



GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS

STUDENTS' NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2009

Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members of the Executive Council, Honorary External Auditor, esteemed Associates, Partners, Staff and Students, Fellow Brothers and Sisters, as enshrined in the GHAFES Constitution; ARTICLE VIII (1) the Students' National Executive Committee (SNEC) shall consist of all Presidents and Secretaries of each member Fellowship and the Secretary to the SNEC. The SNEC shall within the policy framework of GHAFES be responsible for the administration and execution of the aims of GHAFES as relates to students. As the immediate past SNEC Chairman, I present my report covering the period captured under the strategic priorities of the IFES Living Stones of which GHAFES is a member.

1. Communicating The Good News Of Jesus Christ

Students all over the country and on every campus had as their main purpose to evangelize their campuses and immediate environs for Christ. Students used such traditional means as open air crusades, door to door evangelism, music and drama events to reach out to the Students on their campuses. Outreach programmes were also held outside the various campuses to send the Word to people in surrounding Villages, Senior High Schools, Prisons and Hospitals. Mr. Chairman, Students also came up with the 'shoe polishing evangelism' which was undertaken on some campuses. This strategy yielded great results as reported by the Students.

2. Strengthening Leadership and Formacion

Being a Ministry that believes in raising leaders of integrity for the Church and the Nation, GHAFES sought to instill in Students, Ethics of Good Christian Leadership. Students, thus, were trained at National, zonal and local levels through talks, seminars, discussions and in-depth study of the Word. Students demonstrated what they had been taught by assuming leadership roles in the campus fellowships, their respective denominations on campus and the SRCs of their schools. Mr. Chairman, we can be assured of great leaders for our Church and the Nation in the coming years to the glory of our God.

3. Promoting Student – Graduate Integration

Mr. Chairman, during the year under review, Student – graduate integration was enhanced though there is more room for improvement. Students invited Associates who lived within their environs to such programmes as GHAFES day celebrations, dinners, fund raising events, music and drama programmes, MISSION activities among others. At a GHAFES day celebration at KNUST-Sunyani campus; an Associate shared his experiences at the work place and students were awakened to realities after School. Associates were invited irrespective of their alma maters and this shows how deep Students and graduates are “bonding”.

4. Building Sustainable Support

The Mustard Seed Partnership Club is gaining increasing popularity by the months. I’m glad to say that many Students are subscribing as the days and we are still on. With the definite focus given the Club, that is supporting GHAFES Missions, Students are more eager than ever to be members of the Club and contribute generously towards Missions. The interest of Student leaders to get their members to join the Club has also risen. All these are giving the MSPC a massive patronage. In this way, Mr. Chairman, Students are building a sustainable support for the Ministry Finances. Mr. Chairman, with the introduction of the New Associates Partnership Club, final year Students have pledged their support for the Ministry after they have left school by filling forms and undertaking to contribute a part of their National Service allowances to the Ministry. About 90% of Inter Hall Christian Fellowship (IHCF)-KNUST Finalists filled the New Associates Partnership Club (NAPC) forms. All SNEC members who finished School this year also filled the forms. All these are helping inculcate in Students the giving (to GHAFES) mentality. It’s a joy to know, Mr. Chairman, that very soon; the donors list will be so long that we may have to get special memory drives to store them since our computers in the office may have challenges in dealing with such numbers.

5. Addressing Current Global Issues

Mr. Chairman, Students have joined the global fight against poverty, diseases, poor sanitation and malnutrition by going to the aid of the poor and marginalized in our societies. Students of CMF-KATH for example organized health outreaches and mini clinics for head porters (kayayei) at Kejetia and provided them with drugs and other medical services free of charge. Some Students also held programmes for the children in their communities where after sharing Christ with them, fed them with balanced meals. These are but to mention a few. Some Students have also expressed interest in working with the HIV/AIDS desk of the Ministry to help fight this disease in every way possible. Indeed, we are the salt of the earth and we are putting ourselves to good earthly use for kingdom expansion. Students are expecting to do more in this area for their communities.

6. Engaging The University

So far, Mr. Chairman, one of the few means Students have resorted to in this area is MISSION. Students are still exploring to find out how they can meaningfully engage the entire university communities for lasting impact.

In Conclusion, may God continue to cause this ministry to remain relevant. May Students' initiative continue to be released as in the spirit of the IFES Living Stones Vision.

Thank you.

Know Christ!