



RESCUE GHANA MISSION

...Caring for Preachers, Advancing the Gospel

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A BENEVOLENT MINISTRY UNDER THE OSU CHURCH OF CHRIST
IN AID OF RURAL PREACHERS IN GHANA

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) officially began its operations as a Benevolent Ministry in aid of rural preachers in July 2016. By the grace of God, 2017 went well for the Ministry having achieved most of our set objectives. This report is a summary account on activities of RGM in the year under review. We seek to issue mid-year and yearly report to our stakeholders on our stewardship as per our core values to ensure transparency and accountability. Also attached is our financial report.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF RGM

RGM is under the oversight of the Elders of Osu Church of Christ in Accra. The Ministry has four administrative structures namely:

Oversight Body- made up of (3) elders who are responsible for the direction and approval of all activities to ensure effective and efficient running of the Ministry;

Evaluation & Assessment Committee: made up (5) members most of whom are preachers and are responsible for assessing and approving all applicants in consultation with the oversight Elders;

Administrative Team: made up of (5) members including a secretary and fund manager who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Ministry; and

Regional Representatives (9) who are representatives of RGM in nine regions excluding Western Region which we are yet to get a Rep. They are charged with the responsibility to assist the Evaluation & Assessment Committee in its investigations and assessment of beneficiary preachers in their respective regions. All team members render voluntary service for the Ministry except the Secretary who is paid monthly.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING BENEFICIARY CONGREGATIONS

The criteria for selection are based on a number of factors but key among them are:

1. Must be a true Church of Christ practicing the true doctrines of the New Testament Church
2. Must be a preacher working in a small or weak congregation (mostly rural).
3. The preacher must be receiving **zero (0)** or less than Three hundred Ghana cedis (**GHC 300.00**).
4. Assessment is on merit and based on first come first serve principle. We however do attend to those whose support falls below One Hundred Ghana Cedis (**GHC 0 - 100**) first.

Presently, all beneficiary preachers are given a top up allowance to round-up their monthly support to **GHC 200.00**. For example, if a preacher is receives GHC20 cedis from his local congregation, RGM tops up to round up his support to Two Hundred Cedis (GHC 200.00)

MODE OF APPLICATION

In order not to burden the applicants who are mostly from remote villages, the applicant must call the Secretary on **0552527857** for assistance who then complete a form with the applicant. We have recently introduced online application via www.application.rescueghanamission.org. Application can also be accessed on our website www.rescueghanamission.org

RGM SUPPORTS CONGREGATIONS AND NOT PREACHERS

It is important to note that in principle RGM supports congregations which are financially weak and cannot provide financial support to their preachers; and not necessary the preacher as a person. Therefore, when a beneficiary preacher for any reason leaves the congregations on the basis for which he is being supported; accordingly he ceases to be on RGM support for that congregation until he re-applies with the new congregation for re-assessment. The old support is transferred to the new preacher who replaces the outgoing the preacher. We work closely with the leadership of these beneficiary congregations while we encourage them to go beyond what RGM is giving to their preacher to improve the conditions of the preachers.

CURRENT BENEFICIARY CONGREGATIONS

Below are current beneficiary congregations whose preachers are being supported on monthly basis by Rescue Ghana Mission.

CONGREGATION	REGION
Akropong-Esaase Church of Christ	Ashanti
Domeabra Church of Christ	Ashanti
Anyinamso Church of Christ	Ashanti
Derma Church of Christ (Personal Withdrawal)	Brong-Ahafo
Dromankesse Church of Christ	Brong-Ahafo
Yeji-Paremba No.1 Church of Christ	Brong-Ahafo
Breman Fosuansa Church of Christ	Central
TwifoKotokyi Church of Christ	Central
Wamaso Church of Christ	Central
Ekumfi Esiakyir Church of Christ (suspended)	Central
AbamKurom Church of Christ	Central
Twifo Praso No.1 Church of Christ	Central
BremanAnhwiam Church of Christ	Eastern
Mepom - Asamankese Church of Christ	Eastern
Akim-Akenteng Church of Christ	Eastern
KloAkwapem Church of Christ	Eastern
Obosomase Church of Christ	Eastern
Tantro Via New AkimTafo Church of Christ	Eastern
Anyinasin Church of Christ	Eastern
Asofar Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Tenglinto-Burandeni Church of Christ	Northern
Bimbila&Kpatinga Church of Christ	Northern
Nbondo Church of Christ	Northern
Lungni Church of Christ	Northern
Kuka Church of Christ	Upper East
Sherigu Church of Christ	Upper East
Azumsapelega Church of Christ	Upper East
Garu Church of Christ	Upper East
Subrungu Church of Christ	Upper East
Sandema/ Wiaga Church of Christ	Upper East
Babile - Laura Church of Christ	Upper West
Klefe Church of Christ	Volta
Dzodze Church of Christ	Volta
AnloAfiadenyigba Church of Christ	Volta
Adrume -Ehi Church of Christ	Volta
Alavanyo Church of Christ	Volta
Sovie Church of Christ	Volta
Worawora Church of Christ	Volta
Ayitehkofe Church of Christ	Volta
Dekpor Church of Christ	Volta
Tamekope Church of Christ	Volta
Ave- Afiadenyigba Church of Christ	Volta
Tadzevu Church of Christ	Volta
KrachiNkyenkyne Church of Christ	Volta
Podoe Church of Christ	Volta
Anloga Agorver Church of Christ (preacher is deceased)	Volta
Whindo Church of Christ	Western
New Susubiribi Church of Christ	Western
Jerusalem, Essaman and Kakabo Church of Christ	Western

MODE OF DISBURSEMENT

All the beneficiary preachers are paid through MTN mobile money. Disbursement is done at least before or on the last day of the month. Current total monthly disbursement stands a little above Eight Thousand Ghana Cedis (**GHC 8,000+**). This figure will increase starting from March ending 2018 with the additional enrollment of 10 more preachers progressively.

ENROLLMENT OF ADDITIONAL PREACHERS

In fulfillment of our commitment to providing financial support to preachers working under hallowing conditions in deprived communities, the Management of RGM will enroll additional preachers to increase the current beneficiaries from 49 to 100. It is our determination to progressively enroll 10 preachers every quarter to absorb about 150 preachers on our waiting list based on our financial strength. Therefore, the 10 new additional preachers will start receiving RGM monthly support from March ending 2018.

SUPPORT SUSPENSION

Within the year under review, the preacher for Ekumfi Esaakyir Church of Christ in the Central Region was suspended indefinitely by the oversight Elders. The suspended preacher is reported to have left his post for several months while still taking RGM support. This was uncovered after further investigations by the Evaluation and Assessment Committee.

SELF WITHDRAWAL FROM RGM SUPPORT

A week after the RGM Anniversary July 2017, Preacher for Derma Church of Christ in the Brong Ahafo Region personally called to inform the Management of RGM to take him off the support; explaining he is currently receiving support which is above the threshold of RGM support from Ash Town Church of Christ in Kumasi.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Due to funding constraints much was not done to undertake periodic visits to the beneficiary preachers; but this year 2018, management intend to collaborate more with key congregations in the regions to pay periodic visits and to strengthen the beneficiary rural congregations. Again to ensure that beneficiary preachers are at post and working hard to merit the support we give them, we will keep close touch with the leadership of the beneficiary congregations for updates where necessary. The intention is not to interfere in the affairs of the Church but to be informed early enough when the beneficiary preachers leaves post.

SOME KEY ACTIVITIES OF RGM IN 2017

Generally, Rescue Ghana Mission achieve most of its set objectives in 2017 including fund mobilization activities in some congregations and also participated in a few district and regional church programs in Accra, Central and Eastern regions to educate members on RGM.

RGM ONE YEAR COMMEMORATION

As part of the commemoration of the one year anniversary of Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM), Management of RGM entered into a partnership with the Heritage Christian College (HCC) to organize annual **Refresher Training Course or Rural Preachers**.

As part of activities marking the anniversary, a two-day (27th-28st July 2017) intensive refresher training program was organized for 40 of our beneficiary rural preachers. They were taken through various biblical topics including Effective Preparation and Delivery of Biblical Lessons, Church Administration and Entrepreneurship.

The preachers were also taken on excursion to some interesting places in Accra in the early morning of Saturday 29th July 2017.

The 2018 the annual fresher training course will held in December as part of the Sharpeners' Conference being organized by Heritage Christian College (HCC).

RGM-MOCO 2017

The main anniversary program came off on Saturday evening 29th July 2017. This was jointly organized by the Nsawam Road Singers (Directed by Dr. George Amuasi-) under the theme: "Praising God and Raising Support for Rural Preachers to Advance the Gospel".

Dubbed "Music of Christian Origin" (MOCO), the event brought together five singing groups including Voices of the Cross from Korle Bu Campus Ministry, Voices of the Living Saints from Tema Churches of Christ, Angelic Voices from Osu Church of Christ, Nsawam Road Singers and Melody Maestros Sakumono Church of Christ.

The main objective of the event was to give account on our stewardship to all stakeholders (contributing members and Churches) and to raise funds.

Some of the key personalities who graced the occasion were Bro. John Kwabena Essel (a Deacon at Nsawam Road and assigned to Knutsford University Church of Christ) - chairperson for the program, Bro. Richmond Amuzu -Elder Nsawam Road Church, Bro. Alexander Maxwell Yawson - Minister, Winneba Church and Bro. Fred Asare from Village of Hope.

On Sunday 30th July 2017, the management of RGM and all beneficiary preachers jointly worshipped at the Nsawam Road Church to climax the five-day long activities.

Clothing and other gifts received from some Church members were distributed to the beneficiary preachers on that Sunday. Generally, the anniversary commemoration was successfully to the glory of God.

SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS:

We deeply acknowledge the following congregations for their financial contributions to Rescue Ghana Mission in the year 2017. It is important to note that a few of these Churches below are regular contributors since the commencement of RGM. The rest have made a one-time contribution in the year under review.

Anwomaso Church of Christ	Ashanti
Obosomase Church of Christ	Ashanti
Gyaakyi Church of Christ	Ashanti
Winneba Church of Christ	Central
Adumadze - Mankesim Church of Christ	Central
Fosu Church of Christ	Central
Suhum Ahenbronmu Church of Christ	Eastern
Aburi Church of Christ	Eastern
Asamankese – Central Church of Christ	Eastern
Kloe Akwapem Church of Christ	Eastern
Koforidua – Central Church of Christ	Eastern
Labone Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Bankuman Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Comm 8&9 Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Comm. 2 Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Appolonia Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Kaneshi Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Nsawam Road Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Lebanon Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Accra Road Church of Christ	Greater Accra
Knutsford University Campus Congregation	Greater Accra
Anloga Central Church of Christ	Volta
Anloga Afiadenyigba Church of Christ	Volta
Akatse Church of Christ	Volta
Dzodze Church of Christ	Volta
Ho Central Church of Christ	Volta
Hli-Have Church of Christ	Volta
Podoe Church of Christ	Volta
Johor Bahru Church of Christ – (Malaysia)	Malaysia
Bedminster Church of Christ (Uk)	UK
Wembley Church of Christ (UK)	UK

Over the years, RGM has received a moderate but encouraging and some unexpected financial support from some foreign Churches of Christ and we are therefore grateful to God. The regular foreign donors are the Wembley Church of Christ, UK and a personal monthly contribution from Bro. Paul Fynn (Cumbernauld Church of Christ, Uk).

During the year, RGM received some one-off donations from Johor Bahru Church of Christ - Malaysia, Bedminster Church of Christ – UK and a committed Ghanaian couple of Liverpool Church of Christ.

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW PAYMENT PLATFORM

To ensure quick and easy payment for our contributors, we have introduced a USSD short code for our mobile money contributors. By dialing the code ***173*8696#** one can pay to Rescue Ghana Mission across all networks.

This is just an addition to our existing mobile money number or bank account payment channels and does not seek to replace them. Every month, financial statements indicating receipts of funds on the mobile money accounts are obtained from the network operators. The funds are withdrawn from the mobile money accounts and deposited into the bank account. It is important to emphasize that the Oversight Elders are the signatories to the bank account.

Our Mobile Money Numbers

0240129254 (MTN)
0270094492 (Tigo)
0560620398 (Airtel)

Bank Account Details

Bank: National Investment Bank
Acct. Name: Rescue Ghana Mission
Acct. No. 113305552801
Branch: Ashaiman

REBRANDING OF OUR OFFICIAL LOGO

We have rebranded our official logo. The new logo clearly depicts and communicates what Rescue Ghana Mission stands for. The two hands stand for collective support, the two people holding the cross stand for preachers whom we are supporting and the cross is our mission; thus to support the preachers to lift up the cross or preach the gospel message. The golden stars shows our resolve to succeed and achieve greater heights in our pursuit; and the two green leaves stand for life and longevity of Rescue Ghana Mission.



NEW LOGO



OLD LOGO

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Contributions Received

Rescue Ghana Mission receives contributions mostly from individual members across the country. Contributions come in through our mobile money and bank accounts. There are currently about 300 individual across the country who contribute regularly to RGM. Individual contributions represent about 98% of total funds received of approximately Ghc 9000 every month; while the 2% represents contributions from supporting congregations.

Expenditure and Financial Projections

At the end of 2017, we had raised GHc 154,635 and spent a total of GHc130, 234. In 2018, we are projecting to raise over GHC 270,000 by the close of the year in order to fund our planned increase in the number of beneficiary preachers from 49 to 100 by the end of 2018. We project that the corresponding increase in monthly disbursement to preachers and its associated operational cost would also hit over GHS276, 000.

The additional enrollment is long overdue and RGM is committed to start rolling out in phases in the first quarter of 2018. RGM therefore plans to intensify its campaign in 2018 to solicit more support from among local churches and members of the Churches of Christ

Investments

In May 2015, GHC 20,000.00 was invested into 90 days -Treasury bills and in September 2016, an additional GHC30, 000.00 was added with a mandate to rollover the principal and interest. The investment was necessary to cushion the fund in times of short-falls in monthly contributions and also to ensure our long term sustainability plan is well on course. We would also explore other high-yielding but secured investment options in light of the declining Treasury bill rates.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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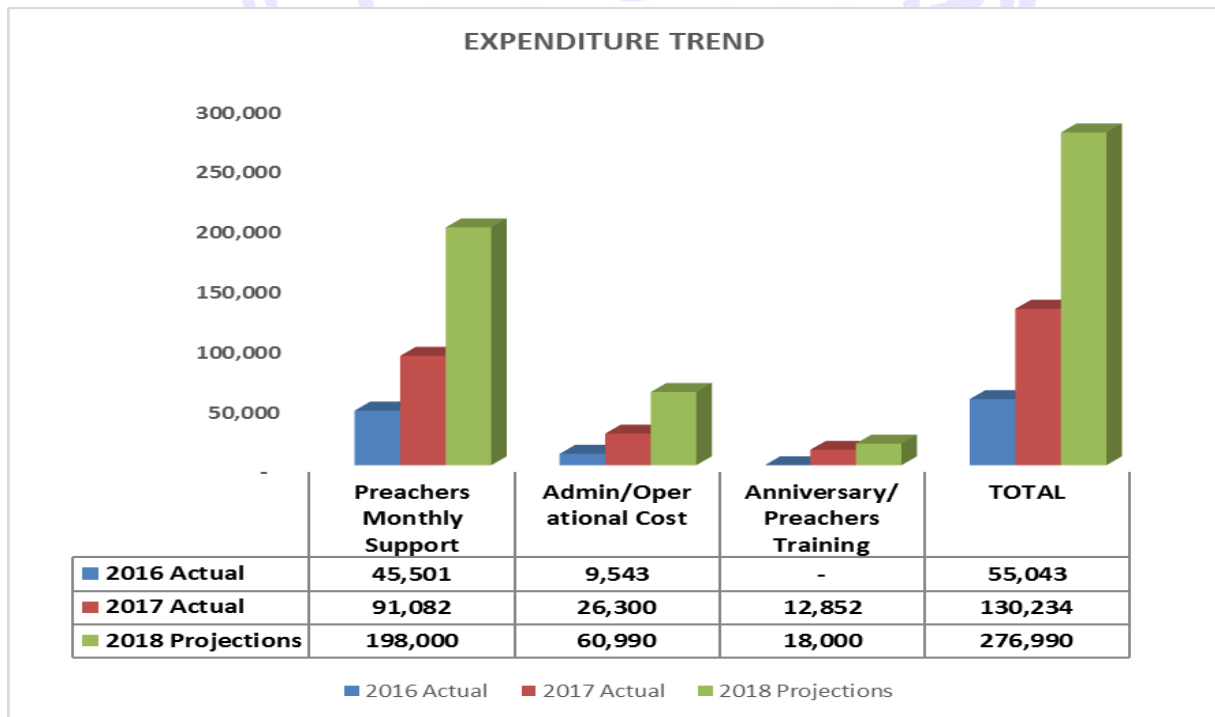
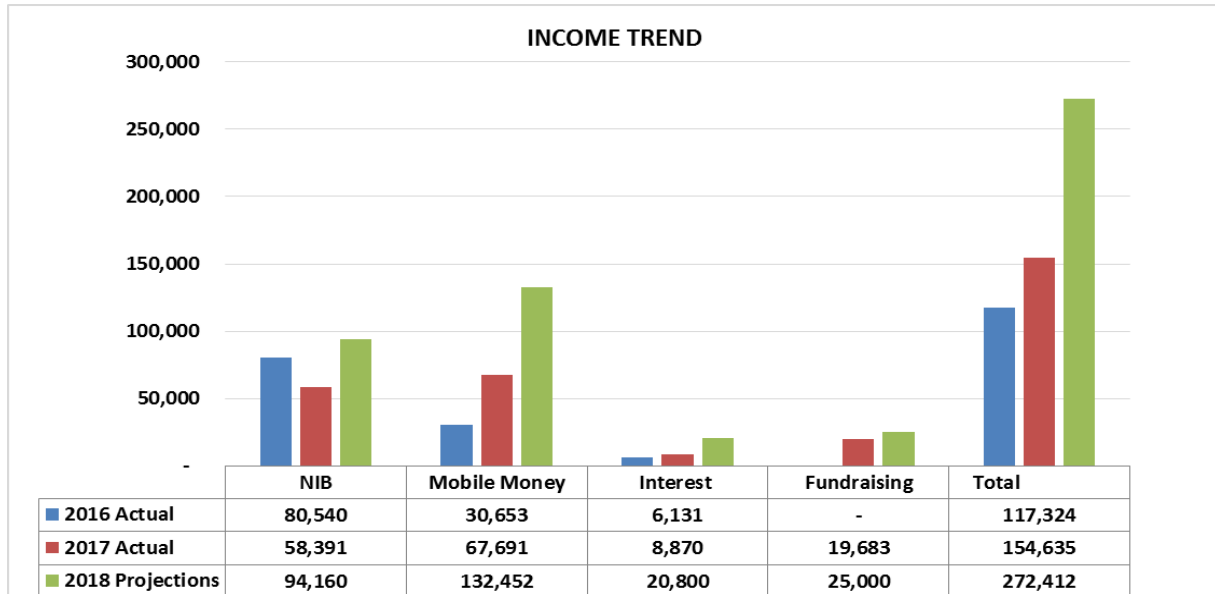
FINANCIAL REPORT THE PERIOD JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017

		2016	2017
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		BALANCE	BALANCE
		GH¢	GH¢
BANK BALANCE - NIB	A	6,609	24,946
MOMO ACCOUNT BALANCES			
- MTN Mobile Money		5,397	3,043
- Tigo Cash		95	871
- Airtel Money		180	282
	B	5,672	4,196
INVESTMENT			
- 91 Day T-Bills (Security)	C	50,000	57,540
GRAND TOTAL	D = A+B+C	62,281	86,682

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		2016	2017
CONTRIBUTIONS & INTEREST INCOME		GH¢	GH¢
- National Investment bank		80,540	58,391
- Mobile Money		30,653	67,691
- Interest on 91 Day T-Bill Investments		6,131	8,870
- RGM Anniversary fundraising		-	19,683
Total Receipts	(a)	117,324	154,635
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES			
- Preachers Monthly Support		45,501	91,082
- Administration & Operational Cost		7,020	20,421
- Anniversary & Heritage Training Cost		-	12,852
- Monthly staff support - Admin. Secretary		2,420	5,151
- Bank Charges		103	728
Total Expenditure	(b)	55,043	130,234
Surplus / (Deficit) @ End Of Period (c) =a-b		62,281	24,401

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

Income and Expenditure Trend

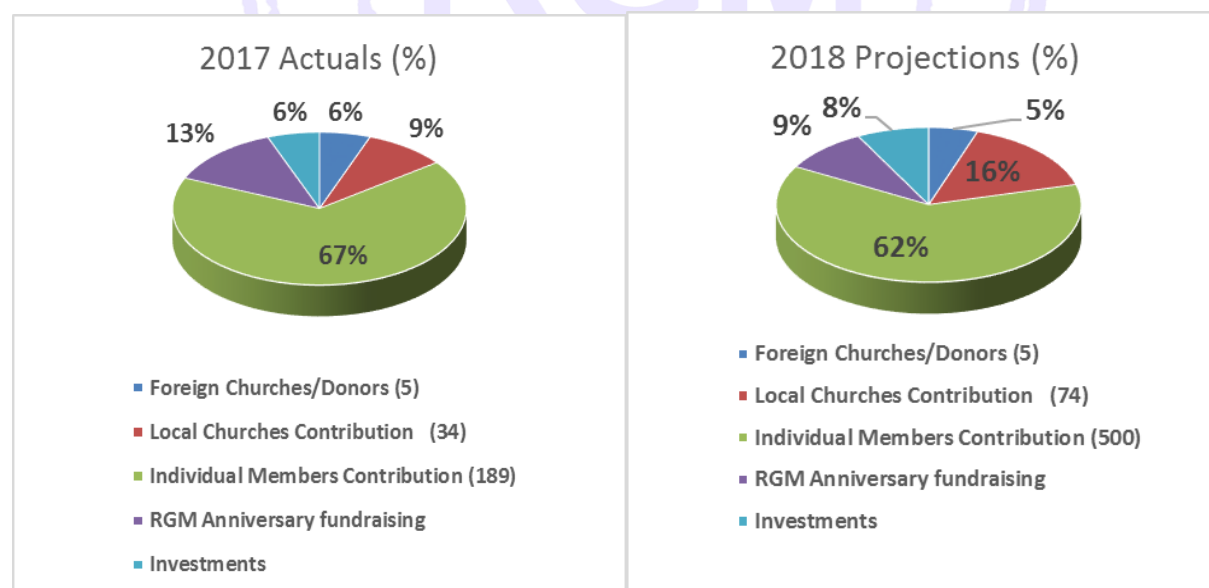


The monthly support to preachers is expected to increase by an additional GHS106, 000 in order to finance the additional preachers expected to be enrolled in 2018.

INCOME SOURCES AND PROJECTIONS

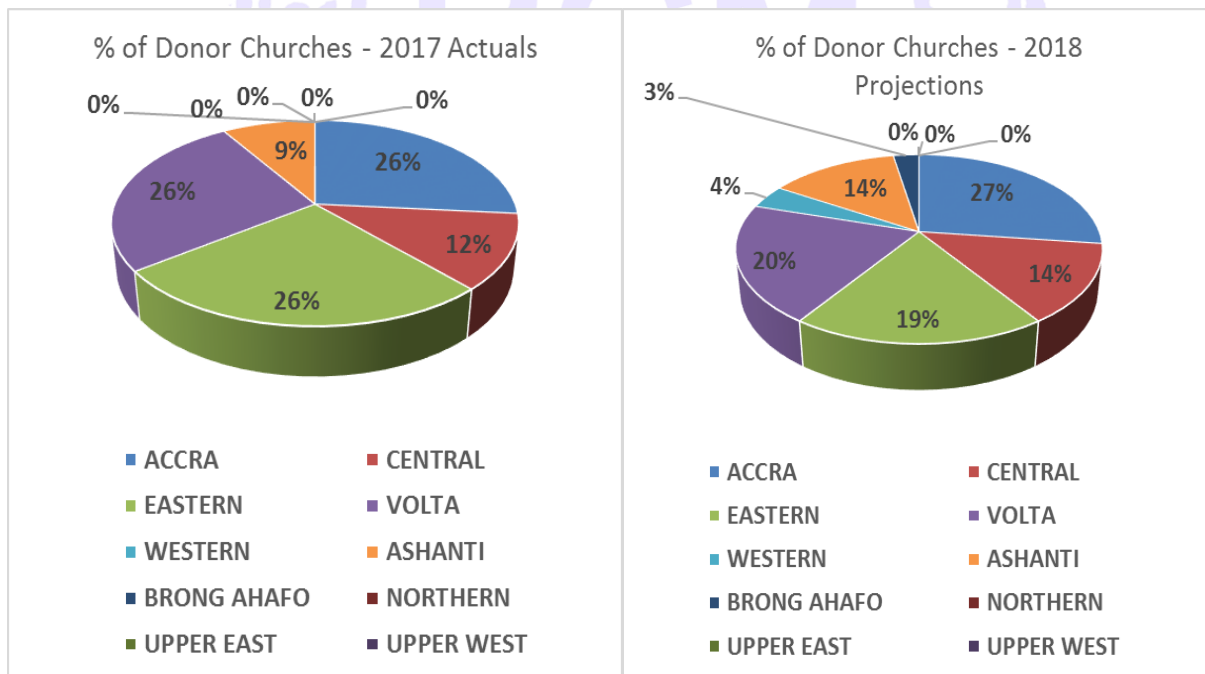
INCOME SOURCES	2017 Actuals	2017 Actuals (%)
Foreign Churches/Donors (5)	8,666	6%
Local Churches Contribution (34)	14,094	9%
Individual Members Contribution (189)	103,323	67%
RGM Anniversary fundraising	19,683	13%
Investments	8,870	6%
Total	154,635	100%

INCOME SOURCES	2018 Projections	2018 Projections (%)
Foreign Churches/Donors (5)	14,160	5%
Local Churches Contribution (74)	42,500	16%
Individual Members Contribution (500)	169,952	62%
RGM Anniversary fundraising	25,000	9%
Investments	20,800	8%
Total	272,412	100%



REGIONAL DONOR REPRESENTATION

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION	Donor Churches - 2017 Actuals	Donor Churches - 2018 Projections
ACCRA	9	20
CENTRAL	4	10
EASTERN	9	14
VOLTA	9	15
WESTERN	0	3
ASHANTI	3	10
BRONG AHAFO	0	2
NORTHERN	0	0
UPPER EAST	0	0
UPPER WEST	0	0
TOTAL	34	74



CONCLUSION

RGM has come to stay with the sole objective of providing sustainable support to congregations in deprived communities and to improve the welfare of rural preachers. It is part of our future plans to establish retirement package scheme for such preachers among other benefits. This can be achieved through the collective support of all members and congregations of Church of Christ who believe that this is a good course and that preachers working in such harsh conditions must be supported; and must not be neglected to their fate. To this end, we humbly appeal to all to come on board to contribute their widow's mites willingly.

We believe that by bringing this Benevolent Ministry into being, we have been able impact the lives of preachers and their families no matter how small the money we give to support them. The management of RGM appreciates all who have contributed financially and materially in aid of our rural preachers and it is our fervent prayer that God should replenish in many folds everything you have given to support these preachers who have dedicated their lives to work for Christ in remote and deprived areas. We also want to thank all those who have contributed to the fund anonymously. Our sincere gratitude goes to those who have been praying for us; not forgetting those who criticize us to spur us on do things right.

Finally, our profound gratitude goes to the God Almighty for His direction which has brought us this far.

To him we ascribe all these achievements and may His name alone be praised.

Amen!!



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