



**REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE AGM ON
13th JUNE 2010
GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS
(GHAFES)**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Executive Council, SNEC Chairman and Members, Honorary External Auditor, Distinguished Associates, Staff and Students, Fellow Brothers and Sisters, it is a great pleasure for me to put on record that forty- four years ago, at a Christmas conference at Aburi Presbyterian Women's Training College, three (3) Evangelical Christian Fellowships came together to constitute GHAFES, then called Ghana Inter University Christian Fellowship (GIUCF). Their vision was to spearhead a vibrant evangelical Christian witness on all tertiary campuses which will bear effective witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been forty four (44) years; GHAFES has thirty two (32) Fellowships in twenty one (21) institutions. We have 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 2009 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. The report of the last AGM highlighted SICE 2009. However we coordinate with Mission agencies like Christian Outreach Fellowship and Pioneers to identify Mission Fields for fellowships who want to go on short- term missions during Christmas breaks. As a ministry, we pioneered Short Term Involvement in Community Service (STICS). The following, during the period, have been serving in the following communities with awesome results.

1. OWUSU-DAAKU KWAME NTIRI-
NYANBONG -VR
2. STANLEY OSEI-WUSU-NWANE -VR
3. ALBERT ANNAN –ABREWANKOR -VR
4. CASCAR ARMOH –NWANE -VR
5. LINDA A ALHASSAN-NYANBONG-VR
6. ISAAC OHENEBA NTIM – NYANBONG-VR
7. JAMES AMOAH-MENSAH –
ABREWANKOR-VR
8. VICTORIA IMORO – MUYUPELE - UWR
9. FRANK KWAKYE – PWALUGU-UER

The chief and the entire community at Nwane, for instance, are so pleased with the work of Cascar and Stanley. When asked how the service persons were doing, the chief said, "If you take Cascar and Stanley from the community it will be a great loss for the community." He added: "They are everything to us. Bring us more of such but don't take these two from us."

Victoria Imoro, the STICS person in Monyupelle is no doubt an evangelist there. She has engaged the women and girls in the community in self development teachings single-handedly. She also mobilized the children into various groups such as Bible clubs, reading clubs, choir and other youth club meetings. One other remarkable impression Victoria has made was that she used the Scripture Union (S.U.) daily Power of 2008/2009 edition which was donated to us by **Scripture Union** in addition to Bibles donated to us by the **Bible society of Ghana** to train some teachers in the community on how to do a personal quiet time which the teachers testified has been very helpful.

At Abrewankor in the Nkwanta District of northern Volta, James and Albert are an answered prayer to the community. Through their industrious work, they've been able to mobilize the community into buying a generator and a Pentium IV computer with which they use to teach the Junior High School students ICT in the evenings. One of their plans, they revealed is to get the community into the formation of an Educational Endowment Fund before they exit the community in August 2010.

RAFIKI Satellite Orphanage Donation

As part of the Ministry's responsibility and in the spirit of Easter, the Ministry made a donation to the RAFIKI Satellite Orphanage, in a village near Winneba. The Orphanage was founded by the Methodist Church. Notable among the responses given after the donation was the one by the Child Development coordinator, who incidentally is a GHAFES Associate. He said, "Your gift is an answer to our prayer for this season."

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 practise 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. 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)	Jesus our model of Leadership	153	1.Rev. Emma Ahlijah	"GHAFES National leadership Training seminar has given me what 20 years of church	National

				membership could not give me: Leadership Training".	
Local Leadership Training Seminar(LLTS)	1.A Leader's Competence: Character and Care 2.Jesus Our Model 3.Balanced Program Planning GHAFES: Students' Ownership and Commitment	53	TS and Associates	These sessions have been a blessing to me in the light of my call to serve in the fellowship. I believe all my other brothers and sisters have also been blessed greatly. This session has exposed me to the responsibilities associated with this call. This should be organized more to give us a sense of direction of our call. Abigail Nyarko, CMF-KATH	Kumasi zone
		141			Accra Zone
SNEC Congress	1.Living Stones Vision 2.The Relevance of GHAFES 3.The Role of the GHAFES Student after School 4.Pioneering GHAFES Fellowships	88	1.Mr. Victor Obeng 2.Mr. James Quist-Therson 3.Mr. Robinson Ebo Eduakoh 4.Samuel Gyamfi		

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
	Walking in the ways of the Lord	18	1.Dr. Samuel Donkor 2.Dr. Richard Yeboah	Students totally bore the cost of running the program and 18 students submitted their names to the TS as students who want to read the entire Bible through the year and would want to be monitored by the TS	Northern zone
	Living wisely in our Times	300	Dr. Anane Fenin		Cape Coast zone
	Identifying False prophets and teachers	200 students and 20 Associates	Rev. Godwin Ahlijah	Long term mentoring relationships	Accra Zone

				were formed during mentoring session. The TS was officially inducted into office as a substantive TS	
Finalists' Training	1.Becoming a Graduate with a Difference 2.Living a Balance Life 3.Entrepreneurship 4.The Expectations and Role of GHAFES Associates in the Ministry	55			Kumasi
	"The GHAFES Associate", CV Writing, Interviews and Business plan, "Dealing with Challenges of relationships" , "Being Salt in our Workplace"	136	Dr. Mrs. Linda Dzama Forde, Mr. Edwin Amarteyfio, K.K. Yankson		

Building Sustainable Indigenous Support

Over the past few years, the growing wave of indigenous generosity is phenomenal. The following are the top 10 donors of the ministry for the year 2009.

- **Dr. & Mrs. Assibey-Bonsu -22,985.50cedis**
- **Mr. & Mrs Twumasi-Adu -15,000.00cedis**
- **Mr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Perbi - 7,800.00cedis**
- Mr. & Mrs. Kpekpena
- Mr. & Mrs. Osafo
- Mrs. Victoria Bleppong
- Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Asiedu
- Mr. & Mrs Benjamin Gogo
- Prof. & Mrs. Nkyekyer
- Hon. & Mrs. Abu-Bonsra

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 10 the first three (3) which are

highlighted gave us twenty six per cent (26%) of our local income and twenty per cent (20%) of our total income (foreign and local).

Within the period, local donations was fifty four per cent 54% of our total income, Thirty eight per cent 38% are from our foreign donors and others are Twelve per cent 12%. 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.

Engaging the University

In this area, the National Offices strategy and is now preparing a position paper.

Conclusion

Before I conclude I want to bring it to the attention of all our stakeholders that over the period under review the Northern zone covered a ministry mileage of 1593.Km and Kumasi did 2,988Km. Students now register for conferences online. An e-Newsletter went out from the Accra and Kumasi zones in the 1st and 2nd quarters respectively. The Northern Zone's e-Newsletter has been delayed because of editing. The Cape Coast zone was handicapped by Logistics which has just been addressed. This is not to replace our Ministry updates by email. Registration has started in earnest for the take off for New Associates Partnership Club (NAPC), an Associates version of Mustard Seed Partnership Club (MSPC).

May we continue

Know Christ... We are stil I committed to raising peopl e of Integrity.