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Dear Family and Friends,

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

I'm so sorry to begin our end of year newsletter with the sad news of the passing of Gerlinde Linder, 85, my wife Andrea's mother who was also the former treasurer and board member of this ministry since its inception. She passed away on October 22, 2023, after a short illness and was buried on October 27 in New Jersey.

## **STUDENT UPDATE**

The students at MTC are all doing well—47 boys and 25 girls. Four new students joined our school this year, and seven students are in their final school year. I am glad to report that all our recent graduates passed their exams and have been accepted to various senior high schools of their choice. It is also a blessing to hear that one of our former students, Ebenezer Kwame Egyir, who is studying at the Cape Coast Technical University, won an award for the Outstanding Student of the Year.



Degraft Smart Buabeng, 9



Foster Appiah, 13



Lawrence Akutu, 12



Miriam Nana Yaa Arhin, 9



MTC road





**New MTC signpost** 

### **CURRENT and FUTURE PROJECTS**

We could not complete the work on the road, but it will be done by the first half of 2024. We are looking for support to complete the road as well as the fence surrounding the front part of the school to keep the students safe. The new school signboard is up now and looking good. A group of Ghanaians living abroad have also shown interest in supporting us with the junior high school building and we welcome any support towards that project.

We thank God for plentiful rain this year. Our maize (corn) and beans did well, and we have some in stock for next year. It is also a blessing to always have eggs to feed the students, though the cost of poultry feed went up this year. We hope to build a fishpond at the school to accommodate our students' appetite for fish.

This spring we are looking forward to hosting several groups. The 2 teams from North Carolina and one from New York will offer therapy for the students at the school as well to do basic medical assessments for children seeking admission into MTC. Pastor Bill Hegedus' team from North Carolina will also minister to the students and help our church to present the Jesus Story to the Apam community. If you are interested in joining future teams or volunteering for short or long-term assignments at the school, you can email us at **mephiboshethinghana@gmail.com**.

# MTC 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

To all our missionaries, sponsors, and donors: We will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mephibosheth Training Centre during the first week of March 2025. We will need your prayers to make the celebration a success. We would also love it if you could join us either in person or in spirit, as it would be such a blessing and add so much to the celebration. Thank you for marking the date on your calendar.

We want everyone to know that Joshua is doing well even after the passing of his grandmother. He is comforted knowing she is happy in heaven. He is studying hard at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport and is doing well. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1. Pray for the MTC board to hear God's direction.
- 2. Give praise to God for the staff's love and dedication to their work.
- 3. For God to provide the students' good health, protection, and wisdom to study.
- 4. For God to supply all that is needed to allow us to accomplish His goal for the children at MTC.
- 5. For God's grace to be able to complete our projects.
- 6. For God's grace to enable Joshua to continue his studies successfully.

Thank you all for your dedication and contributions. We send our prayers to you. May God richly bless you.

Thank you for your love, prayers and generous support,

Pastor Joseph, Hannah, and Joshua

PS: We would eventually like to transition to sending this newsletter via email. Please send us your email address to <a href="mailto:mephiboshethinghana@gmail.com">mephiboshethinghana@gmail.com</a>. Thank you.

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