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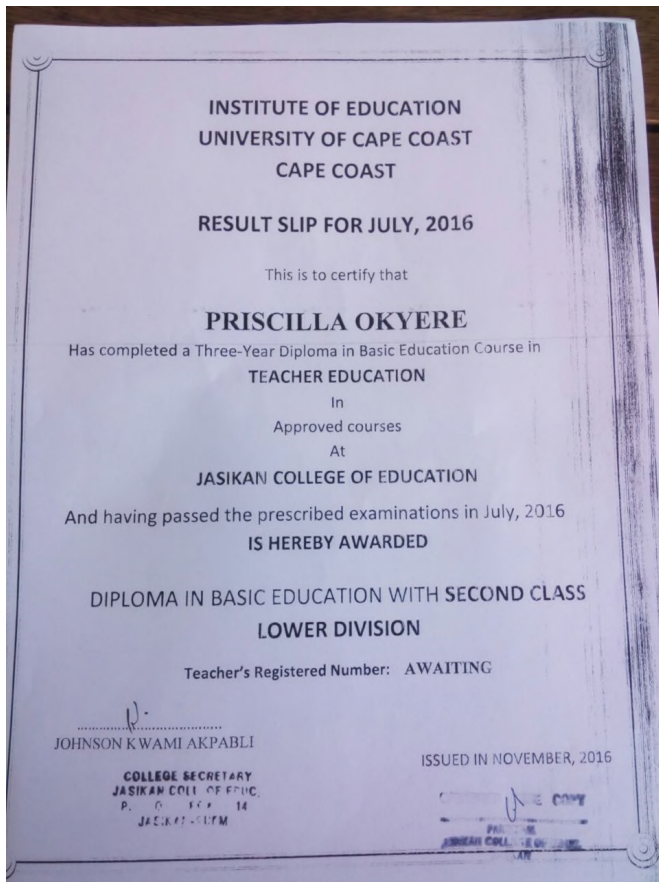
As Christmas 2016 approaches, Africana Children's Education Fund Inc takes the opportunity to thank you, our sponsors and prospective sponsors, for your support and generous gifting to the orphans' education project in Ghana this year. Below are listed some highlights of our 2016 accomplishments made possible by the Grace of God and by your continued support.

- OUR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS PRODUCED SEVERAL 2016 GRADUATES WHO ARE NOW EMPLOYED IN THEIR PROFESSIONS AND FACING THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE AND GRATITUDE.
- OUR 250 SPONSORED STUDENTS ARE ALL MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.
- WE BEGAN THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEWEST SCHOOL AT OFFINSO, GHANA IN THE SPRING OF 2016.
- WE DEVELOPED NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH 2 MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCHES: **RESURRECTION CHURCH OF OVERLANP PARK, KANSAS AND ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORMAN OKLAHOMA.**

We congratulate our most recent graduates, Priscilla Okyere and Sophia Acheampong, who are entering into their very first employment in their chosen professional fields.

PRISCILLA OKYERE graduated from Jasikan Teacher Training College in June 2016 and received her Teaching Diploma awarded by the **University Of Cape Coast**. She began her professional teaching career as Social Studies Teacher at the **Sabare District Assembly Junior High School in Gushiegu, Northern Ghana**, on September 1, 2016. Priscilla is the first person in her family to complete a High School and College education, setting a good example in her family and village of Ankaase. We will continue changing young lives in this way in future, and hope that our beneficiaries like Priscilla will join our mission when they get established in their careers.

The two pictures below show [1] Priscilla's College Diploma and [2] Priscilla anxiously waiting at the bus stop for the bus ride from Ankaase village to Sabare District Assembly Junior High School in Northern Ghana to start her teaching career. The Sabare School in Northern Ghana is about 280 miles from her own village in Central Ghana. She faces a common problem of delayed or unpaid salaries faced by all newly employed teachers and nurses in Ghana. Her appointment letter was signed on September 01, 2016 by **the Director General of the Ghana Education Service**, but as of December 10, 2016, she has not received any salary yet, after teaching for three months. She probably will not get paid during the next 12 months. Whenever she receives a salary it will be a partial payment of 3 months' salary with a note saying that the Government cannot pay the salary arrears covering all the 12 months she has taught. She will have to take whatever salary she receives, cut her losses, and continue teaching if she wants a job as a teacher in the Ghana Education Service (GES). Hopefully when she receives her first paycheck, her subsequent monthly salaries will be regular.



SOPHIA ACHEAMPONG

Graduated from her 3-year Vocational School Studies in September 2016 and is now seeking resources to enable her to open her own Beauty Salon in the Kumasi suburb of Airport Estates. From previous experiences we have had with our former vocational graduates, **Sophia needs two thousand dollars [\$2,000] investment capital to cover her salon's initial expenses involving rent, equipment and supplies purchases and monthly utility bills.** She has no collateral to borrow this money against; therefore we encourage our sponsors to donate towards Sophia's initial salon set up expenditures. Sophia is a dedicated and hard working young lady, and will become profitable and independent by the end of 2017. Please support Sophia with any tax-deductible seed money you can afford to give her. You may send your donation on line at www.childofafrica.org or by mail to our address.

Our vocational students are busily engaged in their classes, and are all making satisfactory progress. They are all dreaming of one day becoming successful business women. The two pictures below show Linda, Sarah, and Abigail busy at their vocational school and displaying some of their completed class projects.



BEATRICE ANNING is happily smiling in this picture because she is hopeful that her future will be far better than the lifestyles her older siblings have today. She is the last born of 6 siblings, none of whom completed High School. She hopes to become the very first High School and College graduate in her family. Her dream is to become a nurse in the future. She has cultivated the habit of spending some after-school hours in the village library every day, completing her school assignments before going home. The result of this habit formed is that she makes excellent grades to always take the number one or number two positions in her class. She is currently the Class Prefect in her 7th Grade class. It is an honorable position she is in, and all her teachers love her for her dedication to her school work.

ERNEST AMOAH, pictured below, is a 15-year old orphan born on October 31, 2001. He graduated from Junior High School in June 2016 from the A. B. Mensah Model School at Ankaase Village. He graduated with summa cum laude honors as the best student not only in his school but in all the 20 Junior High Schools in his school District. Ernest obtained the best grades in a District wide examination held for all graduating 9th Graders in the School District. Our Charitable Organization, the **ACEF INC.**, has awarded Ernest a 3-Year tuition Scholarship to enable him to pursue his Senior High School education at a reputable boarding school located about 15 miles outside his village. His father died 10 years ago and his widowed single mother cannot afford the cost of educating Ernest and his two older teenage twin brothers in Senior High School. Pictured below is a recent picture of Ernest Amoah and his Grade Report Card from his 9th Grade District-wide Final Examination. The scholarship he has won from **A.C.E.F. INC** will cover all his Senior High School Tuition, books, boarding and uniforms for the next three years, beginning from September 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2019. Ernest is a highly motivated student with a high ambition of becoming a medical doctor in the future. We are happy to be a part of Ernest's success story.

We are looking for prospective sponsors to sponsor Ernest's twin brothers, Collins Amoah Senior and Collins Amoah Junior, who are also in the same 10th Grade as their younger brother Ernest. They have lost one year of High School because after Junior High school graduation, their widowed single mother did not have the financial resources to enroll both of them in Senior High School. She has now taken a bank loan to enroll the twins in the same Senior High School Ernest is attending.



Index Number	0523004008	
Candidate Name	AMOAHERNEST	
Type of Examination	B E C E, 2016	
Examination Centre	ANKAASE SDA JHS	
Card Details		
Card use	1 of 3	
Results		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	3	HIGH
SOCIAL STUDIES	1	HIGHEST
REL. & MORAL EDUC.	3	HIGH
MATHEMATICS	2	HIGHER
INTEGRATED SCIENCE	2	HIGHER
INFO. & COMM. TECH.	3	HIGH
ASANTE TWI	2	HIGHER
B.D.T/PRE-TECH.	2	HIGHER



HANNAH AND RITA: We have orphan students such as Hannah and Rita in this photo. They are smiling because they are happy with their own accomplishments. They are looking forward to brighter futures and becoming useful to themselves and their country. Hannah and Rita spend a lot of their after-school hours in their school library, where this photo was taken. They are making excellent grades and are looking forward to moving on to Senior High School and a College education in the future. Hannah is in Grade 7 and her younger sister Rita is in Grade 6; their dream is to become nurses or teachers in the future.

Our New School Project

In February and March 2016, we completed the first phase of our school construction project at Offinso, Ghana. This first phase involving major infrastructure was made possible by our first grant of \$26,600 provided by **Liddell Foundation of Dallas, Texas** and facilitated by **Jacob and Kourtney Hartsock family of Norman Oklahoma**. This first Liddell Foundation grant enabled us to complete the following:

- 6 feet tall concrete security fencing around the 5-acre school land
- The installation of two secure entrance gates and security stations
- Drilling and installing two deep wells for water and two water towers.

We must raise one half million dollars [\$500,000] from now to December 31, 2017 to complete all the remaining phases of the school project—12 Classrooms, Offices for Principal and teachers, Kitchen and Dining Hall, Library, Computer Laboratory, and Solar Energy Electrification of the entire school.

Please donate to our school project on line by visiting www.childofafrica.org [Projects Page] and joining our dedicated donors who are using their tax-deductible dollars to change the fortunes of poor and orphan children in need of quality education. Lots of people dream of changing the world, but they don't do it. Please donate today to this school for the orphans and poor children of Offinso **and be counted among those dreamers who actually change the world.** When you educate the poor and orphan children today, there is a multiplier effect to your giving. The children you educate today will start giving to other poor children in future and thereby paying forward your donation to other children.



Our Newest Partners:

† **The Resurrection Church of Overland Park, Kansas**

† **Antioch Community Church of Norman Oklahoma**

In August 2016, our partner, **The Resurrection Church of Overland Park, Kansas**, donated to our schools in Ghana **36 laptop computers, 36 desktop computers** and their complete accessories to be shipped to our existing school and orphanage in Ghana. Our sincere thank goes to **Downtown Kiwanis Club of Kansas City Missouri** for introducing us to **Resurrection Church** and to **Pastor Stewart Curtright, Program Director at Resurrection Church Mission Ministries**. This donation will give our 250 students in Ghana more hands-on practice on computers during their Internet Communication and Technology [I.C.T.] classes. The two photos below show the **Resurrection Church's** computer donation in our warehouse ready for shipment to our two schools and orphanage in Ghana.



In October 2016, we were blessed to have another partner send us an initial sponsorship donation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to sponsor the education of 5 orphan children in our orphan education project. This donation came from **Antioch Community Church of Norman Oklahoma**. It will pay for one year's cost of the education for 5 orphans who had remained on our list of non-sponsored orphans for over a year. The five lucky orphan beneficiaries are as follows:



Angela Opoku, 9 years old

**5 Children Currently
being Sponsored by the
Antioch Community
Church of Norman
Oklahoma.**



DeLove Nyarko, 8 years old



Eunice Adu, 11 years old



Comfort Agyemang, 9 years old.



Jennifer Sarfo, 9 years old

More Partners and sponsors are needed because there is more work to be done.

We always have non-sponsored orphan students on our waiting list, because when people hear about our missionary work with orphans education, they introduce to us the orphans they know who need educational assistance. The current non-sponsored children are listed on our website:

www.childofafrica.org

If you can help to educate any of these children with your tax-deductible donation of \$50 per month, please help them because time is of the essence in giving them a good educational foundation to build upon.

For additional information about how to sponsor an orphan child in need, or how to donate towards the construction of our new Leadership School Project, please visit our web site and donate on line or by mail.

The greatest gift you can give to any child is the educational opportunity to learn to become equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to survive. Terry McManus puts it this way: “The greatest gift you can give a child is OPTIMISM; with it they will never quit, without it they will never begin.” These orphan children are counting on us, and we are also counting on your support.

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