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PENTSOS In Perspective

The primary mandate of PENTSOS is to meaningfully contribute towards improving the socio-economic conditions and overall well-being of members of The Church of Pentecost (COP) as well as other vulnerable and marginalized individuals or group of persons regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation – across nations.

With the right mix of approaches, interventions, and technologies, PENTSOS works with both public and private partners in inspiring and delivering sustainable development at scale – under the following four operational arms:

1. Development and Relief;
2. Pentecost Health Service Unit;
3. Pentecost Education Unit; and
4. Pentecost Cooperative Mutual Support and Social Services Society (PENCO).



Director's New Year Message

Dear Friends,

The Lord has shown us much grace as an organization. We bless the Lord for seeing us through another year successfully. We agree with the psalmist in Psalm 115:1 "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness."

Indeed His unfailing love has brought PENTSOS this far.

We are sincerely grateful to the Executive Council of the Church of Pentecost for their unflinching support and commitment towards ensuring a restructured and repositioned PENTSOS.

We are grateful to the Church of Pentecost General Headquarters for being the main financiers of PENTSOS, providing the needed financial resources and budgetary support in funding projects and programmes implemented by PENTSOS in deprived communities.

We are grateful to the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Kwabena Nyamekye, the General Secretary, Apostle Alexander Nana Yaw Kumi-Larbi, and the International Missions Director, Apostle Emmanuel Agyemang Bekoe for the massive support of the work of PENTSOS.

To our Institutional Heads and Area Coordinators, I commend you all for your hard work and ommitment in 2022. We made significant contributions to the Church and national development through your efforts. Your support of our vision and actions has made PENTSOS come this far. On behalf of the National PENTSOS Board and the Secretariat Staff, we express our appreciation to you for your support, love, fellowship, and dedication to this course.

As we transition into a new year, 2023, and the closing chapter of Vision 2023, "Possessing the Nations Agenda", we will reposition PENTSOS to be effective and relevant in discharging its mandate. We have worked effectively together from the commencement of Vision 2023, and we are hopeful that the final chapter of the period will enable us to achieve all our targets.

In the coming year (2023), we intend to reposition PENTSOS for maximum impact in the global civil society space. As we chart a new course in strengthening our institutions to make the required impact, various strategic commitments will be made towards establishing reforms in our Schools and Health Facilities for growth and sustainability. PENTSOS will be committed to rolling out a new national policy that provides an inclusive framework for achieving its triple bottom line objectives of making our institutions and projects viable and holistic in creating social impact and working towards sustaining our environment.

We will be committed to pursuing the agenda of the Church to build institutions to last and to spread. In our Schools, we will adopt a three-pronged approach to making our institutions resilient and sustainable. Institutional structures will be reinforced, the capacities of staff will be enhanced, and explore opportunities to resource and improve the generation capabilities in making the schools viable

We will be committed to rolling out new conditions of service and salary structure, and quality assurance programmes while focusing on extending the frontiers of our Schools in Ghana and beyond. Additionally, we will initiate actions that contribute to improving students' academic performance across all levels.

In our Health Facilities, we will be committed to expanding and enhancing access to quality healthcare and improvement in the general services while contributing to equipping and developing staff capabilities for maximum impact. We will strengthen accountability across all levels in all our facilities while making conscious efforts to reward success.

At the community level, we will initiate actions that will provide opportunities for the youth, women, and children in the Church to be empowered economically to overcome hardship and poverty. We will initiate interventions to improve food security, offer employment opportunities and increase household income.

We will explore various avenues in forging strategic partnerships with institutions and organizations that share our values and vision to bring total transformation to deprived communities and the lives of individuals and our staff.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, **I wish you all a Prosperous New Year.**

God bless PENTSOS
God bless The Church of Pentecost
God bless Ghana

PENTSOS Gari Processing Center Commissioned

A Gari Processing Center constructed by Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) has been commissioned on 13th January, 2022 by Apostle Dr Dela Quampah, an Executive Council Member and assisted by Pastor Seth Dwamena Asante, Area Head of Nkwanta and Director of PENTSOS at Nyambong in the Nkwanta South Municipality.

The agro-processing center initiative according to Elder Richard Amaning, PENTSOS Director, is among many community development interventions by PENTSOS funded by The Church of Pentecost under Vision 2023 which seeks to Possess the Nations with values and principles of the Kingdom of God. The project is a social enterprise project of PENTSOS, with the overarching goal to enhance the livelihood and income of beneficiaries especially women and youth while contributing to improving food security in Ghana.

The processing center will support directly over 100 Gari processors into producing quality gari under improved and hygienic conditions and also encourage farmers into large scale cultivation of cassava in the project catchment area.



The processing center, comprising of store room and office and equipped with stainless steel grating machine, Hydraulic and manual pressers, sifters and brick oven with chimney and stainless-steel roasting tray was constructed at a cost of GHS122,250.00.

The PENTSOS Director commended the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Kwabena Nyamekye and the Executive Council and the National PENTSOS Board for their support in making the project a success.

In a brief exhortation from Ecclesiastes 10:19 Apostle Dr Quampah admonished members to work hard and make use of the processing to make money, make investment to support their children and future and appreciate God through their tithes and offering. Apostle also inaugurated a 7-member steering committee drawn from the Church and the Community to manage the center.

At the Commissioning were Nana Obiako Akola, Chief of Nyambong, Hon Bright Lingwa, MCE of Nkwanta South Municipal Assembly, Mr Awudu Mubarak, Municipal MoFA Director, Pastorate of Nkwanta Area, Officers of the Municipal Assembly and MoFA, Assembly member, Community elders and church members.





PENTSOS constructs a borehole facility for Bodomponso community in the Akomadan District.

The Offinso Area Head, Pastor Edzii Davidson commissions a newly constructed borehole fitted with handpump by PENTSOS for the Bodomponso community in Ashanti Region.

The commissioning ceremony which took place on 22nd December 2022 was witnessed by a section of community members and Ministers of the Church of Pentecost.

The borehole is part of the 15 water facilities constructed by PENTSOS in 2022 to serve the population living in communities where access to potable drinking water service is non-existent.

The newly constructed borehole facility cost GHS22, 805.33 which was fully funded by the Church of Pentecost headquarters. As per the national standard, the borehole will serve a maximum of 300 people out of the estimated 1,417 living in the Bosomponso Community.



PENTSOS provides a borehole for Ayensua Fufuo

Ayensua Fufuo is a community in the Offinso Area of the Church with a total population of 686 according to the 2021 Population and housing census. The community for many years has had challenges in accessing potable drinking water supply. Women and children had to trek for miles in search of potable drinking water.

In responding to the water supply challenges in the community the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) with funding from the Church of Pentecost has drilled and constructed a borehole fitted with a handpump for the community. The new borehole was commissioned by the Offinso Area Head, Pastor Samuel Edzii Davidson on 23rd December 2022 at a grand durbar at the community level.

Speaking at the dedication program the Area Head commended PENTSOS for the timely intervention in providing tangible hope for members of the community to access safe drinking water. He mentioned that the initiative was part of the Vision 2023 Possessing the Nations Agenda of the Church of Pentecost. He thanked the community leadership for their support in making the vision of the Church a reality at the community level and admonished them to take proper care of the facility.

The new facility was constructed at a cost of GHS20,293.33.



Pentecost School Madina Wins HD+, This Generation Essay Writing Competition 2022

PPS Madina registered fourteen (14) JHS One (1) students in the preliminary stage of which five (5) qualified for the semifinal comprising fifty (50) competitors in the JHS CATEGORY.



Ten (10) students were selected to battle for the ultimate prize of which Master Kojo Baah Agbemor, emerged as the ultimate winner at a ceremony held at Presbyterian Boys' Senior High, Legon on 10th December 2022.



The Pentecost Preparatory School Tema Gets a New Bus

The Pentecost Preparatory School Tema established about 26 years ago with a current enrolment of 1,200 pupils has acquired a bus. The new school bus which is a 60-seater capacity TATA Bus was dedicated by the Tema Area Head, Apostle Emmanuel Ankrah Badu on 25th December 2022 at the School premises at Tema.

Tema PPS is among 105 Schools under the watch of PENTSOS. It has over the years provided access to quality education for the population living at Tema and its environs. The new school bus will contribute to improving the transportation of students from home to school and back. The bus is the first bus procured by the School through its internally generated funds under the supervision of PENTSOS. It will facilitate teaching and learning in the school.

The Headmaster of the School, Elder Anthony Onuro, thanked the Area Head and the PENTSOS Director for their support and assistance to the school in facilitating the acquisition of the bus.

The Area Head in addressing a section of the School leadership and Ministers in the Tema Area during the bus dedication commended the Headmaster and PENTSOS Director for the bold initiative and also mentioned that the move was consistent with the Vision 2023 Possessing the Nations Agenda of the Church of Pentecost.

Present at the commissioning program was the COP Ministers in the Tema Area and the staff of Tema PPS.





Kpalworgu Community gets Safe Water

The Wa Area Head of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Daniel Nii Tetteh Tackie, has commissioned a limited mechanised water system which was constructed by the Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) for the Kpalworgu Community in the Wa East District of the Upper West Region on Monday, 12th December, 2022.

Apostle Tetteh Tackie, in His welcome address indicated that the water system is part of the church's Vision 2023 Agenda which seeks to possess the nations with values and principles of the kingdom of God and also to transform communities. Apostle Agyei Kwafo (HUM Coordinator) drawing lesson from Jesus' feeding of the five thousand men with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes indicated that "the social needs of people must be on the heart of every government and institution" and that "providing water to a community is as important as bringing the gospel." He further admonished the community to stay in love and not to waste resources, since "every wasteful community is a poor community".

In a brief comment by the PENTSOS Director, Elder Richard Amaning, He indicated that the project which started in 2019 delayed due to power extension.

The water system which consists of one (1) borehole, 10,000 litres overhead storage tank, two (2) standpipes connected through pipe network to deliver water to the school, CHPS Compound and community was constructed at a total cost of GHS 50,000. Due to the limited number of boreholes fitted with handpumps in the community, the School and the CHPS compound in the past relied on rain water harvesting which is seasonal and that the project has come to provide relief to pupils and patients. A public standpipe was also constructed for the Fulani Community with 3 fetching taps.

The District Chief Executive of Wa East, Dr. S.K. Mahama during His remarks thanked the Church of Pentecost for the magnificent work and He is happy that "when you attend the church, its takes care of the soul and body completely". The Chief representative was also grateful to the church, Teachers and Health workers for their contribution in the community.

Present, also at the ceremony were some Ministers in the Area, PENTSOS Staffs, principal officers from the Wa East District Assembly, Community Elders, Fulani Chief and community and members of the church.



PENTSOS commissions a library for the Pentecost Preparatory School Assin Foso

The Pentecost Social Services has commissioned a library at the Pentecost Preparatory School at Assin Foso.

The library forms part of PENTSOS's School Library Enhancement Project which is jointly funded by ICM Ghana, a non governmental organization and PENTSOS. As part of the project, 6 Pentecost Schools in Central and Eastern Regions are to benefit.

The beneficiary schools include: PPS Akim Kwabeng, PPS Akim Oda, PPS Agormanya, PPS Dunkwa On-Offin, PPS Assin Foso and PPS Akosombo.

The purpose of the School Library Project is to enhance quality education by developing the reading and learning habit among pupils in Pentecost Schools.

Each school library project approximately cost GHS70, 000.00. This project will serve over 650 pupils and staff in the School.

