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Where We Work

The Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) operates at all levels of the Church (National, Area, District and Local) and works with all manner of persons, institutions, corporate organisations and faith-based organisations that share in our Pentecostal values and principles. PENTSOS currently supports twenty (20) transformative projects and programmes in Ghana.

Our work is not built around one idea or one size fits all approach; we tailor our interventions and response to the needs and aspirations of the people we serve. Our operational area cut across all the 16 political regions of Ghana.

Our Reach and Impact in the Education Sector in Ghana

Efforts made by the Church of Pentecost to contribute to improvements in educational standards at the basic and secondary levels has been phenomenal. As of June, 2021, a total of 96 Basic Schools, 2 Senior High Schools and 2 Vocational Training Institutes had been established. In all, these schools have provided educational opportunities to over 36,409 pupils in urban centres and in deprived communities.

In terms of job creation, schools established by the Church have created at least 2,561 jobs in both teaching and non-teaching fields.

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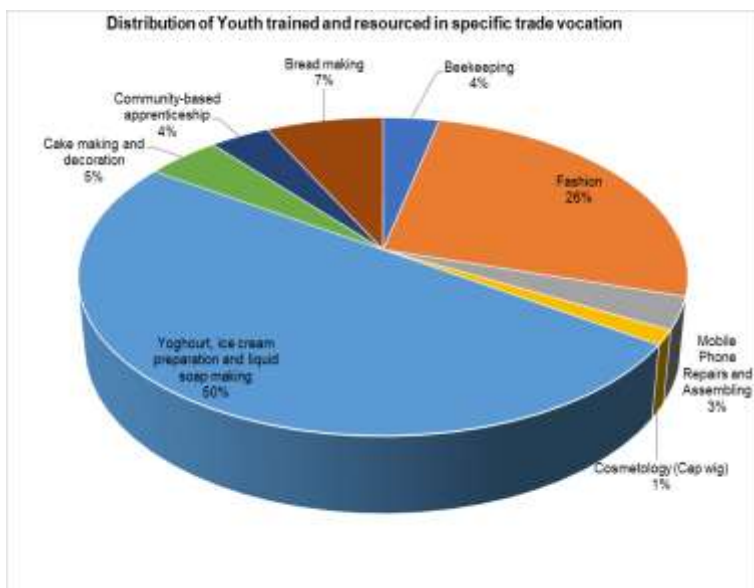
PENTSOS Trains and resources 2,389 Youth in employable skills



A section of youth been trained in mobile phone repairs and assembling

The Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) in partnership with the National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (NEIP), has trained and resourced with start-up kits to youth in the Church of Pentecost in the following fields: fashion, cosmetology, beekeeping and honey production, mobile phone repairs and assembling, cake making and decoration and catering. The training was funded by the Government of Ghana under the Ghana Skills and Enterprise Development Project with an overarching purpose to build the productive capacity of the Youth by creating immediate and direct employment opportunities through artisanal skills training and business development services.

At the end of the skills training, the project provided hands-on life skills-based training and resources to 2,389 youth (87.4% Females and 12.6% Males) in the Church of Pentecost.



“The Youth when equipped with the right skills, knowledge and ethics, will remain a dynamic resource for national development”

- Richard Amaning

PENTSOS Donates to Ashanti-Mampong Pentecost Vocational Training Institute

Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS), the social services wing of The Church of Pentecost, has donated some teaching and learning equipment to the Pentecost Vocational Training Institute (PVTI) at Mampong in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.

The items donated were 6 treadle sewing machines with alternative power supply, 5 hairdryers, 1 knitting machine, 4 hand sewing machines and 1 industrial sewing machine. The donation is part of efforts by PENTSOS to retool the various vocational training and skills learning centres under its management so as to build their capacity to effectively train young people and provide them with employable vocational skills.

The Pentecost Vocational Training Institute, Ashanti Mampong was established five years ago by the immediate-past Mampong Area Head, Prophet Foster Aniakwaa, and has since trained over 150 young people in various skills. The school currently has a student population of 85 undergoing various apprenticeship training such as masonry, dressmaking, and hairdressing. The students are mostly drawn from deprived communities within the Ashanti-Mampong Area of the church.

The items were presented to the school on Monday, June 28, 2021, by the PENTSOS Director, Elder Richard Amaning, at a short presentation ceremony. It was witnessed by the Mampong Area Head, Pastor Samuel Kwabena Asare, and some ministers in the Area.



Mampong Area Head handing over machine to Principal

PENTSOS AWARENESS WEEKEND MESSAGE

PENTSOS is 41 years. We blessed the Lord for his faithfulness.

We bring you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been gracious unto PENTSOS in repositioning us to be relevant and visible.

The theme for this year's PENTSOS Awareness Week End celebration shall be "Re-branding the social ministry to drive the Possessing the nations agenda of the Church".

The theme has been carefully chosen not only to affirm the commitment made by the Church as enshrined in the Vision 2023 Possessing the Nations Agenda, but also to create the necessary atmosphere that will propel the attainment of this aspiration.

Commitment 10 in the Vision 2023 Possessing the Nations Agenda of the Church of Pentecost

"We shall be committed to embarking on strategic partnerships with government in developing the nation. We will as a result, refocus and restructure and reposition PENTSOS to work effectively as a development-oriented organization as well as a corporate organization cast in the mode of other faith-based development organizations".

We implore our cherished Area Heads, Pastors and Members to join us in celebrating the goodness of the Lord upon PENTSOS in the past 41 years. PENTSOS indeed has been blessed through your collective efforts.

We take this opportunity to thank the Executive Council of the Church; the Chairman, Aps. Eric Nyamekye and the General Secretary for their support and guidance.

We appreciate the efforts of the National PENTSOS Board and past Directors of PENTSOS especially Eld. Dr. Yao Yeboah and Eld. George Afrifa for their contributions and hard work. PENTSOS has come this far through your efforts.

We also appreciate our Area PENTSOS Coordinators for their support.

Pentecost Clinic at Kultamisi Commissioned

The Church of Pentecost has on Thursday, June, 9, 2021 commissioned an ultra-modern health facility in Kultamisi, a farming community in the Pusiga District of the Upper East Region of Ghana. The facility was commissioned by Apostle Alexander Nana Yaw Kumi-Larbi, the General Secretary of the Church of Pentecost.

The new facility brings to a total of 9 health care facilities established by the Church of Pentecost and managed the Pentecost Health Services under the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG)

The facility, which took 21 months to complete, is expected to serve communities located over the banks of the Kulpelgu river, namely Kultamise, Kolnaba, Bitsu, Nware, Gamburugu, Cinakom, Sangaboli and Kawerigu. The clinic would further serve neighbouring communities of Kultamise such as Zumbeku in Togo as well as the Hotige, Sugumonma, Garega and Morgande communities in Burkina Faso.

Delivering an address on behalf of the Chairman at the commissioning ceremony, Apostle Kumi-Larbi said that in the past decades the inhabitants of Kultamise and surrounding towns have gone through great ordeal in accessing quality healthcare. He explained that the situation has contributed to worsening the plight of pregnant women especially when in labour as their spouses had to carry them on their back or motorbikes to cross the river to access healthcare in Pusiga. “This intervention by the church through the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS), was informed by the urgent need to provide a health facility that can serve the community and its environs, particularly in helping to reduce maternal and child mortality in the Pusiga district. We trust that it will provide a lasting remedy to the decades-long problem faced by the people,” he stated.

The General Secretary pointed out that the construction of the edifice is part of the strategic vision of the church dubbed “Vision 2023: Possessing the Nations.” According to him, the church, in fulfilment of Vision 2023, is partnering with the Government of Ghana to transform the fortunes of the country by contributing to its accelerated socio-economic development.

The edifice, worth GH¢850,000.00 and fully funded by the church, has residential accommodation for the health officers, fully furnished Out-Patient Department (OPD), Male and Female Wards, Delivery Ward, Dispensary, Kitchen, Washrooms for both patients and staff, Laboratory, and Consulting rooms.

“Health is the most fundamental of human rights on which all other rights can be enjoyed. Universal health coverage is its guarantee.” -Dr. Githinji Gitahi



General Secretary Cuts Sod For 10-Acre Irrigation Farmland Project

“Unless Africa uses modern technologies, our farmers’ output will remain low and we will remain dependent on others to feed us”

—Akinwumi Adesina



Sod Cutting by the General Secretary

The General Secretary of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Alexander Nana Yaw Kumi-Larbi, has cut sod for the commencement of a 10-acre solar-powered irrigation farmland project of the church at Ankpaliga, a farming community near Zebila in the Bawku West District of the Upper East Region.

The project, which is being initiated through the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS), is aimed at providing sustained livelihoods for

the youth in the Ankpaliga community and surrounding towns. It is the hope of leadership that through this project young people in the northern part of the country would no longer migrate to the south in search of greener pastures.

The brief ceremony took place on Thursday, June 24, 2021, during the General Secretary’s duty trip to the region. Present at the ceremony were Apostle Sylvester Arhin (Tamale Area Head and Executive Council Member), Aps Wilberforce Nkrumah Agyemang (Bolgatanga Area Head), Aps Eric Boateng (Bawku Area Head), Aps William Ohemeng-Kwakyie (Sawla Area Head), Aps Emmanuel Aidoo (Yendi Area Head), Pastor James Agyin (Project, Development and Estate Manager, COP Headquarters), and Elder Richard Amaning (PENTSOS Director), among others. The Chief of Ankpaliga, Naba Annane Abudu, was also present to witness the official commencement of the project.

During the dry season, a majority of the youth are compelled to travel to the south due to the high levels of unemployment especially during the prolonged dry season in the Northern Regions. To help provide the youth with sustainable economic livelihoods, the church has acquired a 10-acre land for irrigation farming. The main crops that would be cultivated on the farm all year round are onions, cabbage, carrots, and pepper. The youth in the community would also have access to the irrigated land to farm the crops, especially during the dry season.

PENTSOS Donates Medical beds to Kofi Kope Clinic

The Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS), the social services arm of The Church of Pentecost, through its Health Service Unit has donated two hospital beds to the Sandford Clinic at Kofi Kope, near Afienya to support the facility in serving the community. The donation was in response to calls by the facility to the church to help boost facilities at the clinic to curb the situation where patients lie on benches and on bare floor for want of beds.

The Afienya District Minister of the church, Pastor Andrews Oduro Ampaw, who represented the Ashaiman Area, Prophet David Kankam Beditor, thanked PENTSOS for the prompt redemption and how beneficial the gesture is to the people. Mrs. Sabina Dadzie, the nurse in charge, and her team were highly elated for the timely support, which they said will go a long way to ensure quality care to the people in the catchment community. They expressed their keenness in ensuring that the people of Kofi Kope get the best of care.

Elder Alexander K. N. Frimpong, the Health Coordinator of PENTSOS and Ms. Belinda Otobil, the Administrative Manager for the Pentecost Health Service Unit, who represented the PENTSOS Director, Elder Richard Amaning, identified the gesture as part of the demonstration of the role that social services are playing in the realization of the possessing the nations agenda of the church.



Providing Tangible Hope to Prisoners through employable skills training

The Church of Pentecost through the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) is providing a credible future for the inmates at the Ejura Prison Camp to foster their reformation and integration into society through skills training and this will in turn contribute immensely towards minimizing crime rate in Ghana

As part of efforts by the Church of Pentecost in contributing to enhancing the reformation and integration of inmates after they had served their jail term has handed to the Government of Ghana a multi-purpose prison facility funded and constructed by The Church of Pentecost at Ejura in the Ashanti Region. The facility, described as one of a kind in the country, was constructed at the cost of GHS 3,297,139.81. The fully furnished three-dormitory block with the capacity to accommodate 300 inmates also comprises an administration block, the chapel which will also serve as a classroom, football pitch, baptistry, modern washrooms, mechanized borehole, offices, infirmary, skills training workshops, and other auxiliary facilities, was jointly commissioned by the Interior Minister, Hon. Ambrose Dery; the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Nyamekye, and the Chief of Ejura, Barima Osei Hwedie II.

Three separate skills training workshops have been provided in the facility to facilitate the provision of employable vocational skills training to the inmates while in prison. The training will be provided in three specialized areas such as; carpentry, welding and metal fabrication, and fashion (tailoring). It is expected that at least 150 inmates would be taken through the skills training on yearly basis to equip them with knowledge and skills they can apply when they are out of the prison. This intervention is serving as a stop-gap measuring

of minimizing the vicious cycle of crime in Ghana. Usually, the inmates after serving their jail term, become very difficult in securing jobs as well as not being accepted by their relatives and communities they lived in before going to jail and hence many of them end up engaging in criminal activities and end back in prison.



" For Hope to be credible in the future, it must be tangible in the present"

- Dr. Gary Parker, Mercy Ships



PENTSOS Commissions 2 Mechanized Boreholes in Upper East Region

"Nsuo no ye de pa pa!" Exclaims the representative of the chief of Zokkor, a farming community in the Upper East Region, as two mechanized boreholes constructed by the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) were commissioned by the Bolgatanga Area Head of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Wilberforce Nkrumah Agyeman, at Zokkor and Namoo communities respectively. In attendance to the commissioning ceremony were Chiefs, Assembly members, the Clergy and the members of the beneficiary communities.

The intervention by PENTSOS with funding support from The Church of Pentecost Headquarters, through the provision of potable water has brought much relief to the indigenes of the community and the Church's Mission House. The limited water system is part of a broader objective to improved access to basic drinking water services in deprived communities, a priority area in The Church of Pentecost Vision 2023 Possessing the Nations Agenda.



“For I was thirsty, and ye
gave me drink” Matt.
25:35b

Sawla PPS gets access to potable water supply

The Sawla Area Head, Apostle William Ohemeng - Kwakye on Tuesday 22nd February, 2021 on behalf of the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost Commissioned a borehole fitted with hand pump for Sawla Pentecost Preparatory School (PPS).

The Area head with Joy, thanked the Chairman and the Executive Council for their unrelenting support. He also thanked the Pentsos for providing the school with access to basic drinking water service.

The Pentecost Preparatory School Sawla established in 2009 and with student population of 295 has existed without access to potable water supply for both students and teachers. This situation obstructed teaching and learning as students often had to trek back home or elsewhere for water when school is in session.

PENTSOS through its Community-based safe water project has provided the school with a borehole fitted with handpump with an Overarching Purpose of enhancing access to potable water supply in schools.

The Headmaster of the School, thanked Pentsos for the timely intervention. He mentioned that students in the school will no longer leave the school premises in search for potable drinking water.

The Area Head commended Pentsos for the timely intervention.



Pentecost schools joins tree planting exercise in Greening Ghana

The Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) with its over 96 Schools has joined the nationwide “Green Ghana” campaign through tree planting.

The effort is to collaborate with the Church of Pentecost to meet the target of planting 1 million trees. PENTSOS is hopeful that through this initiative by our Schools over 5000 tree seedlings will be planted across the country. The Directorate has encouraged all Pentecost Schools to participate in the national exercise in greening Ghana.

The picture shows a section of students from the Pentecost Preparatory School Assin Fosu planting trees to commemorate the occasion.



Pupils of Assin Fosu PPS planting tree

TUNA PPS Gets Classroom Block

The Sawla Area Head, Apostle William Ohemeng - Kwakye on Tuesday 16th February, 2021 on behalf of the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost Commissioned a 3 Unit classroom block for Tuna Preparatory School. The Project was initiated by Pentsos through its Enhancing Quality Education Programme which seeks among other things to contribute towards enhanced access to improved quality education in Ghana, especially in deprived communities.

The headmistress of the school expressed her profound gratitude to God almighty and the leadership of the church for giving Tuna Preparatory School with a student population of over 248 a facelift. In attendance was the staff and Tuna zone pastorate.



Sakumono PIWC Donates 50 Desks to Winneba PPS

The Sakumono Pentecost International Worship Centre (PIWC, Sakumono) in the Teshie-Nungua Area of The Church of Pentecost has donated 50 desks and chairs worth GH¢10,000.00 to the Pentecost Preparatory School (PPS), Winneba.

The desks and chairs were presented to the school by the Winneba Area Head, Apostle Samuel Otu Appiah, on behalf of the Resident Minister of Sakumono PIWC, Pastor Anthony Owusu Sekyere Kwarteng, on April 9, 2021. Apostle Otu Appiah advised the school's management to take good care of the desks and use them to enhance academic performance in the school.

The Headmistress, Mrs Abigail Anner, who received the desks and chairs, expressed her sincerest appreciation to Sakumono PIWC for the timely support. She assured the Area Head that the desks and chairs would be used for the intended purpose to improve academic performance in the school.

Present at the short ceremony were Pastor Daniel Obeng Mensah (PENSA Travelling Secretary for Winneba Sector and Chairman of the PPS Management Committee), Pastor Emmanuel Foster Asamoah (Abasraba District Minister), Pastor Isaac Sunkwah (Gyahadze District Minister and Area PENTSOS Coordinator), and staff and students of the school.



PENTSOS Bakery Project Commissioned At Busunya

A bakery jointly funded by the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) and the General Headquarters of The Church of Pentecost has been commissioned at Busunya, near Nkoranza in the Techiman Area.

The PENTSOS Bakery Project is expected to provide direct employment to 150 young people in the Church, function as a skills training centre to train the youth in bread making and pastries, and indirectly create jobs for over 500 people in the Nkoranza North District.

The initiative is a social enterprise project of PENTSOS, the social services wing of The Church of Pentecost, with an overarching purpose to build the productive capacity of the youth and create job opportunities through skills training.



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The facility was commissioned by Apostle Isaac Nii Kotei Djani, Techiman Area Head, on June 9, 2021, assisted by the PENTSOS Director, Elder Richard Amaning, and the Busunya District Minister, Pastor Peter Afful Blood.

In a short exhortation from Psalm 90:17 and 1 Thessalonians 4:11, Apostle Kotei Djani admonished members to work with their hands so that they will not be dependent on anybody and receive God's blessings.



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