



Newsletter July 2021



News from Kinder Paradise

In this newsletter issue we inform you again about news from the children's home, the Day Center and the Kinder Paradise School.

Enjoy reading!

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"Fulfill a wish"

A wonderful activity, "Fulfill a Wish," was initiated by two supporters of KP. The idea was to create means for doing something special in these times when social activities outside the children's home are not possible. Funds were raised to carry out a cooking competition, and a trampoline and a table tennis table were bought for the children, as well as sportswear and football boots. The children from all three houses competed, cooking a variety of dishes with the help of their caregivers. The competition ended in a delightful get-together at the buffet, with the motto, "Eat as much as you like."



Wedding

Another highlight was the wedding of one of our reintegrated young adults, William Kumi, and Linda Annorbea. It was a lovely occasion and we wish them all the best for their future.



News from the Day Center

Ghana's government opened all schools on 18th January, 2021. Kinder Paradise's Day Center prepared the urban poor children, who were attended to during the pandemic, to be enrolled in school again. Staff was given the chance to do COVID sensitization sessions in some of their schools.

Currently, KP supports 70 urban poor children in schools by means of paying for their school uniform, feeding fee, levies, stationeries, books, etc. Of these children, 4 are in Kindergarten, 14 in Primary 1-3, 23 in Primary 4-6, 22 in Junior

High School 1-3, 3 in Senior High School 1-3, 1 in the university, 4 in vocational training.

During a field trip, Center staff were introduced to twins, Peter and Paul, who had dropped out of school. Their mother is a single mum who is a hawker and earns her living by selling pure water in road traffic.

Life conditions for the already struggling mother became worse during the pandemic because cost of living had increased, and she could not care for the educational needs of her sons again after the schools were reopened. The boys have now been enrolled in school. They were very happy when they were given their school bags and were able to join classes again. KP wishes them all the best.

Here comes another success story of Ernest Dinsah. KP picked him from the streets of Accra in 2013, facilitated Junior High and Senior High School education, and now he got admission to the Communication Technology University in Accra. He aims at achieving a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science.

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KP School

Ghana Education Service has changed some of the schools' framework, and where the pandemic will take us is also little predictable. For these reasons it is difficult making precise plans of how we should handle reopening of our school for external students. Its not quite easy. Many private schools in Ghana already went bankrupt.

KP aspires a dual approach: Make use of the current trend 1. towards more

internet technology for a better perspective of the children in future, 2. to create a new source of income, independent of how the pandemic will develop, thereby, independent of physical teaching. For this reason, KP will develop part of teaching to be in the form of e-learning. Within this year, this concept shall be tested and adapted to KP needs.

We expect to begin admission for external students again beginning of 2022.

Since we want to develop and grow as an organization, we conducted a **SWOT analysis**, in order to reevaluate strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of Kinder Paradise during these times of change. The results shall be mainly used to adjust the programs of various areas (Home, Day Center, School, and Management) to the changed conditions. By means of including all staff of KP in the analysis, special notice is taken of their requests. They shall be prioritized, evaluated, and in as much as possible taken into account to achieve improvements.

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A SPECIAL STORY

About 17 years ago when I joined Kinder Paradise, I had no vivid picture of what the future holds. My family and I barely had one meal a day let alone think about sending my siblings and I to school.

Kinder Paradise gave me more than just education, I had all physical and spiritual growth from Kinder Paradise. In 2013, I was privileged to attend one of the most prestigious Senior High Schools in Ghana, Achimota Senior High. In 2017, I graduated with a bachelor's in information technology (BSc IT), and certificates in IBM Big Data Engineer & IBM Application Security Analyst from BlueCrest University College, an Affiliate to the University of Winneba. I was awarded the best software developer of the year 2017, of the university.

Later that year, I had my national service done at Kotoka International Airport, where I worked with the IT department in championing the setup of the IT telephony network in the newly built Terminal 3 amongst other projects.

With the leadership qualities instilled in me from Kinder Paradise, I have ever since managed both young and old people in teams from Ghana Airport where I embarked on a major project throughout the other airports (Tamale, Kumasi & Sunyani).

I have vast knowledge area in computers from software development, cyber security, networking, and data science, to mention a few.

Currently, I work with one of the renowned pension firms in Ghana, Enterprise Trustees Limited of the Enterprise Group PLC as a Data Enhancement Officer. I recently acquired the IBM Data Analyst Professional Certification as my greatest achievement this year.

I would say that it would be impossible to be where I am today without the grace and mercies of God through Kinder Paradise. Thank you would never be enough to express my gratitude to Kinder Paradise and all her donors who supported me.



RE-UNIFICATION OF A MISSING BOY WITH HIS FAMILY IN TOGO

- reported by the supervisor of our Home, Amedeus Papunaah

In May this year, the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) referred a 14-year-old boy to KP as a missing child. The boy didn't speak English but apparently, he hailed from Togo and was brought to Ghana by a family friend by what could be gathered. When he had gone out to play, he had lost his way home. Efforts to trace the said family friend in the Prampram Township and its environs proved futile.

However, after few days of staying with us, we were able to gather sketchy information about his family's location in Togo. Consequently, in collaboration with the DSW, KP was able to trace the boy's family in a suburb of Lome in Togo.

As a social worker, I have been doing family tracing over the years in Ghana, with a lot of successes, but never before in another, unfamiliar country. One anticipated challenge had been the border closure due to the Covid 19 pandemic but with an official letter from the Government agency (DSW) and discussions with the Immigration officers at the border regarding the need and urgency of tracing the family, we were permitted to cross into Togo.

The main difficulty then was the language barrier, despite a translator. Eventually, we met the family, who wept tears of joy, especially the paternal grandfather, biological father and stepmother, as they had no hope of ever seeing their son again when they received information that he had gone missing in another country - Ghana.

The boy shared his ordeal with the supposed family friend in Ghana, as well as happy moments and about new friends found at KP with his parents, who were very grateful to KP for providing shelter for their ward as well as other needs, and most importantly, for bringing him all the way to Togo to reunite him with them.

The boy was very happy being back home, but also broke out in tears when it was time to say “Bon voyage” (Bye-bye) as we embarked on our journey back to Ghana.

We are grateful to God for helping us make an impact like this one.

Storm in February

As reported in our previous newsletter, we've had a terrible storm in February, which wreaked havoc in our facility.

We would like to thank all donors who enabled us to restore the damage.
Without you this would not have been possible. We are very grateful!





Heartfelt thank you for your support!

Thank you so much!

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