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Serving Christ Ministries (SCM) is faith-based evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical nourishment to suffering children, demonstrating God's love for them and improving their quality of life.

Serving Christ Ministries continues to expand operations in Belize and Ghana; thanks to the help from people such as yourself. We have firmly established the breakfast feeding program for needy children at three local schools in San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize. Dr. Gongora has expanded outreach there with numerous contacts and donations reaching to other Caribbean countries.

In Ghana, John Roberts and Dr. Anthony Akunzule continue to expand operations there, including partnering with two new churches and planning a micro-finance poultry project for implementation in the fall (see specifics below).



Second Year: Increasing our Service in San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize

Breakfast includes, eggs, beans, whole wheat bread, cup of whole milk and a banana. The kids enjoy it and on Monday morning they come in very very hungry. We are not open on weekends as most children are bussed to the school.

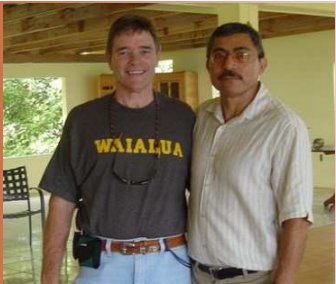
Special parties/birthdays are celebrated; (naturally, a request that originated with the children) Each month we celebrate the birthdays of the month with Mennonite oatmeal biscuits for all, with (2) to the birthday children in a Ziploc bag with a special name tag bearing their name.

The schools select the program participants and they have shared with us that they believe we are having some impact on the children's learning and specifically shared that one girl at Nazarene school has done well for the first time, passing her term exams. We are not without our challenges, and are looking for ways to expand not only our feeding but also our outreach to include meeting other needs such as counseling to some children in need. There is no shortage of need as you might imagine, prioritizing the work continues to be the main challenge. We have however paid the rent for the next 6 months, have a new refrigerator, and are in good shape to provide the service long term, which is our goal.

We have also been utilizing volunteers who come in for community service (school requirements) and they really enjoy the labor of love.

Serving Christ Ministries is committed to strengthening the local communities and churches. We demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by both sharing and intentionally partnering with local vendors, organizations, churches and schools to meet the local community needs as well as the needs of the children.

Our vision includes short term mission teams that will do both local community work as well as ministering to the children through projects such as "Vacation Bible School". Serving Christ Ministries exists to assist the church in doing what God has asked all of us to do. (Currently all the eggs, beans, bread, and fruit are locally grown and we are in negotiations with a local dairy for milk. We mix milk currently as it was the most cost effective. The goal is all local grown. Our location is only two blocks from the local farmers markets and daily we buy fresh fruit etc.)



"At a Glance"

- USA Corporate filing 2011: (501c3 IRS approved)
- 16 April 2012: Belize project opens, feeding 5 children from 3 schools - San Ignacio
- Belize Corp. est. May 2012
- 23 Oct. 2012: Scholarship program initiated-Ghana
- 13 Dec. 2012: Christmas celebration San Ignacio, now serving 28 children
- 1500 meals year's end 2012
- CY 2013 feeding 28 children/ day from three schools.
 - * St. Andrews
 - * Sacred heart
 - * Faith Nazarene
- Partnership established with (2) Ghana Churches 2013: St. James Church in Osu, Accra & Village Church in Yua, Ghana.
- MOU / partnership with non-profit in Ghana for micro-finance project for women and children; planned implementation fall of 2013.

Building Capacity in Ghana: Expansion of Operations

Ghana: Serving Christ Ministries (SCM) and Dr. Anthony Nosh Akunzule are partnering with two churches and additionally with a Ghanaian non-profit, organization, "Ghana Poultry Network" (GAPNET). As outlined in the original newsletter, our Serving Christ Ministries scholarship program continues to benefit Belinda: (*pictured below at right*) Belinda is the youngest of five children whose widowed mother is a subsistence farmer. Since the discovery of HIV/AIDS in Ghana in 1986, over 160,000 children have been orphaned losing one or both parents. Belinda attends a boarding school which is 4 hours away from her home by boat. SCM continues to help women and children such as Belinda building capacity to help others locally. Helping one, on the way to helping many.

In partnership with GAPNET, SCM is working toward November 2013 to provide the Asutsuare community Women's Development Society resources that will help women increase their family income and provide for their children and others. The beneficiaries of this project provide the feed, drinking and feeding troughs and SCM & GAPNET provide poultry, veterinary drugs, supervision, training & technical assistance etc. to establish the working business. Providing eggs/meat to local children.

Cost Estimates for providing one beneficiary with 50 layer birds

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price; Ghana Cedis	Total, GH¢	USD
Layer at Point of lay	layer	50	12	600	428.57
Wooden feeders: <i>provided by beneficiary</i>	pc	5	20	100	71.43
Plastic drinkers: <i>provided by beneficiary</i>	pc	5	30	150	107.14
Laying nest	pc	5	30	150	107.14
Poultry Feed, Chick grower	bags	30	36	1080	771.43
Veterinary drugs			200	200	142.86
Transport of layers to beneficiary	lumpsum		200	200	142.86
Veterinary supervision	month	12	80	960	685.71
Training of beneficiary in Poultry health	no	5	200	1000	714.29
Technical assistance in Poultry house construction and costs of materials	lumpsum	1	800	1000	714.29
					3885.71
Total in Cedis				5440	
Total in US Dollars				3885.714	

Cost estimates is for 50 layer birds for any beneficiary, either an orphanage or an individual woman. An example could be in the Mother of Mercy in Sirigu, of which has been given detailed information.



St. James Church
Osu, Accra, Ghana



Partnership with local organizations is essential to any capacity building effort. SCM, St. James Church in Osu, Accra, and the village church in Yua, are establishing such a partnership. SCM is helping these churches meet some of their own physical needs so the church in turn



can continue to help others locally. This partnership provides SCM the conduit to be accepted locally thus help children and their families. (at right)

(Isa 6:8) Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, "Here am I, send me."



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DONATIONS: Keeping overhead low, ensuring maximum funding to projects; cash or checks can be mailed to the PO Box in Tuttle, Oklahoma. No Board Members receive compensation - only the cook in Belize is paid a salary; all other funds go to direct project activities.

President: John E. Roberts: -