

# Central Aid

## NEWSLETTER

### Central Aid, A Trailblazer in the Non-Profit Space

Central Aid was inaugurated in December 1988 by Rev. Dr. Mensa Otabil as an agency of the church to offer financial assistance to brilliant but needy Ghanaians for their secondary, technical and vocation education.

The establishment of the Foundation was very timely, for it set the tone for the church to have a structured approach to its social support initiatives.

In addition to the financial assistance programme, the mandate of Central Aid was expanded in 1996 to include social and community development projects, relief services, and career guidance and counselling for the youth. For several decades since its establishment, many lives have been touched and beneficiaries continue to testify about the life changing experiences they have had with the organization.



### ICGC Donated to Covid-19 Trust Fund



The International Central Gospel Church (ICGC) responded to the Covid -19 pandemic in several ways.

The church has made a contribution of one hundred thousand Ghana Cedis (GHc100,000.00) to the Covid-19 National Trust Fund.

The presentation ceremony was done by three members of the Presbytery, Rev. Morris Appiah, Prophet Christopher Yaw Annor and Rev. Anthony Cudjoe. The three leaders presented the cheque to the Chief of Staff at the Office of the President, Madam Akosua Frema Osei Opare, at a brief ceremony at the Jubilee House on 2nd of April 2020.

Speaking on behalf of the church, Rev. Morris Appiah, said the General Overseer of ICGC, the Presbytery and the entire membership of the Church are concerned about the outbreak of Covid-19. He said it was important for the church to support Government's efforts at stopping the further spread of the disease.

In her response, the Chief of Staff Madam Akosua Frema Osei Opare, registered the sincere appreciation of the President and people of Ghana, to the leadership and members of the ICGC for their kind gesture. She urged the people of Ghana to stay strong and to adhere to the movement restrictions imposed by the President as well as observing all protocols such as washing of hands and maintaining social distancing.

Prophet Christopher Yaw Annor, after the ceremony shared a word of prayer with the Chief of Staff and her entire office. He beseeched God to rain His manifold wisdom on the President, his cabinet and all those in authority to enable them take timely and strategic decisions that will help curb the spread of the disease.

# The Loving Side of Covid



*The impact the Covid pandemic has had on the country and the world at large is unprecedented.*

Its effect on the church as well as nations can also be described as indescribable. Coupled with that, there is a financial strain on all individuals, institutions and countries. Evidently a lot of Corporate institutions have had to put in measures to cushion their staff and customers. In the same vein, churches had to look inwardly to offer various assistances to church members.

In Accra West for example out of 41 ICGC churches, 40 made donations to people to alleviate their plight. These interventions were in the form of food packages, financial assistance and prayer and counselling. In other regions the local churches did same and this helped to bring relief to the people.

*The church really lived up to its expectation of showing love when it mattered most. After all, what is Christianity without love?*



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# Covid-19 Safety Protocols



# Stars are born through Central Aid

C E L E B R A T I N G   O U R   B E N E F I C I A R I E S



Rev. Dr. Michael Perry Tetey is a Reverend Minister of ICGC and currently the Deputy General Secretary of the church. He is also the Senior Pastor of ICGC Resurrection Temple.

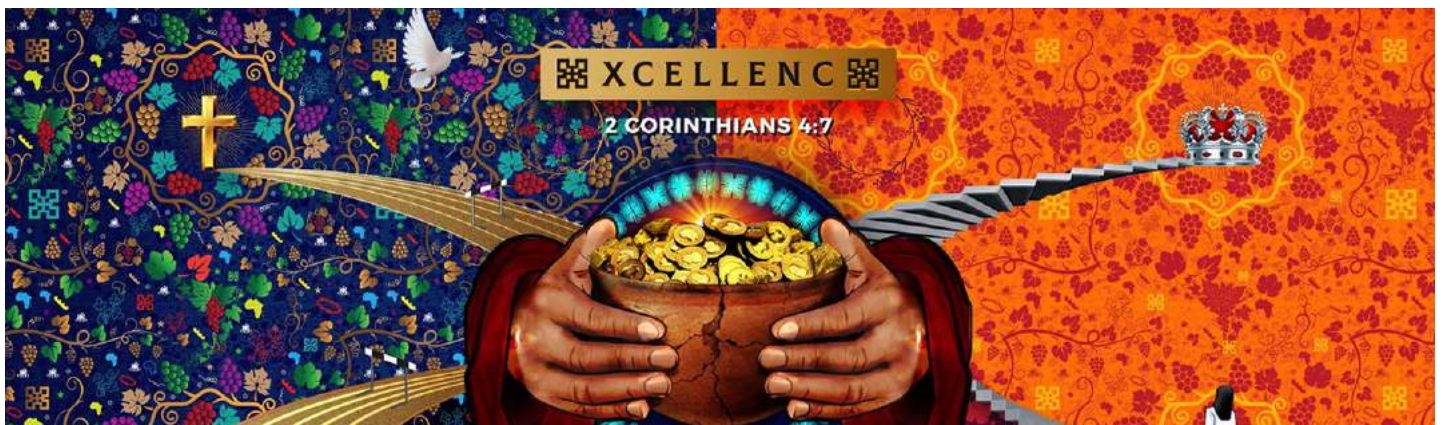
Rev Tetey had a shaky experience when as a teenager he had to leave home.

He recounts his experience, "I was living with my uncle who was a chief and he wanted to involve me in the performance of some rituals. I refused and had to leave."

"In 1993, things became very difficult for me and my education began to suffer. I badly needed a miracle. Just about that time, I got introduced to the Central Aid and applied for it. I was so excited when I was granted the scholarship."

Receiving the financial assistance to enable him pursue his technical education was the turning point in his life. It opened up opportunities which shaped his vision and sharpened his leadership potential. Today he looks at his experience and uses it as a launch pad for advocating for Central Aid.

He said, "I am a big advocate of Central Aid. The intervention I received really turned my life around. I encourage all ICGC members to support Central Aid".



# Time with Danny Glover - Board Chairman of Central Aid



support the work of God locally. On this note, I appeal to ICGC members to support Central Aid financially. Members should let the pride of belonging to the ICGC fraternity, reflect in their giving for the purposes of putting smiles on the faces of the underserved and the underprivileged in society.

## Name one project that you are extremely proud of?

The educational scholarship programme, which has so far supported over 6000 beneficiaries, is something I am extremely proud of. I was brought up on an island in the Afram Plains in Ghana with only one house on the island - our house. At the time, it was a house with no neighbours so there was no next door neighbour. But through education, I left the island and I have grown to manage different organizations. Education really opens doors and the beneficiaries of the Central Aid educational scholarships are blessed to be part of this scheme.

## How does it feel to be a Board Chairman of Central Aid?

It is humbling to be in this position. I feel it is an opportunity to serve and be of use to God's family. Every time I think of it, I give glory to God. It comes with a huge burden of strategic thinking to improve the lives of the underprivileged.

## What excites you about the work of Central Aid?

I am excited by the founder's vision for Central Aid. Many people start church organisations and their first desire and intentions are about how to build the church.

*In the case of Dr Mensa Otabil, instead of just focusing on building the church, he also paid attention to touching lives right from*

### *the beginning.*

As we can all see this has paid off, with the abundant blessings from God.

Remember the Bible says: "Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40). I am also excited about the Central Aid team, the board and the secretariat and how we all share in the founder's vision and exude so much energy to accomplish it.

## What kind of support do you expect from the members of ICGC?

A huge support is needed from members of the church. One of the hallmarks of our founder is 'the can-do spirit'. He believes that we can do things on our own without relying on foreign intervention. He believes he can raise people who would be able to

## How do you see the future of Central Aid?

I see a very bright future ahead of us. Central Aid will be a global force Christian charity organization that will continue to stand out among its peers. This is why it is important for all of us especially members of ICGC to support the organization. An investment in Central Aid is great investment for our future leaders. It is a worthy contribution to humanity. Central Aid is and will continue to be a credible, transparent and accountable faith based organization.

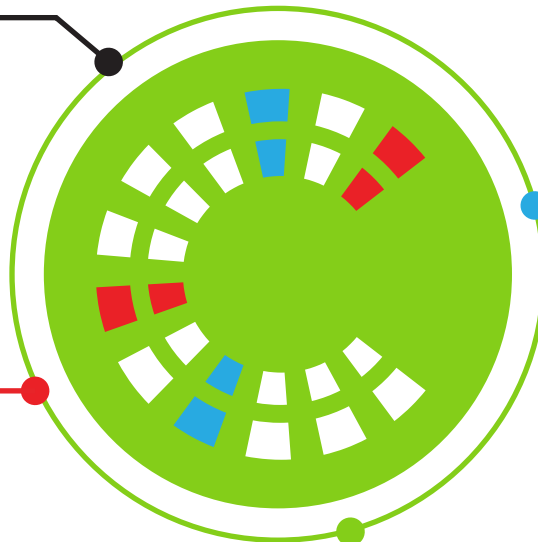
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# How We Have Touched Lives



## RELIEF

- **2009 TO 2010**  
20 boreholes for deprived communities in the Ga West Municipal Area



## SOCIAL WELFARE

- **2007**  
Construction of a 50-bed 2-storey fully furnished boys' hostel for the Osu Children's Home
- **2008**  
Construction of a recreational facility comprising basketball, volleyball and tennis courts and a gym for the general public
- **2011**  
Painting of the Central Mosque and associated facilities in Accra
- **1996 TO DATE**  
Provision of career guidance and counselling for the youth



## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Support to:

- Ghana Heart Foundation
- Princess Marie Louis Children's Hospital
- Plastic Surgery Department of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
- Blood Bank of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
- Mamocare

- **1989 TO DATE**  
Blood donation exercises to the Blood Bank of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
- **2011 TO DATE**  
Monthly financial support to the Children's Cancer Unit of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital
- **1994 TO DATE**  
Annual health and fitness walk for fundraising purposes



## EDUCATION

- **1989 TO DATE**  
Ongoing educational scholarships nationwide with over 6000 beneficiaries
- **2004 TO 2005**  
Renovation of the Akufful Krodua Junior High School in the Central region
- **2012 TO 2015**  
Provision of free tuition for final year BECE students of a public JHS at Abossey-Okai

# THE ΩMEGA SPOT

*The youth of today are faced with the reality of Covid 19. Sometimes its difficult to know what they are thinking and how much this has impacted their lives. We had a brief chat with a few members of the Central Leadership Program to find out how Covid has affected their relationship with God.*

The Central Leadership Program (CLP) has been set up by ICGC to develop Christian leaders who will live for Christ within their sphere of influence and transform society through their exceptional Christ-centred leadership.

CLP is based on the notion that young people have the capacity to become leaders in their chosen field of endeavour if given the exposure to concepts of leadership and the opportunity to demonstrate their skills through positive social action.

The programme currently has 25 members.



## DANIEL TAGOE

As Christians, corporate worship or fellowship is very vital to our growth. This season of Covid has prohibited that. However, we are given the opportunity to draw closer to God on a personal level and discover His personality for ourselves. We are now bonding with our families like never before and break fallow ground with innovative ways of doing things. The virus has just proven that with God all things are possible.



## KEVIN ANKOMAH

COVID-19 initially affected my ability to fellowship with the body of Christ. It's through the joint fellowship with the brethren that helps me build my faith. At a point in time, the Christain walk became very lonely. It brought out of the 4 walls of the church to my phone and TV. I feel all hope is not lost though, but this circumstance is a test of my faith. It has really proved that salvation is an individual affair.



## ALISON NANA AKUA GYIMAH

Ghana was one of the few countries which was said to be immune from global pandemics. Ebola passed through some African countries without anyone noticing but COVID-19 paid us an unwanted visit. In this season, I have learnt not just to give God a space in my day but rather give the day to God and let him be a part of my every activity. This has made me better daily. I have been exposed to new ways of fellowship with God. Devotion is one of the most anticipated family engagements in my home which has created a platform to bond as a Christian family.



## HENRY NII MENSAH

Just like when a traffic light turns red, COVID-19 has somehow given me time to pause to reflect on what really matters in life; not to make any move but just to apply brakes on my wheels of personal ambitions. Previously, I was always swallowed up in academic work. Now I have more time to develop a more intimate relationship with God and His word and to focus on Him alone.



## GERALD MENSAH

COVID-19 has helped me build a more intimate and personal relationship with Christ and aligned my mind with the words in the Bible. I've read a lot about the vanity of the things in this world. I have now experienced the practical aspect of God's Word. God has really used what was meant for evil for good.



## EDEM YAA BEDIAKO

COVID-19 exposed the foundation of my life and the pillars that sit on it. It ushered me into a place of retreat where I assessed my growth as a Christian and learnt to depend directly on personal fellowship with God. I have learnt that I am the church.



## NANA AFRA KORANKYE

Surprisingly, this lockdown has been a season of intimacy and God is revealing Himself mightily to me. I'm experiencing peace by exercising my faith. This has indeed been a blessing in disguise.