



We look forward to welcoming you to our services on the **4th Sunday** of every month from 3pm, at:

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PASTORAL ADDRESS

Greetings! As I sit reflecting on the life of the Fellowship for the year that is about to pass, I cannot help but to be thankful to God and you for your brotherly/sisterly love, patience, and devotion. Thank you for translating these commitments into actions/roles these past 15 (almost) years.

Thankfully, with the Christmas celebrations coming to an end, my yearly ritual of trying to convince my acquaintances why I do not celebrate Christmas has also ended. Mind you, I am not in any way the twenty-first century Scrooge. It just suffices to say that too much materialism and my biblical understanding of the whole season have put me off completely.

I cannot overlook the realisation that this year's celebration has been very difficult for our brethren who are either battling with ill health or coming to terms with the death of loved ones. As you read this pastoral letter, the mortal remains of our brother Dr Prince Brown-Engmann's younger brother and that of the late sister Grace Yankson are yet to be buried. Brother Ben Aryeetey just returned from burying his brother-in-law. Please remember these families in your prayers. Our heartfelt condolences to all who are bereaved.

Proverbs 32:10b says the unfailing love (of God) surrounds those who trust the Lord. It is my prayer that the good Lord will hasten the healing process. I pray that 2019 brings peace of mind, happiness and healing to all.

From Luke 5:4-5, Jesus, having taught the people from Simon's boat suggested to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

"Master," Simon replied, "we have worked through the night without catching anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." As a result of obeying Jesus' instruction, the bible says Simon caught a large shoal of fish. The bible again in proverbs 21:5 says good planning

and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. So may we endeavour to stay close to the Lord, and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

My hope is that 2019 will be the beginning of great strides of achievements both on personal level as well as for the Fellowship. To this end therefore, we hope you will make yourself available for the training and teaching days we have put together.

Let me end with this new year's prayer and best wishes in Ga:

*Afi oo Afi
Afi naa akpe wa
Gbi kpaanyo anina wa
Wa fee momoo
Wa ye Gbo, ni wa ye Gbienu
Alonte diŋ ko akafo wateŋ
ke abi washi le akɛɛ akɛ woye ni keji atao wa le, ana
wa.
Wakpa ni wakbla fee abashwie wamiishi
Keji wakje bu le, wakje nu ko
Ni ke woye wonu le wakoji ano aji wa
Ekomefeemo, tsuishitoo, suwoko, heshibaa abashi bu ye
wateŋ
Wala ee wala.
Nuntso jwoko ahi wa ko daa
Keji aatse wakgeii ye gbe fɔŋ ko ko le Nuntso le dientse
ahere ko keha wa
Ni wakɛɛ afi le wa tashi neke neke
Ni wakɛɛ afi le ehi eha wa fe neke
Ni nyemi afee nyemi
Ni afi aya ni ebanina wa ekonŋ
Tswa ni omanyɛ abla wa!*




15TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR - 2019 ANNUAL PROGRAMME

Month	Special Events	Date
Aharabata (January)	New Year Communion Service & Commissioning of the "watch over" team	27 Jan 2019
Oflo (February)	Choir 3rd Anniversary Pastoral leaders Training -How can Christians respond to Dementia?	24 Feb 2019 25 Feb 2019
Otsokrikri (March)	Pastoral Leaders Training -Developing Pastoral Care Ghana Independence Anniversary Service at <i>Methodist Central Hall (Westminster)</i> Visit from Osu Ekomefeemo kpee	9 Mar 2019 10 Mar 2019 24 Mar 2019
Abeibe (April)	Talk – How to cope with bereavement?	28 Apr 2019
Agbienua (May)	A Day of Fasting and Prayer Pastoral Leaders Training- Leading Bible Study Annual General meeting	18 May 2019 25 May 2019 26 May 2019
Otukwajan (June)	Joint Service With Ealing URC Training - Walk through the Old Testament Visit from Dangmebii Akpee	16 Jun 2019 22 Jun 2019 23 Jun 2019
Maawe (July)	Children & Young Adult Day Ghana Republic Day Anniversary Service Annual Youth Led Service	13 Jul 2019 21 July 2019 28 Jul 2019
Manyawale (August)	A Day of Fasting and Prayer Visit from Teshie Nyemimei Akpee	17 Aug 2019 25 Aug 2019
Gbo (September)	Harvest & Thanksgiving Service & Harvest Super	22 Sept 2019
Anton (October)	15 th Anniversary Social Evening Training - Walk Through the New Testament 15 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service	12 Oct 2019 19 Oct 2019 27 Oct 2019
Alemle (November)	Annual remembrance service	24 Nov 2019
Afuabe:) (December)	Nyehaa Wolaa (Favourite Hymns/Songs of Praise) Or Carol Service	15 Dec 2019

Interpretation of our 15th Anniversary Logo



15 Years of Christian Discipleship and Fellowship in GaDangme and Other Ghanaian languages

Symbol	Description of Symbol	Meaning
15	15 Years	Fifteen years of Christian discipleship and fellowship in GaDangme and Ghanaian languages
	Olive branch	Traditionally, the olive branch symbolises peace and friendship. And Jesus said “Peace be with you”. (John 20:20-21)
	URC Christian Cross and Fish	The Christian Cross symbolises Christ’s Crucifixion, and the Fish, salvation in Christ, through water baptism. (1 Peter 3:21)
	Adinkra symbol	God’s excellence, genuineness and authenticity.

WHAT A LIFE WE LIVE!

Have you taken note of the CO-INCIDENCE OF LIFE:

- 1) CHURCH has 6 letters, so does MOSQUE
 - 2) BIBLE has 5 letters, so does QURAN
 - 3) LIFE has 4 letters, so does DEAD
 - 4) HATE has 4 letters, so does LOVE
 - 5) ENEMIES have 7 letters, so does FRIENDS
 - 6) LYING has 5 letters, so does TRUTH
 - 7) HURT has 4 letters, so does HEAL
 - 8) NEGATIVE has 8 letters, so does POSITIVE
 - 9) FAILURE has 7 letters, so does SUCCESS
 - 10) BELOW has 5 letters, so does ABOVE
 - 11) CRY has 3 letters, so does JOY
 - 12) ANGER has 5 letters, so does HAPPY
 - 13) RIGHT has 5 letters, so does WRONG
 - 14) RICH has 4 letters, so does POOR
 - 15) FAIL has 4 letters, so does PASS
 - 16) KNOWLEDGE has 9 letters, so does IGNORANCE
- Are they all by coincidence? We should choose wisely, this means LIFE is like a double-edged sword.
(Extract supplied By Edmund Abdo)

TOLI OOO TOLI.....

Nuu ko ke ena tee kojomɔhe koni afo amɛgbala mli.
Kojolo le bi amɛ ake, te amɛbaajara amɛbii ete le tɛɛɛɛ.
Nuu le ke ena le susu sane le he be kplangɛ. Amɛkpa
kojolo le fai ni eha amɛ afi koni amɛkefo bi kome
kegbe yi bo ni afee ni amɛja le pɛpɛpɛ.
Nyɔji nɛɛhu sɛɛ le amɛfo haaji!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- 1) No matter how beautiful and handsome you are just remember... Baboons and Gorillas also attract tourists. STOP BOASTING!
- 2) No matter how big and strong you are, you will not carry yourself to your grave. BE HUMBLE!
- 3) No matter how tall you are, you can never see tomorrow. BE PATIENT!
- 4) No matter how light skinned you are, you will always need light in darkness. TAKE CAUTION!
- 5) No matter how rich and many cars you have, you will always walk to bed. BE CONTENTED!

TAKE LIFE EASY..... LIFE IS SHORT!!

KASEMƆ NMALE KRŊKRŊ LƐ (Ga Bible Study)

NYŊNMƆ WIEMƆ HESUSUMƆ (THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION)



NikanemƆ Kolosebii 3: 12-17. Reading Colossians 3: 12-17

Ye Ga wiemƆ mli lƐ, Bɔfo Paulo nma Kolosebii lƐ awolo ni ekɛɛ:

“No hewƆ lƐ, akɛni NyŋnmƆ halamɔbii, mɛi krŋkrŋɛi kɛ suwƆ mɛi ji nyɛ nɛɛ lƐ, nyɛwoa musuŋtsɔ-lɛ, mlihile, heshibaa jwɛnmƆ, kpoo feemƆ, tsuishitoo.

Ni kɛji mƆ ko kɛ mƆ ko na sane ko lƐ, nyɛnanaa nyehãa nyɛhe ni nyɛkɛfafa nyɛhe; tamƆ bɔ ni Kristo hu kɛfa nyɛ lƐ, nakai nyɛ hu nyɛfea.

Shi enɛɛmɛi fɛɛ sɛɛ lƐ nyɛwoa suwƆ ni ji kpãa ni fiɔ nibii fɛɛ feɔ lƐ ekome ni ehãa eyeɔ emuu lƐ.

Ni nyehãa Kristo hejɔlɛ lƐ ayea lumƆ ye nyɛtsuii amlɛ; nɔ he ni atse nyɛ kɛba ye gbɔmɔtso kome mli lƐ. Ni nyɛlea shidaa.

Nyehãa Kristo wiemƆ lƐ ahia nyɛmli babao; ni nyɛkɛ nilee fɛɛ atsɔa nyɛhe nii ni nyɛwiea nyɛtsɔa nyɛhe ye sanjutswai kɛ yijiemƆ lalai kɛ mumɔŋ lalai amlɛ, ni nyɛkɛ shidaa alaa ye nyɛtsuii amlɛ nyehãa NyŋnmƆ.

Ni nɔ fɛɛ nɔ ni nyɛfeɔ ye wiemƆ loo nitsumƆ gbɛfan lƐ, nyɛfea fɛɛ ye Yesu Kristo gbɛi mli, ni nyɛtsɔa enɔ nyɛdaa NyŋnmƆ ni ji Tɛ lƐ shi.”

Apostle Paul letter to the Colossians translates into English, as follows:

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom and as you sing psalms “ hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God”

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Reflection

Try and read the passage in Ga and use the English version to assist you to understand it in Ga, if you need it . Read it in Ga as many times as you find necessary and make sure you understand it well in Ga. Then sit down for a moment and ask yourself two questions in Ga.

1. What was the apostle Paul asking the Colossians to do?
2. And what is he also asking me to do as a Christian TODAY?

Pray and ask God to give you strength to “ do all the above in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17) Amen.