



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA AKUAPEM PRESBYTERY

(A Citadel of Presbyterianism)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is George Kwapong, an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana with a little over twenty years' experience as a Minister of the gospel. I currently serve as the Chairperson of a Presbytery, called the Akuapem Presbytery. In some jurisdictions that is an equivalent of a Presbytery Moderator or Bishop of a Diocese.

Akuapem is one of the beautiful areas that tourists visit year by year because of its scenery, historic sites, nature, great weather, and hospitable people. It is located in the south-eastern portion of the Eastern Region of Ghana. Akuapem is situated between longitudes 0°15 W and 0°00 and latitudes 5°45 and 6°00 N and it is about 23km from the nation's capital, Accra where international airport is.

This area was referred to as the "Hill Country" by the Danes in their earlier contacts with the people in the 17th century. And they are right in describing it so because the height of the ridge ranges between 1,250ft (381m) and 1,642ft (500m) above sea level. There are seventeen main towns that form the Akuapem traditional area, of course, with some villages.

However, for the past century, there have been series of chieftaincy disputes in the area with the last major one occurring in 1994. The 1994 clashes left to the death of some people and the injuries of several others without even talking about material losses. It took twenty solid years before stakeholders like churches, the government, and some prominent citizens were able to bring reconciliation to the area.

Such disputes affect, economic, social and physical development of the area. As an indigene and a pastor working in the traditional area, with the assistance of my site team, I have taken it upon myself, as part of my Doctor of Ministry Program to research into the problem from the national archives of our country and also through interviews look at the instances of conflicts in the area, the causes, and may be the effects on the community and also to map out strategies to sustain the current reconciliation.

The main challenge of the project is finance, which the Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy has taken it upon herself to raise as much funds as possible to assist all the candidates. I write to appeal to you, your friends, family, your organization or whoever who appreciate human dignity to assist us. By this letter, I authorize Dr. Lundy to do so on my behalf.

May God bless you.

Yours faithfully,



George O. Kwapong

"... A City (Presbytery) Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hidden (Matt. 5:14b)

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