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## **2020 NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP REPORT**

The 2020 National Youth Camp was held at Aplaku, Accra from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with the theme “Restoring Grace”. Over 1200 delegates across the country participated in the program. In attendance also were the following representatives: Brother Yves AHOMIAN from Mission and Foreign Relations Office (WeCA) and Brother Caezard Goudjo, a YDD Executive from the Republic of Benin. Participants started arriving on Thursday afternoon whilst final preparation was ongoing.

The opening ceremony was held in the evening around 8:30pm. The service was interspersed with hymns, testimonies and scripture readings which were taken from Psalm 1, Psalm 121 and Psalm 27.

### **Opening Charge by Overseer**

The National Overseer, Rev. John Bekoe gave the opening remarks and reminded the youth about the purpose of their gathering. He encouraged them to seek their Christian experiences in order to be restored to the position God intended for them. References were made from Ecclesiastes 2:26 “For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge and joy but to the sinner he giveth travail” and Job 15:20. He assured the students of heavenly wisdom and knowledge if they would pray through their graces. He also challenged them to live a consistent Christian life no matter where they find themselves just as Daniel, Shadrach,

Meshach and Abednego took their stand for God and they would equally be honoured and favored.

## **DAY ONE: FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

The day started with an early morning prayer retreat dubbed 'PUSH' (Pray Until Something Happens) after which a clean-up exercise was done. Many more people arrived in the morning which happened to be a public holiday (Ghana's Independence Day).

### **Empowerment Workshop**

Between 9:00am and 12:30pm an Empowerment Workshop was held to challenge both the students and workers to aim at creating their own jobs as, everything is possible with prayer and determination. Rev. Joseph Ampofo Ansah, the facilitator quoted the following scriptures to back his presentation: Psalm 119:9-11, Acts 1:8, Exodus 14:15,16; 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:7-14; Luke 15:17,18 etc. According to him empowerment comes from God who gives wisdom to the saved soul to work for Him and power for the great commission. The types of empowerment as well as its importance were also discussed. After the presentation, the class was divided into groups for practical exercises.

### **Personality Profile**

Next on the program was Personality Profile where some personalities were selected to share their experiences and achievements with the youth to inspire and motivate them. The first personality was Rev. Chuks Mba who started by quoting Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you". According to him he was invited into the gospel by a woman at a time he was sick to death. He was directed to the Altar where he prayed through salvation after which the sickness vanished. God then started to pilot his life and blessed him academically, materially, physically and spiritually. He encouraged the youth to take the gospel seriously as everything needed in life could be found in there. Challenges came on his way but God miraculously delivered him. He advised the youths to purpose in their heart to refrain from sin and take their stand for God no matter where they find themselves and God would honour them like Daniel and the 3 Hebrew children. He ended by quoting John 6:

37 “All that the father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out”. This he said had been a wonderful promise which had been his anchor.

The second personality was Bro. Moses Akazue, son of the former Africa overseer, Rev. Paul Akazue. According to him he was the dullest in the family because at age six he couldn't even read but God turned his situation around after salvation and he was the only person in his family that went through tertiary under scholarship and he had also been blessed with many degrees. He mentioned the following principles which guided his life: 'Put God First; Have a Vision; Surround Yourself with People who can help you get there; Look up to God and not human'. He encouraged the youth to commit their ways unto God and he shall direct their path as stated in Proverbs 3:6. He ended by telling the youth to put God first and all other things would fall in place.

The third personality was Sis. Josephine Baffoe, the zonal Youth Leader for Western Region. She also narrated how God saw her through her education and blessed her with two degrees despite several family challenges. She encouraged the youth to rely on God for their needs and refrain from relying on men for money. She ended by quoting Habakkuk 2:3 “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”. She made them to know that things may delay in life but delay is not denial; whatever plans God had for his children will surely come to pass no matter how long it tarries.

### **Evangelistic service**

Evangelistic service was held in the evening at 7:00pm and the Youth Leader, Bro. Isaac Narh-Rich gave a powerful sermon on “Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?” Many souls were blessed that evening. The day came to an end with a prayer session dubbed “Seekers Night”; A night of prayer to assist seekers to pray through their graces.

## **DAY TWO: SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **Bible Study**

The day started with the usual morning prayer to seek God's face for guidance, protection and blessings after which a cleanup exercise was undertaken. Bible Study on the camp theme "Restoring Grace" was delved into. The lesson explained what restoring grace was, taking into consideration the original state of man in the garden of Eden and the need for restoration; the steps to salvation and the physical and spiritual blessings that come with restoration as well as ways of retaining those graces. A short review was made with questions and answers after returning from the various classes.

### **Singles and Married Forum**

An open forum was organized for both the singles and married in the afternoon to come up with questions bothering them. Several issues came up and were properly addressed by the moderators; Bro. K.T. Eyison, the Youth Director, Bro. William Addy, Music Director, Bro. Charles Acheampong, former National Youth Leader and Sis. Marilyn Dennis, Abossey-Okai branch Youth leader.

The forum was followed by a Bible quiz with representation from all the zones and Accra zone emerged as winners.

Sunday School Teachers conference and Choir practice run concurrently with the singles and married forum. The tight programs prevented the exhibition from being held as scheduled. However, it was postponed to Sunday afternoon after Devotional Service.

### **Music Concert**

The youth camp was crowned with a Musical Concert in the evening dubbed "Wondrous Grace". It was attended by 686 people and was covered by one of the National Television stations- GTV Life. At the end of the program the choir solemnly sang the hymn 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' to usher the audients to the altars for prayer.

The last Seekers' night for the 2020 youth camp was held between the hours of 10:00 – 11pm.

### **DAY THREE: SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday School started at 8:30am and the children of the elementary department performed a short programme to commemorate the 63<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Celebration and also a sketch on the camp theme 'Restoring Grace'. The Ministers with the exception of the Overseer and Youth Director vacated their seats on the platform for the youth leaders/Executives to take charge of the day and all the Sunday School classes were taught by the youth.

#### **Devotional Service**

During the Devotional Service, the former Youth Leader, Brother Charles Acheampong gave a powerful sermon on 'God's Power of Restoration' and the main text was taken from Joel 2:25-27. He assured the youth that God was going to restore to them all the years that the locust and caterpillars had eaten if only they would pray through their Christian experiences.

#### **Seminar on Cybercrime**

After the Devotional Service, officials from the Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO) presented a seminar on 'Cybercrime and Church Security'. They started by explaining the uses and importance of the internet and drew attention to the recent cybercrime trends and advised members to be security conscious in order not to fall victims to such criminals.

#### **Exhibition**

The exhibition which couldn't take place the previous day due to tight schedule of activities was held concurrently with the seminar and goods displayed included dresses for ladies and men's shirts by Vibrant Clothing, fascinators and hats by Jessie's Millinery, food supplement by Maxsolo, Quails eggs etc.

The youth camp came to a successful end around 3:00pm with a short prayer session. A total of 367 blessings were recorded.

Below is the record trend of blessings from year 2017 to year 2020:

<b>Blessing</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salvation	33
Sanctification	19
Holy Ghost Baptism	6
Re-anointing	28
Healing	13
Other blessings	8
<b>Total Blessings</b>	<b>107</b>

<b>2018 Youth Camp Blessings</b>	
<b>Blessing</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salvation	44
Sanctification	15
Holy Ghost Baptism	10
Re-anointing	49
Healing	20
Other blessings	32
<b>Total Blessings</b>	<b>170</b>

<b>2019 Youth Camp Blessings</b>	
Salvation	78
Sanctification	26
Baptism	21
Healing	91
Re-anointing	67
Other blessings	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

<b>2020 Youth Camp Blessings</b>	
Salvation	106
Sanctification	36
Baptism	16
Re-anointing	59
Healing	65
Other Blessings	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### OPENING CEREMONY

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	98	102	200
<b>Adult</b>	2	1	3
<b>total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>203</b>

FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	265	246	511
<b>Adult</b>	8	9	17
<b>Children</b>	36	28	64
<b>total</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>592</b>

### PERSONALITY PROFILE

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	215	256	471
<b>Adult</b>	42	36	78
<b>Children</b>	8	13	21
<b>total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>570</b>

### REVIVAL & EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	268	274	542
<b>Adult</b>	8	9	17
<b>Children</b>	47	56	103
<b>total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>662</b>

SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

**BIBLE STUDIES**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	214	253	467
<b>Adult</b>	10	9	19
<b>Children</b>	44	56	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>586</b>

**COUPLES FORUM**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	53	40	93
<b>Adult</b>	7	9	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>109</b>

**BIBLE QUIZ**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	55	75	130
<b>Adult</b>	9	7	16
<b>Children</b>	20	21	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>187</b>

**MUSIC CONCERT**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	299	289	588
<b>Adult</b>	15	20	35
<b>Children</b>	35	28	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>686</b>



SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	327	404	731
<b>Adult</b>	123	119	242
<b>Children</b>	105	85	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>1,163</b>

### **DEVOTIONAL SERVICE**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth</b>	357	434	791
<b>Adult</b>	143	139	282
<b>Children</b>	110	91	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1,274</b>

### **CHALLENGES**

- Funding
- Crashed programs
- Inability to keep to time
- Inability of the Western and Central zones to participate fully due to a major funeral held at the same time during the youth camp.
- The inability of our foreign delegates to participate especially our brethren from La Cote D'Ivoire and Togo.
- Several of our youngsters were in school due to the double track system education.

### **CONCLUSION**

The 2020 youth camp was successfully held and we thank God for increasing the blessings every year and showering us with such bountiful blessings this year also. Our prayer is that God will keep all the souls and make them sharp threshing instruments in their zones.

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