

The King's Village



The King's Village is a Christian-based International Development Project in Northern

Ghana. Based in the Tolon-Kumbungu District, it serves one of the poorest areas in Ghana, with local people earning on average less than 50 pence a day.

The project is being developed to make a real and lasting difference to some of the most disadvantaged people groups in the world. Adopting an integrated development approach, the King's Village simultaneously addresses several root causes of disadvantage—namely lack of health care, clean water, education and training.



Medical Care

The King's Village Medical Centre recently celebrated the end of its first year of operation – an event which made the national news in Ghana! Over 13,000 cases have been attended to during this period - a caseload which reflects the fact that the King's Village Medical Centre is the only facility with a doctor amongst a population of over 150,000.



Every patient surveyed has described themselves as satisfied or very satisfied with the care they have received. Excitingly, the Government of Ghana are rapidly recognising the Medical Centre as an excellent facility, pledging to take over funding the salaries of medical staff much earlier than expected, and recently awarding it registration with the Board of Private Hospitals and Maternity Homes.

The Medical Centre is also in the process of being fast-tracked for registration with the Government's new National Health Insurance Scheme. Once this is achieved, all registered patients and all pupils at the King's School Ghana will be eligible to receive free medical care through the Medical Centre, paid for by the government. Registration costs 50 pence per child, per year – if you would like to pay for some of the

poorest of the poor to register with the scheme and receive ongoing free medical care, please contact the office on 0115 947 4038.

Water and Sanitation

Plans are currently being finalised for the third phase of the Water and Sanitation Project, due to take place in October of this year. In partnership with the British Army, World Vision and St. Dunstan's, the King's Village plan to spend 10 weeks drilling bore holes, helping communities to construct their own latrines, and delivering hygiene education.

Communities requesting help through the project are prioritised according to their population and the prevalence of guinea worm, trachoma and other water-related diseases amongst the people.



school to gather as a whole, as well as a workshop where design technology will be taught.

Vocational Training

Martin Jeffs from charity Change 4 Change recently travelled to the King's Village to help the project to explore how it could best assist economic development in the region. Already a small-scale micro-finance initiative operates to help people establish their own businesses, and adult literacy classes take place at the school. Plans to extend the micro-finance and business support, and to develop vocational training opportunities, are currently being drawn up.

Other news

During their recent visit, Jamie Fyleman and Martin Jeffs were able to pray for a young man who had completely lost his hearing. Jamie received a phone call the next day informing

The King's International Christian Centre, based on the King's Village site, continues to plant churches and see many coming to faith in the district.

him that the young man had been completely healed and recovered his hearing in full! The grace of God is clearly at work over the project, and its growth and success in recent years is testimony to God's power and favour.



Education

The King's School Ghana currently educates over 160 primary school pupils. The quality of the education offered means that demand for places far outstrips their availability. Selection criteria are having to be drawn up to ensure that the selection of children for the places available is fair.

Teachers at the School are currently being trained in IT, ready to teach the pupils basic computer skills in the near future. An assembly hall is also being constructed to allow the