

## CEDARS OF LEBANON



**Cedars of Lebanon formerly known as The Chakali Movement is a Christian group made up of young university students and graduates aimed at reaching out to people with the Word of God whilst bringing about social change.**

In 2017, two alumni of the Livingstone School of Missions (LSM), a ministry of Oneway Africa felt called and challenged to reach out to the Chakali people, an unreached people group in Ghana, located at the east of Wa, Upper West Region. The zeal and passion of our brethren had a rippling effect on friends, then a network of friends were persuaded to unite and fulfill this mammoth task of soul winning and discipleship, hence, the movement.

On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the movement was launched on WhatsApp to marshal plans in evangelizing and spreading the love of Christ amongst the Chakalis. In a time of prayer, sometime in September 2017, a great vision was borne in the heart of one of the members inspired by Psalm 92:12. The resonance of the scripture in the heart of our sister propelled her to research about the Cedar plant in Lebanon. She shared with the team and it was a glorious thought to raise Christians who would grow and whose lives would be an epitome of the attributes of the Cedar plant. This brought the name, "Cedars of Lebanon". Cedars of Lebanon marked its debut on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2019 on social media platforms.

No one ever thought that a one-time decision to engage an unreached people group would translate into a lifelong commitment.

Cedars of Lebanon has the vision to be an excellent global organization dedicated to transforming society through Jesus Christ with the mission of proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ to a perishing world, equipping and edifying disciples through the word of God whilst bringing development in every aspect

of the lives of God's people. A number of core values play in our operations but our five main pillars are love: giving, unity, purity, prayer, and missions.

The movement rolled out a mentoring programme to equip team members in areas such as salvation, leadership, godly relationship, character-building among others in order to fulfill what Paul admonished his spiritual son, Timothy, in 1 Tim 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this **thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee**". Like Timothy, salvation, walking in sound doctrine and continuity in the faith as well as spreading the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ has been the drive.

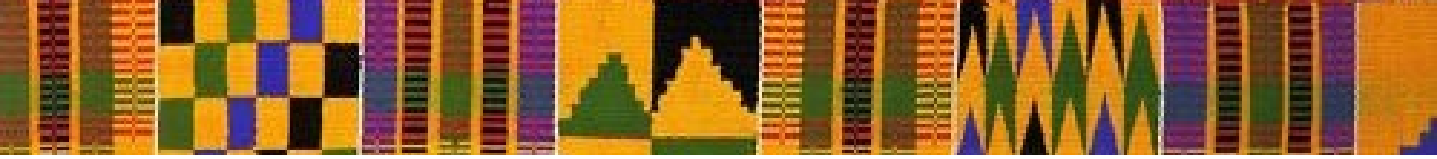
With the help of Mrs. Georgina Croffet and Rev. Ray Mensah as lead mentors of the team, an easy-going and comprehensive module for all mentors was designed to guide the mentoring process. Other mentors were recruited for the programme with each member choosing a mentor from whom he or she will learn and glean from. The end goal was that mentees will be disciplined to conform to the nature and disposition of Christ who is the paradigm of the Christian faith.

**Cedars of Lebanon has the vision to be an excellent global organization dedicated to transforming society through Jesus Christ ...**

From its inception, members have been equipped and edified through Personal Development Programs with Pastors, Missionaries, and Leaders of organizations. The movement has sent and is supporting one member as a field Missionary to the Chakali people. Also, there have been five mission trips by the movement, four to the Chakali land and one to Zamashegu and Gushegu in

the Northern Region. These trips have been characterized by prayer walks, house to house evangelism, Jesus film campaigns, Christmas parties, and so on.

The challenges have been funding as the movement looks forward to starting the building of a mission and literacy center in the Chakali land. There is also a great need for Bibles in English and the local dia-



lect which will help in discipleship. Transportation and provision of materials toward a major visit to the land sometimes prove cumbersome. Over time, the movement has resorted to soliciting funds through various means such as tally cards, friends and families, individuals as well as circulating envelopes. It has been tough for the team considering how difficult fundraising could be, especially in these economic downturns.

In all the happenings, the Great Lord has proved to be a Great Provider.

*You may contact us on +233 550847755/0549 531202/0546457050/0244688947 for more information.*