

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE AGM ON 5TH JUNE
2011

GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS

(GHAFES)

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Executive Council, SNEC Chairman and Members, discerning External Auditor, beloved Associates, partners, friends, colleague Staff, Students, Fellow Brothers and Sisters, I count it a great privilege and also an opportunity to give a brief account of the work entrusted to us by the Lord and you. I cannot agree any further with Charles Malik, former President of UN General Assembly who said “Change the University and you change the World”.

And Jesus announced the formula to do this, he said, “As My Father hath sent Me, so send I you.” Thus John Edmund Haggai says in this formula, Jesus sets a proactive pattern that we are to follow. We are to see what Jesus saw; feel what Jesus felt; do what Jesus did. It is in this spirit that we strategically work in the **University** world and beyond.

This is the forty sixth (46th) year; GHAFES has thirty four (34) Fellowships in twenty one (21) institutions and will be officially adding more today. We have bequeathed the nation with many leading Christian professionals and clergymen across the nations who trace their formative Christian years to GHAFES. So we have every cause to praise God for what He has done so far with this ministry.

Mr. Chairman, I will present my report covering 2010 and beyond along the lines of IFES’ six (6) priority areas, namely:

- **Communicating the good news of Jesus Christ**
- **Strengthening Leadership and *Formation***
- **Promoting student-graduate integration**
- **Building sustainable indigenous support**
- **Addressing current global issues**
- **Engaging the University**

The IFES Living Stones vision was borne out of deep reflections from all stakeholders of the Ministry. The vision is leading to a **Need for a paradigm shift in**

- *Emphasis on quality over quantity*
- *Emphasis on depth over spread*

Communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ

The SNEC Chairman shared on the activities leading to achieving this priority on our campuses. On the national level, this has been our Mission activities.

SICE (students in church Evangelism) is an annual short term experience in mission. This programme which took off in the 1980's seeks to give students, Missionary opportunities to reach out to the rural communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as focusing on the paramount needs of these communities through teaching and counselling etc. thereby working towards the total evangelization of Ghana.

SICE 2010 took place between the 13th of June 2010 and 29th of June 2010, One set of group with the total number of 30 were in Enchi, in the Aowin–Suaman District also in the Western region of Ghana and 64 comprising of both the IVCF team and GHAFES students and Staff were also in Dambai - Krachi East District in the Northern part of the Volta region of Ghana.

Many activities were handled as community intervention programmes but only a few remarkable ones can be noted, some of these activities included the following:

Student missionaries in all the communities embarked on school teaching or pupil teaching, Also, Agriculture intervention programmes were organized to educate local farmers on how to cultivate diverse food crops and improve on techniques of farming other than the traditional ways. Youth education was another area that received attention by our missionaries; they took time to reach out to the youth on topics such as; the dangers of early sex, Teenage pregnancy and its related problems, Drug abuse; dangers of alcoholism and smoking etc.

Issues concerning their health were also not left out. Medical outreach was intensely embarked on by the missionary force. The outreach involved the administration of medicine and counselling the individuals on health related issues such as bodily pain, worms, ring worms, blood pressure, infectious diseases and kwashiorkor etc. Our Students from Korle Bu and Komfo Anokye have always been helpful.

Overall SICE 2010 was a life changing experience both for the student missionaries and the inhabitants of the various communities. For some of the students, God truly moved

and changed all of their hearts, helping them to work as a loving family as they went from being Ghanaians and Americans to becoming brothers and sisters. Above all, their Christian maturity was tried and tested.

This is for our encouragement about our SICE 2010 work there from the US team.

An IVCF staff who had two students on this SICE Mission had this to say "I've sat at my dining room table a couple of evenings in the last week and nearly cried I'm so happy for them. They are not the same people- there is a confidence in one that was not there before and gentleness and humbling in the other that I'm so grateful for."

Strengthening Leadership and *Formacion*

Mr. Chairman, we have ensured that staff members organize Leadership Training programmes for the leaders of each fellowship, annually. We also give them room to practice leadership on-the-job. Our fellowship programs consist of doctrine, expository preaching and training in areas of Bible usage, and prayer and other motivational preaching. We have encouraged this over the years in order to produce students who are rooted in scripture. We strive to prepare all final years adequately for the market place and Church. Staff Members have been visiting the campuses to give support through preaching, counselling, mentoring, and ensuring that the vision and mission of the Ministry are maintained. Below are some statistics:

Activity	Themes	Attendance	Speakers	Comments and Impact	Level/zone
National Leadership Training Seminar(NLTS)	Living and Leading Like Christ	178	Rev. Dr. Peter Ohene Kyei (Rector of Pentecost University College, Sowutuom)	" The NLTS has been a turning point in my life. I have seen myself, during the years past, as a	National

				<p>'butcher' leader. But from today, I will be a shepherd leader and care for the sheep; student in the gap for the people I am serving in times of difficulty. I decided to be a volunteer at this seminar. Some of the delegates who knew me as president and zonal president have been greatly challenged when they saw that I have been serving them throughout this seminar</p>	
Local	1. GHAFES:	225	1. Rev.	"The	ACCRA

Leadership Training Seminar(LL TS)	<p>Past, Present and the Future</p> <p>2. Balanced Programme Planning</p> <p>3. Developing Character (Bible Study)</p> <p>4. Leading by Example (Bible Study)</p> <p>5. The Prayer life of the Christian Leader</p> <p>6. Balanced Christian Living</p> <p>7. Goal Setting in Leadership</p> <p>8. Effective Functioning of the Executive Committee</p>		<p>Emmanuel Asomani</p> <p>2. Mrs. Rita Quist-Therson</p> <p>3. Mrs. Bernice Asiedu</p> <p>4. Mr. AsareAsieduAmponsah</p> <p>5. Mr. Victor Gyabaah</p> <p>6. Mr. Isaac Mensah-Newton</p> <p>7. Rev. Emmanuel M. Ahlijah</p>	<p>seminar has challenged me as a Christian and a leader to be focused in life and be responsible to accomplish my God-given purpose and also to live by the Scriptures.” – Adutwum waa Esther</p>	ZONE
Local Leadership Training Seminar(LL TS)	CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, PURITY IN LEADERSHIP	105	TS		NORTHERN ZONE
Local Leadership Training Seminar(LL TS)	INTRODUCTION TO GHAFES, INFLUENCING THROUGH CHARACTER, COMPETENCE AND CARE, EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF AN EXECUTIVE	87	TS		Kumasi zone

	COMMITTEE, BALANCE PROGRAM PLANNING				
	<p>What is GHAFES- Mission and Vision</p> <p>*The prayer life of a Leader</p> <p>*Balanced Programme Planning</p> <p>*Goal Setting in Leadership</p> <p>*Characteristics of a Healthy fellowship</p> <p>*Effective Functioning of the Executive Committee</p>	63	<p>*Mr. Victor Gyabaah (TS)</p> <p>*Mr. Ernest BuanyaMensah (SNEC Chairman)</p> <p>*Mr. K.K. Yankson (Associate)</p> <p>*Mr. Albert Bray (Former President)</p> <p>*Mr. S.O. Frimpong (Lecturer, UEW)</p>		Cape Coast Zone
SNEC Congress	<p>1. Validation of our Strategic plan/Ministry Review with Students</p> <p>2.The Relevance of GHAFES</p> <p>3.The Role of the GHAFES Student after School</p> <p>4.Pioneering GHAFES Fellowships</p>	88	<p>1.Mr. Victor Obeng</p> <p>2.Mrs. AfiaDarkwaAmanor</p> <p>4.Samuel Gyamfi</p>		
Ministry Initiatives					

The import of NLTS programme focuses on the character of the person, understanding the mission and vision of GHAFES, developing leadership skills in members and addressing current felt needs. Both seminars provided Biblical Knowledge on current issues, leadership skills development and a discussion forum. We replicate these at zonal and campus levels to let it reach the grassroots.

In addition, we run Zonal Rallies to give students who are unable to attend National Conferences the opportunity for them to reconnect with their colleagues within the Zone. We get Associates present for about three (3) mentoring sessions which provide lifelong disciples and mentees. One of the privileges this affords is to have lawyer friends, pharmacy brethren, teachers, engineers and what have you. Life becomes a lot easier when you are networked in this way. These are facts in the table following.

Promoting Student-Graduate Integration

One of the means by which we have tried to promote student graduate integration is to involve our Associates at every level of our ministry. Every staff and almost all Council Members are Associates. They are the speakers at our Local Leadership Trainings, Zonal Rallies, Finalists Training, National Leadership Trainings and Conferences. Final year students are being encouraged to be present at our Associates' Fellowship meetings. Over the past few years, we pioneered Mentoring sessions at our NLTS and they are now being replicated at our zonal rallies. This has served as bridging the gap between students and associates. At campus levels, associates are patrons and speakers at fellowship meetings. Below are some program statistics of activities;

Activity	Themes	Attendance	Speakers	Comments and Impact	Level/zone
Zonal rally				Slated for 1 st semesters	Kumasi zone
	LIVING & LEADING LIKE JESUS	80	REV. DR. ALBERT LUGUTE RAH		North ern zone
	JESUS' PATTERN		JOSHUA		

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	CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINSHIP				
	The relegated things of this generation	(200)	Mrs. Regina ObilieOdei		Cape Coast zone
	<p>1. Building a Healthy Relationship with God and Man (Theme)</p> <p><u>Seminar Topics</u></p> <p>2. Campus Relationship: The Realities,</p> <p>Living a Simple life</p>	273	<p>1. Evang. Catharine Onwioduokit (Main Expositor)</p> <p>2. Mrs. Olivia EsiAhlijah</p> <p>3. Mr. PeterAlao</p>	<p>“I have seen that we are all running after the wind, God should help us, this living a simple life thing. Hmmm” a student in Valley View University exclaimed.</p> <p>“It was as if someone discussed my encounters with the main speaker, I need to get more closer to the Lord” a student explained.</p>	Accra Zone

Finalists' Training	<p>The Graduate with a difference ”</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to make the rest of your life the best of your life 2. How to write an Excellent CV and Cover Letter 3. The Role of the Young GHAFES Associate in the GHAFES ministry 4. What my Lecturers did not tell 	95	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pastor Bright Owere du 2. Mrs. Marth a Quars hie 3. Mr. Isaac Mensah-Newton 4. Dr. Ohene Safo 5. Dr. Mrs. Ivy Amenyah-Drafor 	<p>“There were so many issues that were blurred in my mind when I was coming to this seminar. But I thank God I am now certain about what to do with my life after school.”</p> <p>-Ms. Doris Mensah-Ho Poly Secretary</p>	Accra Zone
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	me? My Worship, My Family, My Work				
Final ists' Train ing	'SALT AND LIGHT TO THE NATION S': DARE TO BE DIFFERE NT, MARRIA GE AND RELATIO NSHIP THAT HONOU RS GOD, THE ROLE OF GHAFES ASSOCI ATES IN THE MINISTR Y, MENTOR ING GROUP	67, 9 ASSOCI ATES FOR MENTO RING	PROF (MRS) I. ODURO- KNUST, DR. KEN ABOAH- KATH, TRAININ G SEC	<i>"I want to say this has been a very soul-nourishing program. It is my first time coming for GHAFES Seminar such as this and I must say I have been blessed. The selected topics for the seminar are very pressing and interesting and I thank God for paving a way through GHAFES to inform us all. It is my prayer that we all shall reach the end of this Christian race and not miss the mark of the high calling."</i> Lydia- Ann Ayisi (UEW-M)	Kuma si

Building Sustainable Indigenous Support

Over the past few years, the growing wave of indigenous generosity is phenomenal. The following are the top 20 donors of the ministry for the year 2010.

	TITLE	SURNAME	OTHER NAMES	TOTAL USD
1	DR & DR.(MRS)	OSEI-YEBOAH	KWASI & CHRISTY	4,500.00
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2	MR.& DR.MRS	PERBI	REINDORF BAAH	(USD 3,000.00) 4,000.00
3	MR. & MRS.	KPEKPENA	JULIUS & ENYONAM	5,400.00
4	MR.	ADDAI	ISAAC	4,800.00
5	MR.	AMOAHA	DANIEL A.	4,500.00
6	MR & MRS	OSAFO	SETH & ROSE	4,440.00
7	MR.	AMANOR	KWESI OTUTEY	4,300.00
8	MR. & MRS.	QUARSHIE	MAGNUS	3,800.00
9	MRS.	BLEPPONY	VICTORIA	3,500.00
10	MR. & MRS.	GOGO	BEN & AKUA	3,000.00
11	Dr&Mrs	OKANTAH	SAMUEL ASIEDU	3,000.00
12	MR.	OPPON	CHRISTOPHER C.	2,500.00
13	MR. & MRS.	KWAFO	MARK O. & JOYCE	2,020.00
14	PROF. (MRS)	OKYERE	BEATRICE A.	2,000.00
15	MR. & MRS.	TWUMASI-ADU	GEORGE & JOYCE	2,000.00
16	DR. & MRS.	SARKODIE	KWAKU A. & JOY	2,000.00
17	MR. & MRS.	THOMPSON	ISAAC & VERONICA	1,820.00
18	DR.& MRS.	ASSIBEY- BONSU	WINFRED	1,800.00
19	DR.	BADDOO	HENRY & RACHEL	1,700.00

These Associates and key partners support this ministry because they believe in our cause. I doff my cap for them and all our consistent and faithful partners. Among these 20 the first five (5) which are highlighted gave us fourteen per cent (14%) of our local income and twelve per cent (12%) of our total income (foreign and local).

Within the period, local donations were fifty four per cent 54% of our total income, Thirty eight per cent 38% are from our foreign donors and others are Thirteen per cent 13%. There is still a vast window of opportunity that we hope to reach in the coming years, trusting God.

Addressing Current Global Issues

At all National programmes and Associates meetings, global issues are Biblically and relevantly addressed. To this, GHAFES in collaboration with Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship and Sunny FM organized an Integrity Conference at the Coconut Groove Regency Hotel. Associates from diverse market places were present. Speakers challenged all present to be the salt and light in our corrupt work places to bring about change and most importantly attract many to Christ. We intend to take this further. You will be hearing more on it as we launch our strategic Plan for the next 5years soon.

Engaging the University

In this area, the office in consultation with the IFES/EPISA West Africa region is exploring the opportunity to introduce interfaith dialogue cafes to debate on our faith in our Schools. Please pray with us as we challenge ourselves in this area.

Conclusion

Before I conclude I want to bring to the attention of all our stakeholders that over the period under review, the Ministry has been doing extensive work on the Ministry's 5year strategic Plan. So far, one of our most cherished associate has been assisting to getting

the document ready for implementation. The validation process is ongoing and about to do a consultative meeting with all our stakeholders as the final stage. We believe soon we shall all gather again to launch this document.

May the Lord continually be praised and adored for HIS constant love, faithfulness and provision for GHAFES. God bless us all for our efforts whether seen or unseen to see to the daily growth of our Ministry.

Know Christ... We are still committed to raising people of Integrity and competence.