



RESCUE GHANA MISSION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

We give all the glory to God for the gift of life, strength, wisdom and direction through the year 2018 as far the running of Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) is concerned. The year ended well but not without some challenges; in spite of the constraints there were some achievements which we must thank God for. The year 2018 under review saw inclusion of additional 11 rural preachers on the support scheme. Again we undertook some outreach activities including church visits and bible camp meetings.

We could not achieve of the set targets set for 2018 but in all it was all good and we are highly determined with the help of God to build on the gains made in the years ahead to bring relief to our hardworking rural preachers who are in great distress. This annual report is a summary account or highlights of key activities undertaken during the year 2018. This is to show the state of affairs of Benevolent Ministry and to demonstrate transparency and accountability to all stakeholders.

ADMINISTRATION

Over Sight Church: The ministry is under the supervision of Osu Church of Christ Elders who exercise full control and take decisions for the running of the Ministry. They are in charge of the funds disbursement.

Regional Reps: We have a representative for each of the regions made of seasoned preachers (except for Western, Upper West and North) who work in consultation with the Oversight Elders.

Evaluation & Assessment Committee: We have a 5 member committee who are charged to investigate and approve all support applications in consultation with the Oversight Elders.

Administrative Team: They work under the Oversight Elders and are responsible for day to day affairs of the ministry; including fundraising activities.



Ken Fianoo Advertiser

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Stephen Mensah Rtd

Accountant
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Bro. Patrick Ohene Ofori

Occupational Background:

Manager, Puma Energy, Aviation.

Congregation:

Community 8&9 Church of Christ, Tema



Bro. Lord Asante Fordjour

Occupational Background:

Broadcast Journalist by profession/ Exe. Director- Advocacy & Media Support Foundation/ CEO- Click Communications

Congregation: Community



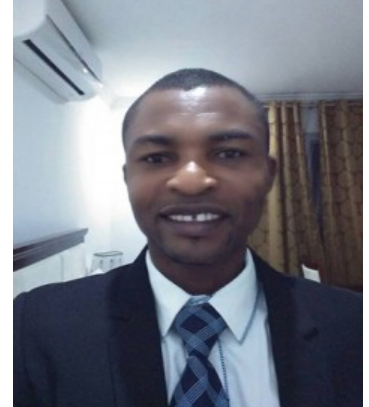
Bro. Charles Binney

Occupational Background:

General Manager, Plus Laboratory & Diagnostics

Congregation:

Official Town Church of Christ, Ashaiman-Tema



Bro. George Nicholas Essel

Occupational Background: Finance Manager, MTN Ghana.

RGM Fund Manager

Congregation:

Deacon- Nsawam Road Church of Christ, Accra

CURRENT BENEFICIARY CONGREGATIONS

The Ministry in principle partners with deprived local congregations to support their preachers financially. The support is therefore for the church to the preacher. In the event the beneficiary preacher stops working for the church; automatically he ceases to be on our monthly support.

Below are the current beneficiary congregations whose preachers were supported on monthly basis in 2018; most of whom are still on the scheme. The congregations highlighted in red are no longer beneficiaries of Rescue Ghana Mission support. This took effect from the beginning of 2019. They are yet to be replaced soon.

Volta Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

8. Worawora Church of Christ
9. Alavanyo Church of Christ
10. Adrume -Ehi Church of Christ
11. Anlo Afiadenyigba Church of Christ
12. Dzodze Church of Christ
13. Klefe Church of Christ
14. Avitehkofe Church of Christ

Volta Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Ave- Afiadenyigba Church of Christ
2. Tadzevu Church of Christ
3. Krachi Nkyenkyne Church of Christ
4. Podoe Church of Christ
5. Anloga - Agorve -Avume Church of Christ (deceased)
6. Sovie Church of Christ

Eastern Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Breman Anhwiam Church of Christ
2. Mepom - Asamankese Church of Christ
3. Akim-Akenteng Church of Christ
4. Anyinasin Church of Christ
5. Tantra Via New AkimTafo Church of Christ
6. Obosomase Church of Christ
7. Klo Akwapem Church of Christ
8. Apeguso Church of Christ
9. Kwahu Fodoa Church of Christ
10. Asekesu-Odumase CoC (Asamankese)
11. Asukyerema Church of Christ
12. Atimpoku Church of Christ

Central Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Breman Fosuansa Church of Christ
2. Twifo Kotokyi Church of Christ
3. Wamaso Church of Christ
4. Twifo Praso No.1 Church of Christ
5. Abam Kurom Church of Christ
6. Ekumfi Esiakyir Church of Christ
7. Krispo City-Kasoa
8. Nuamakrom, Twifo-Praso
9. Abora Papagya Church of Christ
10. Breman Amanda Church of Christ

Ashanti Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Domeabra Church of Christ
2. Akropong-Esaase Church of Christ
3. Anyinamso Church of Christ

Northern Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Bimbila & Kpatinga Church of Christ
2. Tenglinto-Burandeni Church of Christ
3. Nbondon Church of Christ
4. Lungni Church of Christ

U/E Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Subrungu Church of Christ
2. Garu Church of Christ
3. Azumsapelega Church of Christ
4. Sandema/ Wiaga Church of Christ
5. Kuka Church of Christ
6. Sherigu Church of Christ

B/A Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Derma Church of Christ
2. Dromankesse Church of Christ
3. Yeji-Parengo No.1 Church of Christ
4. Mehame Church of Christ
5. Kwapong Church of Christ

Western Region: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Whindo Church of Christ
2. New Susubiribi Church of Christ
3. Jerusalem, Essaman and Kakabo Church of Christ
4. Chirano Church of Christ

Greater Accra: RGM Beneficiary Churches

1. Asofan Church of Christ

BENEFICIARIES & WAITING APPLICANTS

- RGM started with an initial enrolment of 49 rural preachers on the scheme and in 2017 and we added 11 more; making 60 beneficiaries in 2018. However, 4 have been delisted from the scheme for various reasons within late last year and early this year; and are yet to be replaced.
- Majority of the beneficiaries before being enrolled on the scheme were receiving no or less than Ghc 100 as monthly support from their local congregations.
- RGM pays monthly top-up allowance to round-up their support to Ghc 200

FUNDING SOURCES

Greater Accra	Eastern	Central	Ashanti	Volta	Upper East Region
Oblogo	Aburi	Winneba, Central	Ejisu	Dzodze	Zebilla
Nsawam Road	Asamankese	Ajumako Entumbil		Podoe	Azum-Sapeliga
Comm 8&9	Nkawkaw	Mankessim, Edumadze		Alavayo	
Comm 2	Ahenebrom	Agona Nyaakrom		Wrawra	
Kaneshie	Akosombo	Winneba, Sankor			
Legon	Obosomase	Buadua			
Appolonia	Amoakrom	Kasoa, Accra Road			
Kpone On Sea	Bosuso	Abora Papagya			
Kloe Akuapem		Assin Fosu			
Asofar					

Sebrepo					
Official Town					
Kaneshie					
Bankuman					

Congregational Support: We receive monthly and intermittent voluntary contributions from sister churches across Ghana; mostly from smaller congregations.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN: 2018 CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

Greater Accra: **14** Eastern: **8** Central: **9** Ashanti: **1** Volta: **4** Upper East Regions: **2**

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION	Donor Churches - 2017 Actuals	Donor Churches - 2018 Projections	Donor Churches - 2018 Actuals
GREATER ACCRA	9	20	14
CENTRAL	4	10	9
EASTERN	9	14	8
VOLTA	9	15	3
WESTERN	0	3	0
ASHANTI	3	10	1
BRONG AHAFO	0	2	0
NORTHERN	0	0	0
UPPER EAST	0	0	2
UPPER WEST	0	0	1
TOTAL	34	74	38

Individual Contributions: We receive voluntary monthly or intermittent contributions from individual members both in Ghana through mobile money/ bank and bank transfers. Individual members' contributions forms a significant ratio of our total income.

Foreign Support: We intermittently receive voluntary donations from a few foreign churches and individuals. However there are two foreign brethren from UK who contribute regularly to support the program.

We acknowledge the following congregations/individuals for their enormous financial contribution to RGM since 2016 and in the year 2018; Wembley Church of Christ, UK and a personal monthly contribution from Bro. Paul Offin (Cumbernauld Church of Christ, UK.

An annual (2017, 2018) contribution from a committed Ghanaian couple of Liverpool Church of Christ.

A one-off cash donations from some brethren in Edmonton Church of Christ, UK through Portia Agyei-Yeboah a Christian sister who embarked on a fund mobilization during her visit to the UK.

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Rescue Ghana Mission has a strict financial policy to ensure prudent use of funds, transparency and

accountability.

The organization has a bank account operating with the National Investment Bank with **three signatories**; two of whom are the Oversight Elders.

We publish our financial report at least once every year which is made public on our website and Church whatsapp groups. We give copies of our financial report to contributing congregations.

Going forward we intend to organize **Annual General Meeting** involving the church members and contributing Churches to account for our stewardship to seek ideas and allow for open constructive criticism.

ANNUAL REFRESHER COURSE FOR BENEFICIARY PREACHERS

In June 2017, Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) entered into partnership with the Heritage Christian College (HCC) to offering annual refresher training for the beneficiary preachers to retool them to be effective in their ministry. The first edition of the training program brought all the beneficiary preachers to Accra from all the regions.



In picture are the beneficiary preachers, executives of Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) and Heritage Christian College (HCC) after the opening ceremony to commence the Refresher Training Course- 2017

In 2018, leadership decided to dovetail the refresher training course into HCC's annual Sharpeners Conference which comes off in December. The annual leadership training program seeks to retool church leaders in various areas of Church administration and biblical



knowledge.

RGM beneficiary preachers posed for a picture at the close of the Sharpeners Conference- 2018



RGM Annual Cloth Donation campaign for beneficiary preachers in 2018



Beneficiary preachers were also blessed with clothes from benevolent brethren in and outside Ghana. The 2018 cloth donation was very encouraging with

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The team took advantage of Bible Camp activities in December 2018 and participated in such events; two in the Central Region and one in the Western Region to raise awareness about the plight of rural preachers and to solicit voluntary support from churches and members. The team was led by Preacher Alexander Maxwell Yawson of Winneba Church of Christ who is the Central regional representative for RGM. The two Bible Camps we participated in the Central Region were held at Village of Hope and Abonko, and that of Western Region was held at Tamsu Church of Christ.



Evangelist Yawson addressing participants at the Western Region Bible Camp at Tamso Church of Christ



CHALLENGES

Over the last three years, only a few individuals and congregations contribute towards the program; and even that some are not consistent with their contributions. For this reason, we are unable to achieve some of our program activities and financial projections.

- **Enrolment:** We intended to enroll at least ten preachers every six months; however this could not be achieved due to limited budget.
- **Effective monitoring:** We planned to visit all the beneficiary congregations at least once in the year. This we couldn't achieve due to funding constraints. What we did was to speak on phone with leaders of the beneficiary churches for updates. The feedback from some of the leaders led to the suspension of support to some beneficiary preachers.
- **Fundraising Activities:** We had planned to visit more churches in 2018 to create awareness and to appeal for their support. We could only visit a few Churches in Greater Accra, Central region and Volta Regions. This was because of the cost of transportation was draining our little resources. We resulted to direct phone calls, Bulk SMS and Voice Blast campaigns to raise awareness reaching over 8000 church members. We also used social media platforms (Whatsapp and Facebook)
- **Full-time administrator:** To expand and grow as a Ministry, we need a full-time or part-time administrator. Currently, all the team members are busy working people who support the ministry freely (without any form of allowance); except the administrative secretary (Rosemond Bempong-Diploma Holder) who is paid GhS 500 to attend to day-to-day running of the Ministry.

OUR PASSIONATE APPEAL TO CHURCHES OF CHRIST

For almost about 3 years now, Rescue Ghana Mission has consistently been supporting these deprived congregations/preachers through voluntary contributions from a few individuals and congregations. We believe we can do more to bring relief to our hardworking preachers who are defiling all odds to work in remote and deprived congregations.

It is a fact that the most of the members of city churches are products of the rural churches and therefore giving back to support rural congregations to sustain them is a good thing to do; after all the scripture admonishes us to do good to all manner of persons, particularly those in the faith and to support the weak among us.

We hereby propose the following options for Churches of Christ to choose which one they find convenient. Already, letters have gone to all Churches in Accra with these proposals below. We are yet to receive any positive feedback.

1. **Voluntary Basket Collection:** As a church if you are financially constraint to support this course, we propose that you adopt monthly basket collections. This can be done just after church service and any amount you may get can be donated to the rural preachers support fund.
2. **Voluntary Church Contribution:** As a church you can also decide any amount you can either monthly or quarterly to support this course.
3. **Voluntary Preacher Adoption:** As a church if contributing money to RGM is an issue, we propose that you adopt any of the rural preachers who need help or contact us to give you the list of preachers on our waiting list to contact and support them directly.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

At the end of 2017, we had raised GHS 154,635 and spent a total of GHS130, 234. We have projected to mobilize about GHS 270,000 to fund our planned increase in enrolment of beneficiary preachers from 49 in 2017 to 100 by end of 2018. We therefore projected that the increase in monthly disbursement to beneficiary preachers and its associated operational cost will also hit about GHS276, 000.

The 2018 actual total income realized of GHS125, 765 is far below our target and this impacted negatively our ability implement our planned additional preacher enrollment in 2018.

The additional enrollment was long overdue and RGM being committed to this plan started the roll-out increase in phases from first quarter of 2018. RGM therefore intensified its campaign in 2018 to solicit more support among local churches and members but our efforts yielded little impact on our income despite its corresponding increase in operation cost.

Rescue Ghana Mission has a data of about 8000 church members nationwide who are sent SMS and Voice Call reminders at the end of every month to donate their widow's mite. However, out of the 8000 contacts, we only receive contributions from between 250-300 members on monthly basis through our mobile money and bank accounts.

Each month, RGM disburses about Ghc 9,000 to support about 50 beneficiary preachers. It is estimated that if each of the 8000 church members who receive our monthly reminders are responding with just Ghc 2.00 each we could enroll additional 50 or more preachers who are on our waiting list. And if at least 10 city churches from each region are contributing

Ghc100.00 we can by far increase the number of preachers and increase their support from 200 to 300 (less than the minimum wage) to meet our ultimate desire of paying the rural preacher at least a monthly minimum wage.

YEAR 2019 IN PERSPECTIVE

1. We will replace the number of preachers you have been take off the scheme and enroll additional preachers, about 10 more.
2. We shall organize Family Meeting inviting all Churches of Christ in Greater Accra to engage them and seek their support
3. We shall intensify our online and offline campaigns to solicit more support; while visiting some selected congregations across the country to appeal for support.
4. We shall sponsor more preachers to participate in the 2019 Sharpeners Conference
5. We shall continue to mobilize Cloth Donation from Church members for beneficiary Preachers
6. We shall foster partnership with identifiable District Church Cooperative bodies to work together to provide sustainable support for preachers working in deprived areas in their District.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	2017	2018
CONTRIBUTIONS & INTEREST INCOME	GH¢	GH¢
- National Investment bank	58,391	48,889
- Mobile Money	67,691	70,154
- Interest on 91 Day T-Bill Investments	8,870	6,720
- RGM Anniversary fundraising	19,683	-
Total Receipts (A)	154,635	125,763
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES		
- Preachers Monthly Support	91,082	110,554
- Administration & Operational Cost	20,421	22,788
- Annual Training Cost	12,852	5,406
- Monthly staff support - Admin. Secretary	5,151	6,060
- Bank Charges	728	694
Total Expenditure (B)	130,234	145,503

Surplus /(Deficit) @ End Of Period = A - B	24,401	(19,739)
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	2017	2018
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	BALANCE	BALANCE
	GH¢	GH¢
BANK BALANCE - NIB A	24,946	5,364
MOMO ACCOUNT BALANCES		
- MTN Mobile Money	3,043	6,045
- AirtelTigo Cash	1,153	334
B	4,196	6,379
INVESTMENTS		
- 91 Day T-Bills (Security) C	57,540	55,200
GRAND TOTAL D = A+B+C	86,682	66,943

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS

INCOME TREND	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Projections
NIB	58,391	48,889	80,000
Mobile Money	67,691	70,154	90,000
Interest	8,870	6,720	8,000
Fundraising	19,683	-	-
Total	154,635	125,763	178,000

EXPENDITURE TREND	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Projections
Preachers Monthly Support	91,082	110,554	134,400
Admin/Operational Cost	26,300	29,542	32,496
Annual HCC sharpeners conf.	12,852	5,406	9,000
TOTAL	130,234	145,502	175,896
Surplus / (Deficit)	24,401	(19,739)	2,104

OUR HUMBLE APPEAL

To our ardent donors, we say, do not grow weary in supporting this worthy course to advance the saving gospel of Christ; certainly God will make you reap bountifully in due course. We appeal and call on more new members and all readers of this report containing noble achievements of this initiative to join hands with us to lessen the burden of the teaming rural preachers who are besetted a lot of constraints and hardship in the discharge of their work as ministers of the gospel in remote and deprived areas. Your voluntary support according to your faith and strength will greatly advance the rural ministry. You can send your generous financial support through any of mobile money or bank accounts. We do accept material donations as well of our donation such as clothing. God will continually bless you for being a part of this benevolent ministry.

OUR BANK ACCOUNTS & CONTACT DETAILS

BANK:	National Investment Bank
ACCOUNT NAME:	Rescue Ghana Mission
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MOBILE MONEY:	0240129254, 0270094492
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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND TRIBUTE THE LATE KOFI TAWIAH

We dedicate this part of the report to acknowledge the immeasurable role our brother, late Bro. Evangelist Kofi Tawiah played at the budding stage of Rescue Ghana Mission. He was not part of the conceptualization of the RGM but like Paul the apostle he played major roles in steering the affairs of the Ministry.

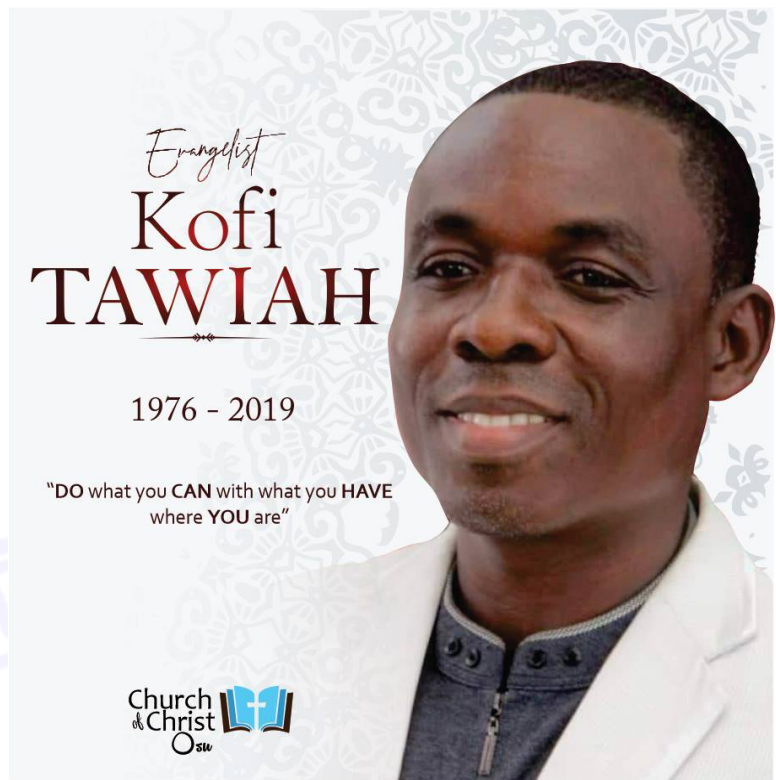
He was the head of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee who did all the background checks on prospective beneficiaries and a liaison between the Oversight Elders and the Management team. Kofi Tawiah contributed his time and resources to ensure the ministry succeeds in its core objectives. It was through him the Elders of Osu Church of Christ agreed to oversee the Ministry. His passion and love for rural preaches and the rural ministry in general was his driving force.

We remember the early days that RGM became the subject of many unfounded criticism; the late Kofi Tawiah was all over social media platforms explaining and defending the course of the ministry. He was noted for sharing special messages every month on facebook and whatsapp platforms; reminding and encouraging brethren to donate their widow's mite to support the course. He was gentle and kindhearted.

He was a "social media man" who used facebook and whatsapp to bring to the attention of people the problems of others and used same means to seek support to those problems he came across. He was driven by passion to support humanity and did all that voluntarily and selflessly. This attributes made him a strong advocate of what RGM stands for and did proclaim the ideals of RGM at most gathering or platforms he was invited to.

The day before his demise, he called Bro. Lord Asante Fordjour from the North Region to check up on how things were going with RGM; the two spoke for 97min, 36 sec.

The two spoke on several issues which he expressed his concern about the problems of Church in general and the future of RGM in particular. Kofi Tawiah was a man who was always thinking beyond his local congregation. These were his closing remarks in that phone conversation with Bro. Asante Fordjour which lasted over an hour.





"My Brother let's do what we can for the Lord, my focus is to do my part and I know that if I die while doing that God will reward me. So don't be discouraged by what people say or the fact that a few individuals and congregations are contributing to support the rural preachers. If RGM can support only a few preachers let's faithfully hold on with the good work till we breathe our last".

The next day we received the bad news about his death with great shock. Kofi Tawiah was a key pillar and a torchbearer of the Rescue Ghana Mission Ministry. On behalf of all the beneficiary preachers and the entire management of RGM, we say may your gentle soul rest in peace, a gallant soldier of Christ. We are heartbroken but not despaired. We are even more motivated by your last words to the team to keep fighting forward till we breathe our last. May you find eternal rest in the bosom of Abraham till we meet again in heaven. Amen

CONCLUSION

We give all the glory to the Almighty God who has sustained this Ministry over the last three years. Consistently we disburse about Ghc 9,000 monthly to the beneficiary preachers without defaulting and this is obviously the doing of Christ our Lord. On behalf of the beneficiary preachers we express our sincere thanks to all contributors and all those who have supported the Ministry in diverse ways. It is our fervent prayer that God should bless you with good health and long life; and may He return to you in seven folds every pesewa you have contributed towards this worthy course.

Amen!!

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