



# RESCUE GHANA MISSION ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2021

## INTRODUCTION

We give all the glory to God for the gift of life, strength, wisdom, and direction through the years 2019 to 2021 as far as the running of Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) is concerned. The years ended well but not without some challenges; and despite the constraints, there were some achievements made to the glory of God. Though we could not have achieved all the targets set for each of the years under review, we determined to build on the gains made in the years ahead to bring relief to our hardworking rural preachers who are in financial distress.

This annual report highlights key activities undertaken and the financial statements the 3-year period. This is to show the state of affairs of the Rescue Ghana Mission program and to demonstrate transparency and accountability to our stakeholders.

## ADMINISTRATION

**Over Sight Church:** The Ministry is under the supervision of the Osu Church of Christ in Accra. The Elders of the Church play oversight role in the running of the Ministry. They are in charge of the funds as signatories to our bank accounts.

**Administrative Team:** They work under the Oversight Elders and are responsible for day-to-day affairs of the Ministry including fundraising activities and monthly disbursement to the beneficiary preachers.

## ANNUAL TRAINING AT HERITAGE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Since June 2017, every year Rescue Ghana Mission (RGM) brings down the beneficiary rural preachers to Accra for fresher training program in Accra. This is done in partnership with the Heritage Christian College (HCC) as part of its Sharpness Conference aimed at retooling preachers and church leaders to be effective workers in the Lord's Church in various areas of Church administration and biblical knowledge.

Over the years the refresher training program has proven beneficial to participants particularly to the RGM beneficiary rural preachers as it offers them the opportunity to learn new things and to network with their fellow preachers in the cities. At the end of the 3-day refresher training course, donations of personal effects collected from kind-hearted brethren are presented to them.

The 2019 - 2021 annual trainings were eventful and well patronized by the beneficiary rural preachers which saw between 25 to 30 preachers who came from across the country despite the impact of COVID 19 in 2020 and 2021.



*A group picture made of the RGM Oversight Elders, Management of HCC and participating rural preachers at the opening session of the Sharpeners Conference in 2019*



*Evangelist Alexander Maxwell Yawson, the Director Heritage Bible Institute addressing participants at the Sharpeners Conference,*



## Material Donations



**DONATE CLOTHES**  
*Sharing in the blessings of giving....  
Proverbs 28:27, 1 Tim. 6:17-19*

Rescue Ghana Mission is soliciting for clothing & cash donation in support of church of christ rural preachers.

Please drop your clean and neatly packaged items at Nsawam Road Church of Christ, Accra latest by 22 December, 2018



**RESCUE GHANA MISSION**

**SHARE & be blessed**  
Prov. 28:27, 1 Tim. 6:17-19

**Clothes Donation:**  
For Church Of Christ Rural Preachers & Wives

**Deadline:** 22nd Dec., 2019  
Drop Items at Nsawam Road Church of Christ, Accra

**For information call:**  
024 430 4122/020 600 7255  
MoMo Donation: 0240129254



*In the years under review, RGM received donations of personal effects from a few brethren in Ghana and UK to be given to the beneficiary preachers.*





*The 2019 and 2020 participants of the Sharpness Conference were presented with clothing donated by brethren in Ghana and abroad to RGM beneficiary preachers*

### **GREATER ACCRA WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DONATION**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at the Sakumono Church of Christ, the Greater Accra Women's Fellowship donated five thousand cedis (GHC 5,000) to Rescue Ghana Mission towards the support of our beneficiary rural preachers



*Elder Ishmeal Nortey (RGM Oversight Elder) receiving a cheque for GHC 5,000 from the Greater Accra Women's Ministry.*

## OUTREACH PROGRAM

The RGM team during the period under review, participated in a number of National Bible Camp activities organized across the country including Village of Hope Bible Camp at Gomoa Fetteh, Ho Bible Camp in the Volta region and Bible Camp at Abonko near Mankessim in the Central Region. The Bible Camps are organized in December every year to bring together brethren for lectureship. The RGM team use the opportunity to raise awareness and to appeal for support for the Church of Christ rural preachers.

## IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL & CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Since 2016 till now, Rescue Ghana Mission program has enjoyed enormous support and financial contributions from members and congregations of the Church of Christ in Ghana and abroad. We would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate all who have supported this course in diverse ways. May the good Lord bless you all and give back to you in multiple folds,

### Individual Members Contribution

The total number of individual financial contributors for the years under review who donated into our Mobile Money wallet were 772, 626 and 562 for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively. This represents a much improvement over the previous years which were between average of 200 and 300 per year.

### Church Contribution

Within the years under review (2019 -2021), the following congregations made direct financial donations to RGM and therefore we wish to acknowledge them. Some have been consistent with monthly contributions while others do so intermittently. Donations are mostly sent through our MoMo number 0240129254 or MoMoPay Code 333247 and through our NIB bank account, Account Number - 1133055552801, Branch- Ashaiman, Account Name: Rescue Ghana Mission.

The 25 listed Churches below made various financial contribution to RGM over the 3-year period. However, contributions from foreign brethren remains significantly low with 4 brethren as at the end of 2021.

Local Congregation	Region	Local Congregation	Region
Osu Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Nyaakrom Church of Christ	Central
Nsawam Road Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Sankor Church of Christ, Winneba	Central
Legon Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Winneba Central Church of Christ	Central
Knutsford Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Kasoa CP Church of Christ	Central
Kwabinya Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Papagya Church of Christ	Central
Kaneshie Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Ahenbrom Church of Christ	Eastern
Community 8&9 Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Boadua Church of Christ	Eastern
Community 2 Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Klo Akwapem Church of Christ	Eastern
Alajo Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Mepom Church Of Christ	Eastern
Ashaiman Official Town COC	Greater Accra	Obosomase Church of Christ	Eastern
Dodowa Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Sovie church of christ	Volta
Appolonia Church of Christ	Greater Accra	Zebilla Church of Christ	Upper East
Sakumono Church of Christ	Greater Accra		

We would like to acknowledge any congregation that contributed anonymously into the fund or any congregation whose name has omitted from the list, inadvertently.

We received periodic financial contributions from four Ghanaian brethren and their families based in the UK. They fellowship with the following congregations, Cumbemauld Church of Christ, Liverpool Church of Christ and Leytonstone Church of Christ

## **RGM BENEFICIARY CHURCHES**

Over the last six years, Rescue Ghana Mission has provided both financial and material support to over 60 rural preachers across the country. We started off with 50 beneficiary rural preachers and along the years 3 preachers have passed away and some have been taken off the program for various reasons and new ones have been brought on board. Currently, there are 36 preachers receiving monthly financial support from RGM. Open the link below to view beneficiary congregations with their brief profile <https://www.rescueghanamission.org/beneficiaries/>

## **OUR FUTURE OUTLOOK**

### **NEW ENROLMENTS**

In April 2022, we shall open call for application to enroll additional rural preachers who genuinely need financial support. The online application process is expected to end on 30th August 2022. It is our expectation to enroll 30 additional rural preachers in phases between 2023-2024 but this will largely depend on availability of sustainable funds.

Starting January 2023, we will increase the monthly top-up allowance to our rural preachers from GHC 200 (Approx \$14) to GHC 300 (Approx. \$20). Considering the current economic harsh, the amount the rural preachers receive is woefully inadequate to cater for themselves and their immediate families. In reality, they should be receiving not less than 100 pounds monthly to be able to meet the basic necessities of life.

Majority of Church of Christ rural preachers have worked all their lives for the church with no or little remuneration and without retirement package or social support systems for them. They continue to live in abject poverty and die miserably as they have no money to even seek proper medical care. It is part of RGM's future plans to setup a sustainable retirement scheme for our aging rural preachers.

### **PENSION & RETIREMENT SUPPORT**

In recent years, calls from our preachers and some concerned brethren have brought this subject matter to the fore needing an urgent attention from stakeholders for deliberation. The leadership of RGM has already tabled a motion to management for consideration.

It is in this light that Rescue Ghana Mission is planning to add on a retirement package scheme for Rural Preachers in the near future. RGM seeks to partner with Businesses/Institutions own by brethren and other benevolent-spirited congregations and members to undertake this all-important initiative. This calls for huge financial investment for at least three to five years to make this noble dream possible and sustainable. We have therefore initiated long term investments in government bonds in that regards.



## FUNDING

Over the years our only source of funding for this initiative has been through voluntary financial donations from a few kind-hearted brethren and congregation in Ghana. Sadly, these donations have dwindled a bit due to the general economic hardship brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Since 2016, RGM continues to provide financial aid to rural preachers who earn less income with monthly allowance ranging between GHC100 - GHC 300 (Approx. \$10-\$23) to top up the little they receive from their local congregations. It is important to stress that majority of these rural preachers do not receive any financial support from their local congregations having worked for so many years. These preachers live on meagre income to cater for themselves and dependants.

It is against this background that we appeal to the members and congregations of the Church of Christ as fellow co-worker in the Lord's vineyard to join us to raise support for our rural preachers financially and materially. We encouraged you to give as much as you have purposed in their heart, not grudgingly but cheerfully, proportionately, and according to your ability as an individual or congregation. We urge you to donate monthly or periodically to support this worthy.

*. "Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses". — Proverbs 28:27*

## CHALLENGES

**Individual/Congregation Contribution:** Over the years, our contributors have been mainly from a few individuals (mostly women) and congregations (mostly rural Churches/smaller Churches) who donate on regular basis. The bigger congregations in the cities rarely contribute to support this effort.

We have a database of contact number of Christ of Christ members, over 9000 contacts whom we send monthly reminders to. Out of this number, only about 8.5% (772) donated money on monthly basis to support the fund in 2019. This figure represents the highest of contributors over the years.

Our Money wallet recorded individual donors of **772** in 2019, **626** in 2020 and **562** in 2021.

To encourage more churches to come on board to support, we have written to almost all the congregation in Greater Accra and to some bigger churches in other regions appealing to join hands with RGM, however, only a few responded positively as listed above. We indicated in our appeal letters to the churches to adopt some of the rural preachers on our waiting list if they do not want to directly donate to RGM but this also has received no positive response.

We believe that with commitment and empathy towards our rural preachers, we can come together as children of God to raise the needed funds to provide sustainable assistance to our rural preachers.

**Full-Time Administrator:** The scope of work of Rescue Ghana Mission is very tasking and requires at least one dedicated administrator who can run the daily affairs of the program and undertake fundraising initiatives and follow-ups. The current RGM administrative team are full-time workers in their respective occupations who are volunteering their time and therefore do not have adequate time to run the program as required. None of them receive any allowance or pay for their services.



It is part of our future plans to employ a full-time Administrator who shall be paid salary to ensure effective running of the program. The full-time administrator will undertake frequent visits to churches within and outside Greater to raise funds and to perform various administrative functions.

**Effective monitoring:** It was part of our plans to visit all the beneficiary congregations at least once in the year. However, due to funding constraints with moving across the regions we could not make it possible. What we did was to speak on phone with the leaders of the beneficiary churches for updates as a way of follow up. The feedback from some of the leaders led to the suspension of support to some beneficiary preachers. It is part of our plans to partner with bigger congregations in the regions to send brethren to pay periodic visits to the beneficiary churches at least once every quarter.

**Fundraising Activities:** We had planned to visit more churches from the beginning 2019 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 the cost of transportation was draining our little resources. We resulted to direct phone calls, letter distribution, social media platforms (Whatsapp and Facebook), Bulk SMS and Voice Blast campaigns to raise awareness.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD

<b>RESCUE GHANA MISSION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; INTEREST</b>			
National Investment Bank	46,232	23,101	20,901
Mobile Money	65,603	95,857	68,955
Interest earned (91-day T-Bill)	4,230	3,960	3,697
Interest earned (2-Year Gov't Bond)			4,576
RGM Anniversary fundraising			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>116,065</b>	<b>122,918</b>	<b>98,129</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES</b>			
Preachers Monthly Support	103,033	83,012	76,206
Administration & Operational Cost	11,464	11,332	3,315
Annual Training Cost @ HCC	5,016	5,955	6,105
Monthly Admin staff support	808	1,558	100
Bank Charges	679	612	654
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>120,999</b>	<b>102,469</b>	<b>86,380</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(4,934)</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>11,749</b>

	2019	2020	2021
<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
Opening Balance	66,943	62,009	82,458
Surplus / (Deficit )	(4,934)	20,449	11,749
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>62,009</b>	<b>82,458</b>	<b>94,206</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
Bank Balance - NIB	25,289	47,778	6,517
Bank Balance - ZENITH BANK			4,671
MTN Mobile Money	6,720	4,680	2,908
AirtelTigo Cash			
MoMo Account Balance	6,720	4,680	2,908
<b>Investments</b>			
Treasury Bills ( 91 days )	30,000	30,000	29,111
Govt of Ghana Bonds (2-Year )			50,999
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>62,009</b>	<b>82,458</b>	<b>94,206</b>

### OUR BANK ACCOUNTS & CONTACT DETAILS

<b>BANK:</b>	National Investment Bank
<b>ACCOUNT NAME:</b>	Rescue Ghana Mission
<b>BRANCH:</b>	Ashaiman
<b>ACCOUNT NO.</b>	113305552801
<b>MOBILE MONEY:</b>	0240129254, 0270094492
<b>CONTACT US:</b>	0206007255, 0242515123, 0244304122
<b>WEBSITE:</b>	<a href="http://www.rescueghanamission.org">www.rescueghanamission.org</a>

### CONCLUSION

We give all the glory to God Almighty who has sustained this Benevolent Ministry over the years. Consistently, we disburse about Ghc 9,000.00 on monthly basis to support rural preachers who genuinely need financial assistance. We are grateful to God that since July 2016 when we officially started this Ministry we have never defaulted in our monthly disbursement to the rural preachers despite the challenges. On behalf of the beneficiary preachers and the entire management of RGM, we wish to express our deepest appreciation to God and to all our contributors and all those who have selflessly and

generously 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 many folds every pesewa you have contributed towards this worthy course. Amen!! Thank You!

Yours in-His Service,



**Kenneth Fianoo (Elder)**

(On behalf of Osu Church of Christ Elders)

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