



KORLE-BU COMMUNITY CHAPEL- A GOOD EXAMPLE

In 1967, a team of hungry born-again Christians in Accra made the decision to edify and equip the Christian to mature into the fullness of the stature of our Lord Jesus Christ. They had become more dissatisfied with the preaching and teaching that had little spiritual nourishment. With a fortitude to live out their faith according to the word of God, they started house fellowships which later resulted in a church that accommodated students, professionals and expatriates.

It was the resilience of 8 people who were so passionate and dedicated to see the word of truth rightly divided that brought a revival. These zealous believers who had been meeting in the house of John Agama, a police officer formed the Ghana Evangelical Christian Fellowship (G.E.C.F.) early in 1967 to spearhead a spiritual renewal in the country. These were the believers, Felix Konotey-Ahulu (a physician with the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital at the time), William Ofori-Atta (an eminent lawyer/politician, and a member of the famous Big Six, who was converted in prison under Kwame Nkrumah's rule), George Anim-Addo (Secretary), Isaac Ababio (a freelance evangelist), Joe Yawson (an accountant and treasurer of (G.E.C.F), Samuel Edwin Tandoh (a meteorologist) and Gottfried Osei-Mensah (a chemical engineer working with Mobil Oil Company at the time) who were the first committee members.

What started from the living room of Felix Konotey-Ahulu later went to the Nurses Training College at Korle-Bu and finally a church building and branches when the membership increased. They listened to tapes of Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones of Westminster Church in London on Saturday for edification and had their Thursday evenings prayers in rotation amongst members. There was open-air evangelistic preachings on Saturdays and /or Sundays at Bukom square to send the Good News to the door step of all who have not heard. Weekly Bible studies were held in various homes and an Evangelical Library was run from the home of Felix Konotey-Ahulu. There was a sense of togetherness among members.

The Korle-Bu Community Chapel (KBCC0 is evangelical and for the past 50 years, it has contributed greatly to evangelicalism. It has been a disciple-making and Bible-teaching church. True to evangelism, unbelievers surrendered to the Lord, Christians were challenged and encouraged and backsliders were restored. Members evangelized to people in and around Korle-Bu to win new souls for Christ. With a missions' committee set up, they were able to oversee the efforts of evangelism which helped in expanding evangelism to distant and remote parts of the country. The church has a month designated as Mission month and makes special effort during the month to contribute money to enhance its mission fund. A fraction of the church's mission fund and donations from members go into transporting, feeding and housing teams which go out for missions while most of it is given to other Christian Organisations.

At its inception, it was known as Church of God at Korle-Bu. It was then named Accra Chapel and now Korle-Bu Community Chapel. Through its mission fund, KBCC has each year supported many para-church organizations and mission agencies in their missionary efforts.

Why should the Church in Ghana not follow Korle-Bu Community Chapel's example?

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