

2025

YEAR REPORT

Think Missions · Amede, Eastern Region

SINCE 2017

For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations.
-Mal. 1:11







''The needs of Hope Journey's ministry will be obtained through prayer. We will not raise support through self-promotion, prodding, or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give, and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed. Admittedly, throughout the years our faith has always been meager and frail; but God has always been faithful. As one dear brother puts it: Our God delights in vindicating even the smallest confidence of His children.''

Ikay Owusu

ABOUT US

Hope Journey was established on July 28, 2017, at the Presbyterian Mission House in Mampong Akuapem, located in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

Our mission at Hope Journey is to exemplify Christ's love by initiating impactful causes. We strive to make a positive difference in society while spreading the Gospel of Christ to communities that are often difficult to reach.

As an online community, Hope Journey unites Christians dedicated to sharing the Word of God through various channels such as devotional content, online conference meetings, and podcasts, including NarrowWay Live Sessions, The Catechism Podcast, and HopeDiary. Our online campaigns across social media platforms serve as a means to raise funds for our projects, leveraging the common grace provided by online tools for our daily operations.

Welcome

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Hope Journey places a high priority on evangelism, soul-winning, and the discipling of new converts. Through mentorship sessions, Evangelism 101, Catechism Podcast, and NarrowWay Live Sessions, we spread the Gospel to those who have not yet heard about Christ. Our evangelistic exercises, including Xmas with a Village, Free Bibles July, Missions Weekend and House to House, focus on sharing the Gospel through charitable acts in hard-to-reach communities.

Situated at the intersection of Christian missions and charity, Hope Journey actively contributes to helping the needy in society. We establish intervention programs like the Bece Starterpack and the Free School Bag project (Hope Bags). These programs serve as platforms for young Christians to engage in small projects that create a significant impact for God's glory. Charity, for us, is not only a means to address important problems in communities but also an expression of God's love for people in deprived areas.

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To ensure the smooth running of Hope Journey and its operations, we operate in teams, each responsible for specific daily activities, projects, and causes. Our teams include the Stationery Team, St Luke's Health Team, Evangelism and Missions Team, Transport and Logistics Team, Ads and Social Media Accounts Team, HopeDiary Team, Hope Bags Team, DorcasBox Team, Five Loaves Team, Timothy's Session Mentoring Team, and NarrowWay Live Session Team. Each team plays a crucial role in contributing to the overall mission of Hope Journey.

These causes are complementary, not competing. Evangelism communicates the Gospel; mentoring creates room for sustained relationships; educational supplies reduce practical barriers to learning; health outreach addresses immediate needs; food support extends hospitality; and clothing distribution dignifies recipients. Their unity is the mission, not merely the event calendar.

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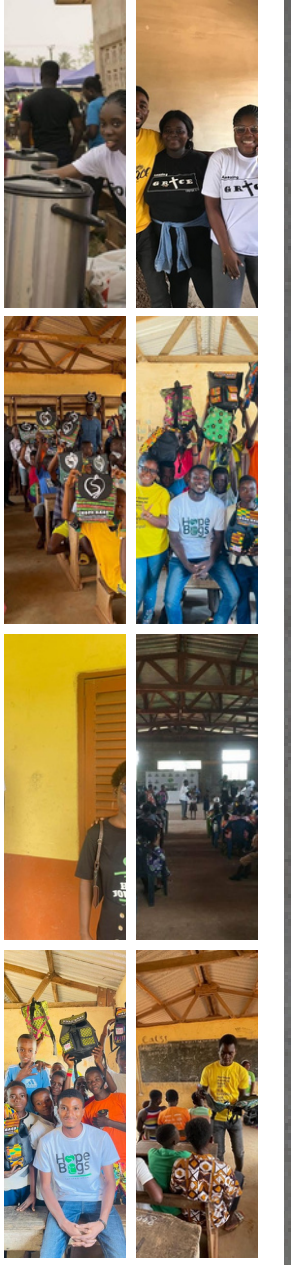
VISION

Empowered by love and driven by faith, our vision at Hope Journey is to create a world where every individual experiences the transformative power of God's love. We envision communities flourishing with compassion, unity, and opportunities for growth, where lives are impacted positively, and the message of Christ's love resonates in every corner.





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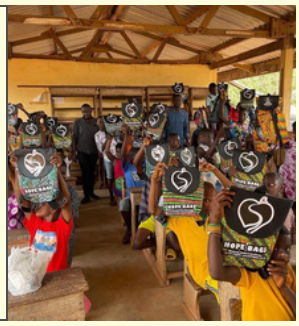
SPREAD THE GOSPEL

DISSEMINATE THE UNADULTERATED MESSAGE OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN GRACE AND REDEMPTION, HERALDING THE TRUTH OF HIS IRRESISTIBLE CALL. THROUGH DIVERSE CHANNELS, REACHING INDIVIDUALS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.



EMPOWER THE NEEDY

EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THE LESS PRIVILEGED THROUGH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT UPLIFT AND EMPOWER.



CULTIVATE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

FOSTER A VIBRANT ONLINE COMMUNITY THAT NURTURES SPIRITUAL GROWTH, FOSTERS CONNECTIONS, AND PROVIDES SUPPORT THROUGH DEVOTIONAL CONTENT, CONFERENCES, AND PODCASTS.



ENGAGE IN EVANGELISM

ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN EVANGELISTIC EXERCISES, MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS, AND OUTREACH INITIATIVES TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET HEARD ABOUT CHRIST.



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MERGE CHARITY AND CHRISTIAN MISSION

BE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHARITY AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS, USING ACTS OF KINDNESS AND TANGIBLE SUPPORT AS A MEANS TO EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE AND ADDRESS PRESSING NEEDS IN COMMUNITIES.



INSPIRE AND EQUIP

INSPIRE YOUNG CHRISTIANS TO UNDERTAKE MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THAT MAKE A LASTING IMPACT FOR GOD'S GLORY, WHILE EQUIPPING THEM WITH THE TOOLS AND KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE.



IN EVERYTHING WE DO, WE AIM TO EMBODY THE LOVE, COMPASSION, AND TRANSFORMATIVE POWER FOUND IN THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST, MAKING HOPE JOURNEY A BEACON OF HOPE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES ALIKE.

2025 AT A GLANCE

The 2025 cycle was marked by the Amede outreach, the revival of house-to-house evangelism during Missions Weekend, and the biggest HopeBags distribution in our history. The numbers below summarise the year as reported at the time of writing.

250
HOPEBAGS DISTRIBUTED AT AMEDE, 26 DECEMBER 2025

300
BACKPACKS ORDERED FOR THE 2026 PROGRAMME

32cm
NEW, LARGER BAG SIZE — UP FROM 28 CM

56
BIBLES DISTRIBUTED AT MISSIONS WEEKEND (50 ENGLISH, 6 TWI)

1,765
BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED SINCE 2017

9
COMMUNITIES REACHED SINCE OUR FOUNDING

Founded	28 July 2017, Presbyterian Mission House, Mampong Akuapem
Amede scouting visit	19 May 2025 — about 630 primary pupils identified
Xmas with a Village	26 December 2025, Amede, Suhum–Kraboa–Coaltar area
Missions Weekend	25–26 July 2026, Amede / Akurabo
Missions Weekend funds	GHS 6,100 received · GHS 3,141 spent (reported)
2026 campaign fundraising	GHS 11,880 of GHS 20,000 target (59%)
Next outreach target	Asuaba cluster — about 350 pupils, about 600 people in all

Some figures are planning targets or procurement quantities rather than verified beneficiary outcomes. Where registers are not yet reconciled, figures are described as reported or approximate.

FROM AMEDE, DECEMBER 2025

Scouting and preparation

Amede, in the Suhum–Kraboa–Coaltar area of the Eastern Region, became an important field of service this year. A scouting visit on 19 May 2025 identified a primary school population of roughly 630 pupils, with planning estimates reaching 700–1,000 potential children and approximately 400 adults. This required the Community to think beyond a small, fixed-volume school-supplies distribution and plan a broader intervention.

Program Activities and Highlights

The 26 December 2025 programme at Amede brought multiple causes together under one roof. Programme records indicate 250 HopeBags distributed, stationery support planned for approximately 700 learners, St Luke's health screening planned for about 300 people, Five Loaves food support planned for approximately 1,000, and a Gospel-sharing ambition of approximately 1,000 people.

The HopeBags themselves grew this year — from an annual baseline of about 100 bags to 250, and from 28 cm to a larger 32 cm bag — reflecting both greater ambition and closer attention to quality. The traditional invitation for each associate to help secure four bags spread ownership across the whole Community.





AMEDE PRESBY BASIC SCHOOL · CHRISTMAS EVENT, AMEDE 2025

MISSIONS WEEKEND, JULY 2026

The 25–26 July 2026 Missions Weekend in the Amede/Akurabo area strengthened the explicitly evangelistic dimension of Hope Journey. The weekend marked a revival of Evangelism 101 and house-to-house evangelism. This is strategically important: the Community's mission should not become defined only by goods distributed. Personal conversations, Gospel proclamation, prayer and follow-up relationships remain essential.

Approximately 50 English Bibles and six Twi Bibles were distributed. Financial updates indicate GHS 6,100 in donations received and GHS 3,141 in expenditure for the weekend.

Faith and Impact
Beyond the numbers, what stood out most was the spiritual impact of the weekend. The Word of God was shared through every activity — from doorstep conversations to mentoring and simple acts of service. Pupils were reminded to keep faith at the center of their lives, and adults were encouraged to stay hopeful despite the challenges of daily living.

Challenges and Learnings

- Outreach design should begin with local needs assessment, not with the inventory already available.
- Volunteer mobilisation, bus arrangements and accommodation require named owners, early confirmation and contingency plans.
- Evangelism and follow-up should be tracked with care, respecting personal dignity and privacy.
- Every cause should report both outputs (items delivered, people reached) and learning (what worked, what must change).





MISSIONS WEEKEND 2026 · AMEDE, E/R

OUR CAUSES IN 2025



HOPEBAGS

Grew from about 100 bags a year to 250 at Amede, with 300 ordered for 2026 and a larger 32 cm bag. Next step: a traceable pipeline from pledge to beneficiary confirmation.



TIMOTHY'S SESSION

Our mentoring cause — purposeful conversations, role models and sustained encouragement for children and young people, with age-appropriate curricula and safeguarding rules.



FIVE LOAVES

Makes care tangible through food provision during field programmes. Food support was planned for about 1,000 people at Amede; a simple food operations plan will guide 2026.



ST LUKE'S

Basic health screening and health-focused service within the outreach model, with a screening target of around 300 people at Amede, under qualified supervision.



DORCASBOX

Mobilises clothing and related items for people in need. Collection begins again in October 2026, with a new quality standard for clean, usable, appropriate items.



HOPEDIARY

Our defining achievement is continuity. HopeDiary devotionals, quarterly meetings and background cause-work have continued without a break since July 2017.

FROM SCALING TO MATURITY

The 2022–2026 Scaling Plan, formulated at Little Acre, describes three organisational stages: startup, scaling and maturity. Hope Journey now stands at the final stage of scaling. Three tests mark the road ahead: building beyond personalities, making systems work, and establishing clear paths, principles and culture.

Maturity should not be declared simply because the Community turns ten. It should be evidenced by our ability to deliver excellent work consistently, train replacements, maintain financial accountability and remain faithful to our purpose even when key personalities are absent.

WHAT HAS PROGRESSED

- Programme volume has expanded, most visibly in HopeBags.
- Recurring activities and meetings have been maintained across multiple years.
- Cause leads increasingly carry identifiable operational responsibilities.
- Field activity combines evangelism, education, health, food and material support.

WHAT REMAINS UNFINISHED

- Documented succession for key coordinators and cause leads.
- Reliable reporting of planned versus actual beneficiary numbers.
- An annual consolidated financial statement and programme-level reconciliation.
- Repeatable logistics, volunteer assignment and risk management.
- A formal process for preserving lessons and training new leaders.

CHALLENGE	WHY IT MATTERS	OUR RESPONSE
Transport and volunteer coordination	Late changes disrupt field delivery	Confirm manifests, bus capacity and standby personnel in advance
Uneven reporting	Targets can be mistaken for outcomes	Standardise attendance, distribution and cause reporting forms
Dependence on key people	Continuity weakens when leaders step aside	Deputies, handovers and succession plans
Funding concentration	Programme delivery becomes fragile	Diversify small recurring giving and improve reporting
Scope creep	Too many initiatives dilute execution	Set annual priorities and stage new projects

HOPE JOURNEY AT TEN

THE HOPE JOURNEY CENTER

As our tenth anniversary approaches in 2027, we propose a legacy project: the Hope Journey Center. It is not three unrelated projects but one integrated intervention combining an ICT learning space, a library and a hub for Christian literature. The concept is to take an existing classroom and create a modern, cost-conscious learning environment that serves children and the wider community long after a single outreach day.

The Center should be a gift that keeps reproducing its value: digital literacy skills, reading habits, access to constructive materials and an environment in which learning can continue. It is not intended for the glorification of individuals, but to solve a real problem and, above all, to glorify God.

DELIVERY PHASES

- **Discovery** — identify the partner school, inspect the classroom, agree on access and define local needs.
- **Design** — a practical layout, equipment schedule, connectivity and power plan, maintenance model and safeguarding arrangements.
- **Mobilisation** — secure partners, cash and in-kind equipment with clear accountability.
- **Implementation** — refurbish the room, deploy ICT equipment and establish a curated library.
- **Operations** — appoint custodians, train local facilitators, publish usage rules and monitor use.

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Functional after six and twelve months.
- Accountable local ownership.
- Scheduled access for learners.
- Working, maintained equipment.
- Users protected and safeguarded.
- Evidence of sustained learning activity, measured against a baseline agreed before launch.



LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 & 2027

The Gathering — 31 October 2026, Aburi
Under the theme *Reflecting on Our Journey, Preparing for Greater Impact*, The Gathering is a working forum rather than a ceremonial recap: a 2025–2026 review, Christmas Missions overview, team-lead presentations on mentoring, Five Loaves, transport and St Luke's, a keynote from the Chair of Trustees, and clear decisions with owners and deadlines.

Christmas Missions 2026
The December 2026 programme is being developed around the Tiokrom, Siaw, Lamptey and Maame Dede cluster near Asuaba. Early planning identified a school population of about 350 and a broader outreach target of approximately 600, with HopeBags, DorcasBox, Five Loaves, mentoring, healthcare and logistics all in view. Three hundred new 32 cm HopeBags have been shipped and are awaiting arrival in Ghana.

Strategic Priorities for 2027

- **Institutional continuity** — succession pathways, deputy roles, annual handovers and a shared operational archive.
- **Programme excellence** — measurable standards for each cause and an after-action report for every major outreach.
- **Financial resilience** — an annual budget, programme cost centres, recurring donor stewardship and clear reconciliations.
- **The Hope Journey Center** — complete feasibility and partnerships, agree the scope, and deliver only against funded milestones.
- **Volunteer formation** — an onboarding, training, safeguarding and leadership development pathway.
- **Mission and discipleship** — protect evangelism, Bible engagement, prayer and follow-up as central, not peripheral, to our work.

A COMMUNITY BUILT TO OUTLAST ITS FOUNDERS

Hope Journey has made meaningful progress: a decade-long rhythm of service is within reach; our field operations have expanded; and our causes increasingly represent a holistic expression of Christian mission. Yet the most important question is no longer simply how much the Community can do. It is whether what has been built can endure, improve and reproduce itself.

Our motto, "Think Missions," remains the organising conviction. It reminds us that we are not an NGO, but a Christian community committed to preaching the Gospel through altruistic causes. Every outreach, every act of compassion, every smile shared is part of a larger mission: to live out the Gospel through love and service.

The tenth anniversary should therefore be both a celebration and a test of stewardship. If Hope Journey builds sound systems, develops future leaders, maintains a clear Gospel purpose and executes the Hope Journey Center responsibly, it can enter its next decade with more than memories of successful events. It can enter with an institution capable of continuing the work. **Think Missions.**



THE CORE VALUES

1. We are going for it and we will set aggressive goals to the Glory of God; We are all on the adventure together.
2. We don't settle for anything less than excellence in every team in Hope Journey, and we have the self-honesty to admit when we are wrong and the courage to change.
3. We build causes and projects that will be an example of Christ's Love; We are here to make a positive difference in society, as well as push the Gospel of Christ to the people in far to reach communities.







4. Each person in this organization is important; each has the opportunity and the obligation to make a difference; We are all on this mission of winning souls for Christ through show of love together, win, or lose.

5. We are creative; but we will stay Biblical so we don't go overboard.

THE CORE VALUES

6. We believe in saying NO to thousands of projects so that we can really focus on the few that are truly important and meaningful to the Great Commission.

7. We believe Salvation is by Grace Alone through Faith in Christ for God's Glory according to scripture; We want to create an environment in which Volunteers and Beneficiaries rely totally on The Holy Spirit.







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SONG

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice
Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our king, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
  Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
  Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
  And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

ANTHEM

We are Hope Journey

Verse 1:
C G
We are Hope Journey, a group of loved people,
Am F
doing the mandate of our King.
C G
Soul winning, discipleship is our hope desires.

Chorus:
Am F
Our King taught us to pray, love and share His word.

G Em
Therefore I will pray, love and share His words.
C G
Therefore I will pray, love and share His words.

Jonathan Owusu, 2024



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