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Updates from the Botchways (December. 2021)

Dear Friends and partners in ministry,

Thank you for your partnership and continuous financial support and prayers that makes it possible for us to fulfill our God given assignment. A lot has been going on especially in our role as interim pastors of the Church which was pastored by a friend of mine. My friend passed away and left a huge gap, and the Lord has been using my wife and I to help to continue in it's mission to the community.

Discipleship Training

We have started a discipleship group which meets every Wednesday night at the Church premises. We meet for an hour and half. It is a very informal meeting, giving people the opportunity to ask questions and also to contribute to the discussion. Most of the attendees are from the youth group. There has been some encouraging words from some preachers about God's plans for the future of this Church and that has brought some optimism and a sense of hope for the Church.

Leadership Development.

It's been almost a year since the demise of my friend Rev. Dr. Dei and as a Church we've been planning to have a Memorial and Induction Service to

transition the new leadership forward to God's preferred future for the Church. We are developing a new leadership that will serve the body of Christ. Most people's understanding about leadership is about occupying a position, but we are teaching about leadership that discovers its purpose and uses those gifts to serve. To some, it's a new concept but we believing God for transformation.

Weddings

The church has had the privilege and opportunity to see two marriages taken place in the congregation this year. One of them, we travelled out of town to support the couple. There is a third one which might be for the beginning of the new year (2022). This year, our theme for ministry as a Church has been "**Service**," so we are striving to see more people come into the kingdom. We challenged ourselves to see God's house filled with a hundred people. With this in mind, our fundraising effort this year was to purchase new chairs for the Church. The old chairs were breaking and people were falling down from those chairs. We were able to raise money for 70 chairs. Thankfully the company agreed to give us the other 30 and the target is to pay off the balance by the end of the year. "**Thanks be to God for that miracle of grace.**"

Seminars

The last seminar for the year for Enrich Leadership Network was scheduled for November 27th 2021 in a town called Akwatia in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Unfortunately, the coordinating pastor had a family member who passed, and because a lot was left on his shoulders as a family head, he travelled for the funeral and when he came back, the time was too short for him to prepare for the program. Therefore, after consultation with us, it was decided that we cancel the seminar and re-schedule it for next year 2022. On November 6th 2021, we as a ministry attended a 30th ministry birthday with one of our Network pastors, Rev. Boli. It was a very good time of connection with other pastors who attended the celebration. This is one of the pastors who believes our ministry has had a great impact on him and his Church.

Christmas Celebration.

As we celebrate Christmas, may the season bring you much joy and hope. May you experience the transformation that God is bringing into our broken world of sin and challenges. May the Lord make straight crooked roads in your life. May He level the valleys and mountains before you. May he grant us the boldness to be a voice in the wilderness crying and preparing the way of the Lord. We look

forward to the new year with great expectation that God will do awesome things. ***"MERRY CHRISTMAS"*** to all our friends and partners!!.

Below are photos from ministry in the Church and seminars.





Prayer Needs

1. Pray for more connections with pastors and leaders.
2. Pray for protection and safety on our roads as we travel
3. Pray for our good health
4. Pray for our families (Sandra and I have experienced too much loss of loved ones in the family.)

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)





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