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### Our Vision

Enabling Christians to serve their communities.

### Our Mission

We provide a conduit for resources to flow from our communities to needy recipients.

With these resources we support local programs in education, health, and community building, with a primary focus on children and youth in Africa.

We are passionate about sustaining local ownership of projects and programs and mitigating unnecessary dependencies.

Our desire is that all activities facilitate the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.

### Our Programs

- Education
- Medical
- Community Care
- Child Care

For more information feel free to contact one of the board members.



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# BOARD REPORT

Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done".

I'm writing this to you as a first time traveler to Ghana, Africa. We have arrived and the heat is setting in. Very different from the weather we have in Canada at the end of February / beginning March.

Our driver picked us up at the Accra airport, then we ventured to the Swedru area where IGI (Inspired Global Ideas) is located. We bumped our way from village to village along the red dirt roads. We visited many of the different people that IGI supports in different ways, whether it's through school, medical, or apprenticeship programs etc. It was a blessing to see how different cultures function. The schools that we visited had happy and energetic children. The apprentices were excited about learning and growing their skills. The many different people we saw that benefited from the medical support they were given. I marveled at how God works in so many different ways; as we travelled and heard the back stories of how these people landed in the different organizations.

We also traveled in the Cape Coast area for a couple days and dropped by the CSV (Charis Shepherd Vineyard) children's home. we also visited CCC (Christian Care and Outreach Consult) for the work they are doing in the community.

A story of one of the CCC apprentices - Rebecca was born on the 16th of September, 2003. She lost her father when she was just 3 years old. Her mother (Hannah) raised Rebecca and her younger sister Sophia after the death of their father.

The family survived on what they sold out of their small shop, until their mother's asthma got so severe she couldn't support both daughters' school tuition. Sophia sacrificed school for Rebecca since Hannah couldn't support both going to school. The SEEDS (Student Elevated Educational Development Scheme) Program now fully supports Rebecca in her 4 year teachers degree. Rebecca receives full support in school fees and education costs.







Sophia is also a part of the TEYOMO (Teenagers and Young Mothers) project and gets some support through that. She does have plans to go further in school, but right now the cost is too much.

That's one of the many stories we heard while traveling from village to village visiting students that are being supported.

Hearing how the organizations gave of their time and energy to the needs around them has personally challenged me. They get financial support through LMI to run these programs but I was also encouraged how it was just as important to them to share the love of Jesus and the story of Salvation with the people in their

programs. May we have the same burden to share the love of Jesus.

We would like to thank all our generous donors. These programs would not be able to run without your support.

We pray that God would continue to use our financial support to continue his Kingdom building in the hearts and lives of our brothers and sisters in Ghana.

May God richly bless each one for the kindness in prayer and support.

Colin Bauman and the LMI board.

# Apprentices

Lighthouse Ministries supports several apprenticeship programs in Ghana. Recently numerous apprentices graduated with certificates in the following trades: Fashion, Electrician, Tile Installation and Plumbing. A certificate enables a person to start their own business. Even a seamstress needs a certificate to open their own shop.

For many of these apprentices, the certificate will enable them to obtain a decent income stream. Some of them are young single mothers who need to provide for their children on their own. (Read the next issue of the LMI newsletter for the one such young mother's story.)





# The Power of Transformation

*Continuation from last newsletter, as related by Marvin Weber at the 2025 fall fundraiser.*

In the previous newsletter you may have read about the transformation of a tavern to school. One of the children attending this school in the Kenya is Faith. She is 12 years old. Her father works in construction , and her mother bakes doughnuts and sells them in the village . She lives in a house with 8 others. Her and her younger brother get woken up at 5am every morning by their mother who helps them prepare for school as she gets ready for work.

Faith is a bit disappointed this morning because sometimes they have dinner leftovers with their tea for breakfast, but this morning

there is no leftovers, so all she has is tea.

She sighs a little as she puts on her much too small school uniform. She has worn it ever since her older sister out grew it. It's high time she hands it down to her younger brother, and finds another uniform.

She picks up the final belongings and takes her little brother's hand and heads out the door. It's 6:00 in the morning, and the sun is starting to rise. The 1km walk to school is rather uneventful this morning. She nimbly steps over the gutter and makes sure her brother makes it across without stepping into the sewage. As she ducks under someone's hanging laundry, her tummy reminds her that she didn't have breakfast yet. She can't wait





for the porridge that will be served at 9:00 but that is almost 3 hours away yet.

She gets to school at 6:30. The place is buzzing with children already. You see, many other children's parents have to leave for work early as well, and school is the safest place to be. For Faith, it is more than just a place to learn how to read and write, it is a community center. It's her happy place. And her teachers.. ! Oh, what would she do without them. They not only teach her academics, but also about the Bible. Stories of Jesus, stories of heaven. She wonders what heaven will be like. Will it look anything like this slum?. Hopefully not, but then again, what else would it look like? She has never seen the world outside of Kibera. It was all too hard to imagine .She tries to concentrate

on her work but it's hard when all you can feel is hunger.

Her thoughts are interrupted by the signal from her teacher. It's porridge time ! She lines up with her classmates to wash her hands at the water barrel. She is careful to not use too much water. She has learned long ago that water is extremely precious.

She joins the rest of the line to receive her porridge cup. She has no idea what is all in this porridge but she knows that she feels so much better afterwards. Faith is happy !

Inwardly in an unexplainable way , she thanks God for the school that she has. She doesn't know how God brought about this school , but in her heart she is convinced that somehow He did.

# Thank-you Note

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the 23 years Arnold Frey served on the Lighthouse Ministries board . His experience will be a great asset in his new role of Director of Operations in Ghana.

