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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 [The 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).

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Saving lives through provision of safe drinking water

The Church of Pentecost through its social development arm, PENTSOS is providing tangible hope in deprived communities through its Integrated Community-Based Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (IC-WASH) Project.

The purpose of this project is to provide access to safe drinking water in deprived communities to improve the health of the people. Over 12,500 people (including our members) in 25 deprived communities will benefit from the 25 boreholes and 3 limited mechanized water systems expected to be constructed by December, 2019.

Feasibility studies have been conducted by the PENTSOS Directorate in all of the beneficiary communities in order to establish among others, the baseline situation in these areas. the studies revealed that the main source of drinking water in more than 80% of the communities was surface water (river, stream, dam and ponds).

At Yorkoteng and Gurungu-Metii in the Gurumo District and Tigboro in the Domwine District of the Church of Pentecost, it was reported that in the dry season, members of the Local Assembly have to travel long distances in search of drinking water which, ultimately affects church attendance.

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

About PENTSOS

The Pentecost Social Services (PENTSOS) is a Directorate of the Church of Pentecost established by the General Council and mandated to fulfill the social/charitable mission of the Church. Its core functions include the initiation, promotion, development and management of social services and projects of the Church. It is a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) and has existed for the past 39 years. PENTSOS is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors, which reports to the Executive Council of the Church.

Vision

A church/society where the basic needs of vulnerable and marginalized persons are fully met.

Mission

PENTSOS is dedicated to witnessing the love of God to all manner of persons via a holistic approach to enlarging human potential through social, economic, cultural and spiritual change in a sustainable manner.



The picture above shows the only source of drinking water for Kunkua community in the Sawla Area of the Church – with a population over 450. When this stream dries up during the dry season, women and children have to travel for more than 3km in search of water in nearby villages.

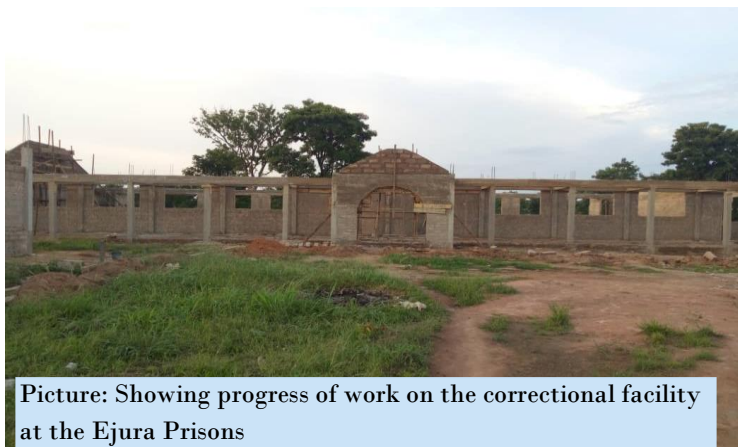
Kukuo is one of the many deprived communities about to benefit from the provision of sustainable safe drinking water systems under PENTSOS IC-WASH Project as inspired by *The COP's Vision 2023 Agenda*.



Sod-cutting ceremony for the second correctional facility in Nsawam Prison

The Chairman of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Kwabena Nyamekye has cut the sod at the Nsawam Prisons for the construction of an ultra-modern correctional facility in July, 2019. The sod-cutting ceremony was attended by dignitaries from the Ghana Prisons Service and the Church of Pentecost. The correctional facility when completed, will accommodate 500 inmates with decent sleeping places, a sport complex, workshop and washrooms.

This brings to 2, the number of correctional facilities (Ejura and Nsawam Prisons) being constructed by the Church of Pentecost in collaborating with the Government of Ghana (GoG) towards improving on the country's security and justice delivery system – thereby, fostering peaceful coexistence, inclusive societies and equal opportunities for all. Additionally, a complementary skills development training programme will be implemented in equipping the inmates with the skills necessary to facilitate their effective integration into society after they have served their respective jail terms.

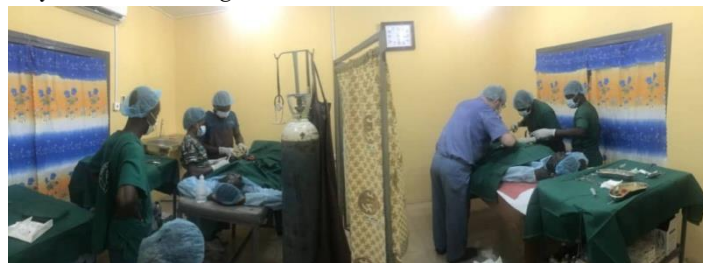


Picture: Showing progress of work on the correctional facility at the Ejura Prisons

Kasapin Pentecost Clinic performs 61 surgeries in 3days to save lives

The Pentecost Clinic, Kasapin is located in the Asunafo North Municipality of the Ahafo Region. Established in October 1992, the thirty-five (35) bed capacity facility has a workforce of fifty-eight (58) staff. The inhabitants of the catchment area of the facility are predominantly cocoa farmers and petty traders. Most of them have difficulty in paying for health services outside the National Health Insurance Scheme – thereby discouraging them from seeking healthcare from orthodox facilities. Others only report to the health facilities when their condition reaches the terminal stage because of financial constraints (they are not registered with the national health insurance).

The Management of the clinic in collaboration with Cpt.(Rtd) Marilyn Anita Day, a black American Philanthropist and the PENTSOS Directorate jointly organized the delivery of free medical services to the inhabitants of the area. The medical team worked from 14th to 16th March 2019 at the healthcare facility. The team operated from an improvised theater and usually started work as early as 7:00am and closed at 8:00pm daily. In all, a total of sixty-one (61) minor (but vital) surgeries were attended to within the three (3) days and the breakdown is as follows: Hernia-28, Lipoma-17, Hydrocel-8, Ganglion-4, Keloid-2 and I & D -2.



Medical Outreach Team in action @ the Pentecost Clinic, Kasapin



Picture showing progress of work on the Police Station Project at Akuapem Akropong in the Eastern Region

Ayanfuri District launches Youth Skills Development Project

The Ayanfuri District of the Church of Pentecost has launched a skills development program dubbed Know Your Future Ambassadors (KYFA) on 22nd June, 2019 at Ayanfuri. KYFA was birthed through a divine revelation received by the wife of the District Pastor, Mrs. Elizabeth Acquaaah. The purpose of KYFA is to instill Christ-like character in the youth engaged in social vices whilst supporting them with employable skills to possess them for Christ.

KYFA has so far reached out to 34 youth in Ayanfuri and nearby deprived communities by providing them with employable skills and livelihoods through various apprenticeship modules (bead making, sewing, mechanic, and catering). As a result of this initiative, over 20 young persons who were drug addicts have given their lives to Christ and have received water baptism.

The CEO of Rural Water and Development Programme donates 3 boreholes

The CEO of Rural Water and Development Programme, Mr. Nathaniel N. S. Adams Jnr has donated 3 boreholes to the Yendi Area of the Church of Pentecost. In an interaction with Mr. Adams Jnr. (Who is a member of the Church of Christ) he mentioned that the donation is his contribution in support of the "Possessing the Nations" Agenda.



Aps. William Ezorhoho (Yendi Area Head) with Mr. Nathaniel N.S. Adams inspecting the drilling works at the site.

The 3 boreholes, whose market value is estimated at a cost of GHS 65,000.00, will serve approximately 900 people.

Pentecost Healthcare Facilities go Paperless

Pentecost Healthcare facilities across the country have commenced digitization of its services to make healthcare delivery paperless. The Tarkwa, and Ayanfuri facilities among others have comprehensively digitized their services.

This move forms part of series of initiatives being implemented by the PENSOS Directorate in partnership with Management of these facilities towards increasing efficiency in all areas of their operations. The digitization programme seeks to improve the quality of healthcare delivery as well as provide quick and reliable medical records. Staff have been well trained to use the user-friendly system. The system will capture all the vital health information of patients, including those referred from other facilities. The system is not only cost-effective and convenient to both the facilities, health worker and patients, but also will help in delivering essential services at real-time.

Patients will not need to carry folders and other documents around but just a small card which has the code to their folders in the system and this will facilitate tracking and also pave the way for further examination and diagnosis. This initiative has also made it possible for doctors and other medical staff to effectively track stock levels of medical supplies in hospital's pharmacy/dispensary at all times.

The computerized network system has not only curbed cases of missing folders but has also cut down on patients' waiting time tremendously in our healthcare facilities across Ghana.

