



# The Handbook

This document contains an overview of THE HOPE JOURNEY.

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The purpose of this booklet is to give a self-orientation on everything Hope Journey, and also be a guide for Hope Journey Associates (members), Patrons and Associates.

Mission:

Winning Souls for Christ through a show of Love

MOTTO

“Let them Smile”

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- A. Spread the word of God.
- B. Put a smile on someone's face by restoration of hope in their lives.
- C. Making disciples of Christ in unreached places.
- D. Be a platform where young Christians can work on small projects that will create a big impact for God's glory.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

*-Matthew 28:19-20*

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“What part of GO don’t you understand?” ~Paul Washer

“To do great things, to really learn, you can’t shout suggestions from the rooftop then move on while someone else does the work. You have to get your hands dirty. You have to care about every step, lovingly craft every detail. You have to be there when it falls apart so you can put it back together”. ~ Tony Fadell

# Introduction

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

The purpose of the Hope Journey is to build causes 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.

## **Hope Journey, is an online community.**

Hope Journey is an online community of Christians who share the word of God through our devotional, online conference meetings and podcasts (NarrowWay Live Sessions, The Catechism Podcast and HopeDiary. We also raise funds for our projects through online campaigns across social media platforms; We leverage on the the common grace God has provided through online tools for our daily operations.

Hope Journey also prioritizes evangelism, soul winning and discipling of new converts. We spread the Gospel of Christ to people who have not heard about Christ through our mentorship sessions, Evangelism 101, Catechism Podcast and NarrowWay Live Sessions.

We organise evangelistic exercises like Xmas with a Village, Free bibles July and House to House where the gospel is shared through charity in hard-to-reach communities.

## **Hope Journey, Intersection of Christian Missions and Charity.**

Hope Journey looks at helping the needy in society by creating intervention programs like the Bece Starterpack, and the Free School bag project (Hope Bags). The programs become platforms where young Christians can work on small projects that will create a big impact for God's glory. Charity has always been a vehicle used in pushing Christian missions forward, it is used to solve important problems in communities and also be an example of God's love for people in deprived communities.

## Our Culture and Traditions

Hope Journey is a 'counter-culture' organization. Our values and norms of behaviour differ substantially from those of mainstream Christian youth organizations and groups. We operate 100% online; since 2017, we have relied on the common grace the Lord has provided through the internet to do our operational work and this is very different from the average mainstream Christian youth organisational style.

We are very youthful but conservative in our beliefs, we put premium on our execution of projects based on scripture and biblical principles. It is very evident in the Hope diary for example. It's more scriptural-based. And also our events outlook has a set of values opposed to or at variance with the prevailing social norm for youth groups which are mostly focused on what is hip and fun at the moment.

We have a culture of using iteration methodology to solve problems where the new version of any project we have is supposed to be an improvement on the previous.

Hope Journey is non-denominational, it is not affiliated to any particular church and Hope Journey believes in the sweet fellowship of inter-denominations.

## **Causes**

These are impactful projects by Hope Journey, through which Hope Journey executes its mission. These causes become programs which offer platforms for young Christians can work on small projects that will create a big impact for God's glory.

1. Evangelism 101 (Missions 101)
2. House-to-House Evangelism
3. Bece StarterPack
4. Xmas with a Village
5. HopeBags
6. DorcasBox
7. Mentoring Sessions
8. NarrowWay Live Sessions
9. The Catechism Podcast
10. Five Loaves (food project).

## **Evangelism 101 (Missions 101) - Event**

Hope Journey's gathering is where you meet all those who love and care about Hope Journey's mission, attendees are shown what Hope Journey has been up to during the course of the year and we listen to talks on Christian missions, Charity and rural community development. There is also a breakout Session where attendees break into groups based on causes they resonate with and would want to participate in during the Christmas Event or the course of the year. We organise this event to meet, plan and also train each other on issues related to Christian missions and Christian Charities.

## **House-to-House Evangelism - Event/Cause**

This is the most important event (cause) on Hope Journey's calendar, it is a house-to-house, church-to-church distribution of free Holy Bibles; witnessing to unbelievers and backsliding believers is also done during this Event. We preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to people we will meet and introduce them to Christ.

## **Bece StarterPack - Cause/Event**

This Event is organized by Hope Journey to boost the morale of BECE candidates living in deprived communities. Talks are given, and Mathematical sets and other examination materials are donated during the event. The main aim is to help prepare these candidates and also motivate them as they are about to write their first critical examination.

## **The Christmas Event (Xmas with a Village) - Event**

This is a grand event by Hope Journey in the selected village for the year to announce our presence, a service is organized (when the circumstances are in order); other mini or small projects come together to form this great event; Mentoring Session, Hope Bags Project School Backpack distribution, Free Health Screening, Dorcabox Clothing Project, The Five loaves Project (Food Stand),

Hope Journey mentoring Session is organised to encourage pupils to stay in school and the gospel is presented to them, free school bags from the Hope Bags Project is given to them as Christmas present and free health screening is organised for the Adults, free clothes (Dorcasboxes distributed), There is food stand ( five loaves project), House to House Evangelism is organised (when the circumstances deem it fit), Hope Journey associates and friends get to interact with people living in hard to reach communities or deprived communities.

## **Hope Bags - Cause**

This is a Hope Journey flagship project, it is organised to raise funds using a crowdfunding method to support the entire Christmas Event (Xmas with a village project), backpacks are donated by Hope Journey's friends on social media. The bag contains learning materials and a bible. The purpose of this project is to be the best Christmas gift a child in a deprived community would receive, to make them feel loved and also to motivate them to stay in school so that someday they will become responsible



adults.

## **Membership**

There are three types of members of Hope Journey.

1. Associates
2. Friend of Hope Journey
3. Patrons

### **Associate**

A volunteer who may donate monthly to support Hope Journey's causes and also attends Hope Journey events, helping organize Hope Journey events. A person becomes an associate after being a good friend of Hope Journey and has received recommendations from the Hope Journey Board and at least 5 Associates.

### **Friend of Hope Journey**

A friend of Hope Journey attends Hope Journey events, promotes Hope Journey online on various social media platforms and may donate during a hope journey crowdfund campaign.

### **Patron**

A volunteer above 35 years, who loves Hope Journey and contributes ideas and advice to support Hope Journey's mission, may also support Hope Journey with funds and endorsements. A patron is invited via a letter.

## Teams

In order for the smooth running of Hope Journey and its operations, Hope Journey works in teams which execute specific daily activities, projects and causes which come together to be the Hope Journey organisation.

1. Stationery Team
2. Health Team
3. Evangelism and Missions
4. Transport and Logistics
5. Ads and Social media accounts team
6. HopeDiary Team
7. Hope Bags Team
8. Dorcasbox Team
9. NarrowWay Live Session Team

## Leadership

Breakdown of Roles

### **Digital Community Manager, & Ads Team Lead**

- Leads Ads Campaigns
- Manages community announcements and updates
- Oversees public relations and correspondence.

### **On-field Project Operations Lead**

- Leads the scouting for new villages or destinations: Oversees the identification and selection of new project locations
- Handles coordination and Synergy of the various teams when we get to the field.
- Oversee the work of the various ad-hoc teams formed for field-based initiatives.

### **Dorcasbox Team lead**

- Works closely with Transportation and Logistics lead to making sure the clothes are collected on time.
- Organize the clothes-sorting event
- Directs the clothes distribution team on the field

### **Health Team Lead**

- Assembles, Directs, and Coordinate the work of the health team
- Organise the Annual Health screening project
- Supervise and deliver reports from health screening project

### **The Coordinator**

- Daily administrative work of Hope Journey
- liaison between the Trustees Board and the team leads
- Keep the vision, mission, and objectives of the organization running

### **Printables, Merch, and Stationery Team Lead**

- Handles all stationery-related procurement issues for Bece Starterpack, Xmas in a Village, and other Training programs
- Handles production of Hope Journey swags/ merch for new volunteers, and sales to old members
- Directs and supervises the team during the packing of books on the field at Xmas in a village event.

### **Education and Related Causes Lead**

- Directs and Supervise the Bece Starterpack Team to plan and execute the project.
- Works closely with Stationery team lead to procuring stationery for Xmas Event.
- Works Closely with the Head of Missions to organize Mentoring Sessions at the Xmas Event

### **Hope Diary Lead**

- Draw the Diary schedule/roaster
- Updating the Diary Team roaster
- Encouraging and Reminding Diary team members every Saturday/Sunday to prepare for the coming week

### **Missions and Related Causes Lead**

- Works closely with Diary Team lead to make sure, the content being delivered via the hope diary is doctrinal and biblical.
- Organise the Evangelism 101 Seminar, House to House Evangelism and other related causes like the podcasts.
- Works closely with Education Team lead to organize Mentoring Sessions

### **Transportation and Logistics Lead**

- Organising and planning transport arrangements for every Hope Journey Event.
- Organising and making logistics procurements and movements for Hope Journey Events

### **Internal affairs & Welfare issues**

- Responsible for the care and well-being of associates and volunteers; Checking up on inactive members, etc
- Mobilise members to show up at life events of members; weddings, parent funerals, outdooing of newborn babies, birthdays, etc
- Make arrangements for food and other related issues at events.

## **Statement of Faith**

The Hope Journey upholds the truths of Christianity as revealed by God in Holy Scripture including:

- A. The unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- B. The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, revelation redemption and final judgment.
- C. The divine inspiration and the entire trustworthiness and unity of Holy Scripture and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- D. The sinfulness and guilt of all people since the Fall rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- E. Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin solely through the sacrificial death, as our representative and substitute, of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. · The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and His ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
- F. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- G. The justification of the sinner by the grace of God through faith in Christ alone.
- H. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- I. The one holy, universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.

J. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Financial Principles

*“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.”*

“The Hope Journey, the Way Forward” Presented by Isaac Kwame Owusu at 2019 Evangelism 101  
(Introductory Message, The Hope Journey Keynotes, 2019, pp. 9-10).

1. **Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer.** We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks that the Lord has laid on our hearts to do, but we may not raise support through 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.

2. **We will never enlarge or sustain this ministry by contracting debts.** This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer and God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
3. **We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies;** but will use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources in order that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
4. **The staff that will be employed in this ministry and the missionaries (volunteers) we will send on the field are worthy of their labour.** They should be afforded that which is required to live with dignity and to demonstrate that the Lord is gracious to supply the needs of His servants. To neglect their welfare would give excuse for the ungodly to bring unjust accusations against the Lord, that He is either uncaring or unable to meet the needs of His servants. However, those whom this ministry supports shall not be given so much as to waste the Lord's resources, acquire luxury, or live above those who so graciously give to the Lord's work. To seek wealth, luxury, or ease of life in the ministry is to deny the call.
5. **We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given or people supported.** Rather, we will judge our usefulness to the Kingdom by our faithfulness to the Scriptures in doctrine and practice.
6. **Our Goal is not to enlarge ourselves** or to become a key figure in the Great Commission but to be faithful and obedient stewards according to the grace that is given to us.

\* These financial principles are based in part upon "The Principles of the Institution," established by George Muller to govern the activities of the Bristol orphanages (*The Autobiography of George Muller*, Whitaker House, 1984, pp. 59-61)

## Hope Journey Core Values

Hope Journey as an Organisation values: Core Values 2020

Below you can find the original Hope Journey's core values: We believe that we're on the face of the Earth to **Disciple People for Christ** not for

any particular denomination.

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.
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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