse their political power making it evil; God means it for good.

3. Prayer for Political Leaders: -

According to him, the Bible enjoins Christians to pray for Political leaders. The Apostle Paul urges Christians that, first of all, “petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

4. Payment of Taxes: -

He explained that the Bible urges Christians to pay taxes. Jesus Himself approved the payment of tax to the ruler. When the denarius coin used in paying tax was given to Him with Caesar’s image, Jesus replied, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:21, NKJV). The Bible further commands us to pay our taxes so that Government Workers could be paid their wages or salaries.

5. Seek Justice, Defend the Oppressed and Help the Poor: -

According to him, in the Bible, we are called to seek Justice, defend the oppressed and help the poor. We are urged in Isaiah 1:17 to “Learn to do right; seek justice, defend the oppressed take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” Besides, we are to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak

up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8-9).

Professor Martey further affirmed that in our quest for fair, credible and non-violent elections which will bring the peace we all long for – before, during and after the December 7, 2020 elections, all stakeholders have their respective roles to play. On the part of the Church, over the years it has played its role through prayer, education, consultations, seminars and workshops as well as conflict resolutions as its contribution for nurturing Ghana’s young democracy.

He advised that the Electoral Commission can be a strong deterrent to electoral violence if they are apolitical, neutral, efficient and effective; and above all, if they are well resourced. He also explained that an important pre-election preparation is the civic education of citizens; hence the National Commission for Civic Education should also be well resourced and adequately equipped to carry out their responsibilities.

In conclusion, he stated that **“Individual Christians can participate and belong to political parties, but not the Church.”**

He argued that “Politics is at the centre of the story of Jesus in the Bible but Jesus of Nazareth refused to become involved in any political leadership issue and the reason Jesus acted this way had to do with the nature of His Kingdom which was not of this world system”.

He reiterated that “the Church which is called by Christ’s Name cannot be partisan in its political involvement but Individual Christians can participate and belong to political parties”.

Valedictory Service

For the immediate past General Secretary

– Rev. Dr. Erasmus
Nii Bonne Odonkor

The Bible Society of Ghana (BSG) held a Valedictory service in honour of the immediate past General Secretary – Rev. Dr. Erasmus Nii Bonne Odonkor after serving the Society for nearly a decade of meritorious and outstanding service at the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), Hope Congregation - Sakumono.

The service which brought together renowned Pastors, Ministers of member churches, Council, Management, Staff, Partners of BSG and loved ones was held on Sunday, the 19th of January 2020.

Rev. Odonkor in his speech acknowledged and appreciated the service of his immediate past distinguished predecessors such as Rev. Prof. Joshua Kudadji of blessed memory, Mr. David Hammond, Very Rev. Kofi Owusu who toiled ahead of me to build the BSG before me and staff of BSG who have brought the Society this far.

He expressed gratitude to his colleague Managers and Staff of the BSG and stated that “We pursued the mission of the BSG with much dependence on God and a determination to manage the Business and to keep it growing and prospering” The support of the BSG Council and Committee members and the past and



present Presidents and Vice Presidents were held in high esteem.

He stressed that: “To the faithful members of the Bible Society, your contributions and participation in Bible work make the Bible available and affordable and give us the assurance of God’s providence in this ministry”.

He indicated that “without the Church in Ghana, Bible Work would be very difficult if not impossible. To the Church and all Church leaders (both past and present) who supported Bible, I say a big “Thank you”.

Picture Gallery from the Valedictory Service



He also appreciated the support of all the Bible Societies and particularly mentioned the Korean Bible Society (KBS) for an excellent partnership.

He expressed gratitude to his colleague Africa GS' who trusted and elected him to lead the West Africa Affinity Group and the All African CEOs Affinity Group for four and six years respectively.

He appreciated the United Bible Societies for their leadership and encouragement and finally, he appreciated his wife and children for their love and support.

He disclosed with excitement that the BSG for the first time was able to meet its target of distributing 600,000 copies of the Bible.

Concluding of his speech, Rev. Dr. Odonkor encouraged his successor, Rev. Dr. Enoch

Aryee-Atta that God is with Him and the only way to succeed is to depend on Him.

The Chairman of Council, Mr. Joseph Nii Budu Tetteh reading a citation on behalf of the Society, described Rev. Odonkor as a dedicated, devoted, diligent and dexterous leader who worked with decorum and distinction in his almost a decade of service, making the Society witness a substantial growth and transformation. "Your dynamic capabilities as Chairman of the West Africa and Africa CEO's Affinity Groups has helped to leverage Africa's course and strive to forge stronger partnerships and giving your significant leadership commitment of maintaining a vibrant organization, the BSG is ranked among the top five African Bible Societies" it said. *(Source James Amoah Jnr, GNA).*

Communion Service to commence year 2020

With hearts full of gratitude for a new year, Staff of the Bible Society of Ghana held a Communion Service to thank God and commit all its Donors, Stakeholders and its operations into the hands of the Lord.

The new General Secretary of the Society, Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee-Atta appreciated the Management and Staff for the warm welcome and reception accorded him and promised a good working experience together as a team.

The Communion Service which was led by the General Secretary, was themed "The

Requisite Christian Character" (Galatians 5:22-23). He gave an exposition on the Fruit of the Spirit. According to him, the fruit of the Spirit is the character-trait of the Christian, a physical manifestation of the Christian character which must benefit others. He advised on the need to be courteous towards one another and showing forth godly attributes.

Finally, he called on all staff to seek God's guidance in their respective work and also to be dependable and trustworthy.



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The fathers named in story;
And praise the Lord, who now as then
Reveals in man His glory.”
In peace their sacred ashes rest,
Fulfilled their day’s endeavour;
They blessed the earth, and they are blessed
Of God and man forever.
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The late Mr. Albert Oko Dagadu, who was popularly known as Ataa Oko was associated with the Bible Society of Ghana (BSG) for a number of years mainly behind the scenes during the audio recording of the Ga Bible.

He was later contacted by the then General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Erasmus Odonkor, to host a Bible Society of Ghanasponsored radioprogramme on Obonu Fm, targeted at the Ga listening public. It was a platform for raising awareness about the Bible Society of Ghana and also to set the agenda for Biblical discourse on the airwaves among our audience.

On 2nd May, 2013, the Radio Programme dubbed, “Wala Wiemo” took off and was first aired on Obonu FM every Monday between 9:30am and 10:00 am. He hosted this programme together with Ms. Pearl Adotey, Director (whom he worked with at GBC) and was ably supported by Staff of the Bible Society with the necessary logistics.

Ataa Oko’s dedication to the programme was par excellence, and there never was a Monday where he absented himself. He would do his own research ahead of time with the supporting Bible passages. He knew his job and would ask Guests on the programme the right questions and teach them the right pronunciation of Ga words in a very subtle way.

Many testified of the impact of the radio programme in their lives, a couple of the testimonies are below:

- Wala Wiemo programme nɛɛ eha mishia etsɔ Kristofoi ashia”
- “Mito minyɪŋ akɛ magbe moko ni hiɛ mi nyɔmɔ, shi Wala Wiemo toi boo tsake misusumɔ kɛ dzweŋmɔ fɛɛ. Mikɛ ehe kɛ nyɔmɔ lɛ fɛɛ ke lɛ.”

The late Oko Dagadu, had a real sense of humour and those of us on the production team, had a good taste of it. He would share stories of humour, history and impart nuggets of wisdom as we journeyed in and out of Tema.

In recognition of his keen interest in the Bible Society work and his outstanding contribution to its realization and progress through the Wala Wiemo programme which ended in 2018, the Society honoured him with a Citation in August 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Ataa Oko, your family at Bible Society of Ghana, especially those on the Wala Wiemo Team will forever miss you. The Council, Management, Staff and members of the Bible Society of Ghana are saying, yaawo jobgann.

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes”, says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them”.

Rev. 14:13

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Testimonies

From Beneficiaries of FCBH

1. Brother John Amenuve, 44 years, EP Church, Abledze-Fodome

He testified of how a great change has happened to the small Church in Fodome when the proclaimer was introduced to them. "Most of the members cannot read the Bible but as the machine was brought, we listened to it every Sunday and Wednesday before Church starts. This has brought joy and change in the community. We thank Bible Society of Ghana and its partners for this wonderful gift."



2. Charlotte Amedzi, 33 years, Abledze-Fodome

"I thank God for this gift of the Word of God in my language through the machine. When I read the Bible, I don't understand but when I listen to the audio, the understanding is deep."

3. Senyo Martin, 37, Global Evangelical Church, Hohoe

"Listening to the Bible in audio form has brought great impact and my life is undergoing a great transformation. I used not to be serious with God because I have a belief that the Church cannot change my useless life. I was invited to one Church meeting by a friend to listen to this amazing audio Bible. John 1 was listened to on the day, I was touched by how some of the disciples extended invitations to their loved one. I gave my life to Christ and my life has never been the same again."



4. **Kofide Amey, 26 years, Ve-Deme**

I used to have an unforgiving spirit. I always look forward to retaliate whenever anyone offended me. Few months ago, I was with a gang of boys rushing to go and cause trouble in one of our communities because of a defeat in a football match the previous day. On our way, we heard the Bible being read loudly at a gathering, it was the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6.



"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against" hit me like a fight blow

and my heart jumped. I drew near to the gathering and I realised it was an audio Bible from a machine. I told my squad to stand and listen more. We stood for a while to listen and later left for our various homes.

I joined the group later, gave my life to Christ and I am very serious with the things of God now. The proclaimer has made the Bible clearer and truthful to me, especially, as I continue

to listen to it in my local language.

5. **Emmanuel Atsiagbe, 58 years, Aflao – Logbo**

There was no Church here for many years. Many people have come to deceive us, taken our monies away in the name of worshiping God. When the proclaimer was introduced, it has brought joy and transformation in the community because we hear the Bible in our ewe language since most of us have never been to school before. We believed the man who brought, introduced and played it to us. We have formed a Church with the listening group and many lives are been touched.



7. **Pastor Thomas Kuame, Light House Church – Logotome**

God is adding on daily to the Church because of the continuous usage of the proclaimer in the village. Many folks have left idol worshipping and are now Christians helping to share the good news to all. We thank God for this gift of audio Bible from the Bible Society of Ghana and partners who have made this possible in our language.



BSG Takoradi Holds Its Maiden Thanksgiving Gospel Music Show In Bogoso



The Western Regional Office of the Bible Society of Ghana held its first ever gospel music festival in Bogoso with the support of the local council of Churches in the town to thank God for the gift of the scriptures.

The event which was, the first of its kind in Bogoso hosted at the assemblies of God Church Auditorium drew support from some astute ministers of the gospel like minstrels Deacon Yoel Afrane, Minister Ghartey and Minister Makafui who led worshippers with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

The Regional Manager in his welcome address called on believers not to renege on the promises of the scriptures and also reminded them of the history of the

Bible and how translations work begun in and how through the mercies of God the Bible has been translated into nine major languages in Ghana.

He also asked that daily prayers of thanksgiving be made to God for the wonderful work the society is doing for Christendom. He appealed for the continued support of the churches in Bogoso and encourage each individuals to support the Bible Society of Ghana by registering as members.

The Host pastor, Rev. Dr. Kwaw, after a short sermon on appreciating the wonderful works God and his word as a blueprint for our lives led in prayers for the society, Christendom and Ghana as a whole.



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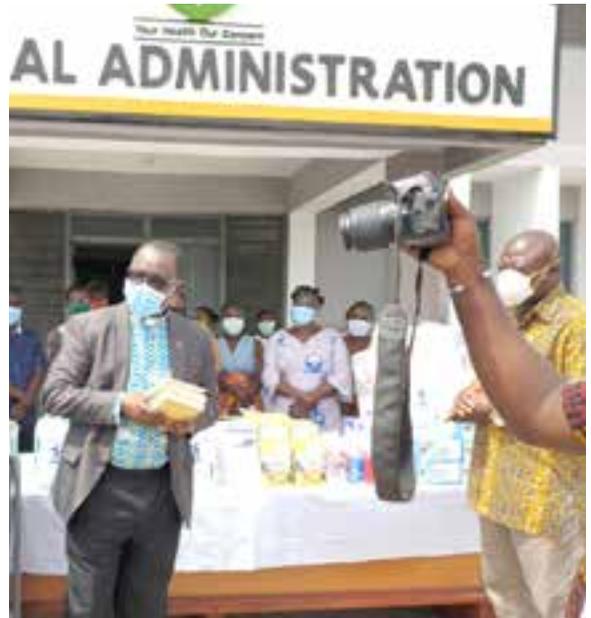
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