

Annual Report – December 31, 2023

In the year 2023, Hope for Education Ghana provided scholarships to a total of thirteen students for their post-secondary education. Out of these thirteen students, eight were already beneficiaries of our scholarship program, whereas five began their studies in September. It is gratifying to note that three of these thirteen students have successfully graduated in June 2023. These students plan to use their advanced nursing, teaching, and political science degrees to serve and uplift their community.

In June 2023, we distributed ten laptops to our student beneficiaries and students who needed computers for their studies. Our founder, Fr. Dominic Obour, distributed them during his visit to Ghana in June 2023.

We ended 2023 with ten students, five in nursing school, three in teaching college, and two at a traditional university, all achieving their educational goals.

At the start of 2023, we began with funds amounting to \$1,787. Throughout the year, we raised \$5,738 through donations, which we used to provide tuition support, amounting to \$5,120. At the end of the year, we had an account balance of \$1,998 after incurring expenses of \$72 for Google services and \$335 in bank service fees.

We would like to inform you that every penny we fundraise is used to support the education of our students. We are always looking for ways to reduce our expenses. Towards the end of the year, we switched our bank account type, bringing down our monthly bank fee from \$30 to a maximum of \$15 (the fee will depend on maintaining a minimum daily balance). We will enjoy the full benefit of this change in 2024.

We try to minimize wire transfer fees by consolidating tuition invoices, so we only send funds to Ghana occasionally. In 2024, we will redesign our website and online scholarship application form to make it easier for potential candidates to submit their applications. This will also make the review process more efficient for our scholarship committee.

In December 2017, the newly elected Ghanaian government introduced a policy offering all citizens free high school education. This has increased the number of students completing their high school studies and, in turn, a greater demand for higher education. Hope for Education Ghana's mission is to support these students in achieving their dreams by providing them with the necessary resources for their ongoing education.

Our goal for 2024 is to raise \$6000 and provide educational support for ten or more students. So far, we have secured pledges totaling \$3000.

We appreciate and thank all our contributors for their support throughout 2023.

Congratulations to our graduates. We look forward to tracking our students' ongoing progress and continued success.

Thank you to all.