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Dominion College of Bishops – 2014 2015 Report

The Dominion College of Bishops, in January 2014 were approached by Rev. Emmanuel Bedu Sakyi who had an NGO called Jesus Vision Foundation (Widows Ministry) at Atebubu in Brong Ahafo Region for support. His vision was to support widows, orphans and the physically challenged at Atebubu and its environs. The College decided to collaborate with the NGO to support 500 hundred widows and their children. Majority of these women were Muslims and their age arrange between 24 to 55 years. Also, in this age range, observation showed that about 70% were 45 years and below.

The College's decision to support the organization was in two-folds: first was to create an enabling environment for the women to do something meaning with their lives and help them develop confidence in themselves. Also, to enable them have financial support for their families. Secondly, enable the NGO reach more people and to help the team organize itself administratively.

The College initially provided a bail of used clothing for the group and helped the NGO organized a love feast in September. A float in the morning through some principal streets which ended at New Covenant Baptist Church where the yearly love feast took place. The love feast was to enable all the members fraternize with the leaders and to share ideas as well as share some food and drinks.

The College work through World Vision International fronting for the NGO and they were provided with a baking oven for the women, while the College provided a big LPG gas bottle and ingredients for making bread and pastries. Money was provide for a one year rent of the premise housing the bakery. A baking team of about 7 women baked bread and pastries, which other members of the group took out to sell on commission basis. We continued providing some money to help them for about 6 months to help sustain the project.

Some of the women were given money to purchase seedlings for planting on their farms even though the College encourage the NGO to organize them into cooperative society because upon negotiation with the chief of the area he promised to give out s parcel of land to the organization for farming. Also as a cooperative society they could access a bank financing at a reduced payback rate.

The College continued to advice and support the NGO.

Other Activities

In the area of education, three students who were given scholarship completed Senior High School last year the 2014/2015 academic year. One of the grandaunt is now perusing accountancy course under Chartered Accountants (CA), Ghana.

The College is exploring new ways to expand the scholarship schemes though some of the Bishops in the College are being encourage to invest in human resources in their church organizations.