



PPRC Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Ghana, where we continue to make good progress. As Advent and Christmas approach, life has been busy, especially with our efforts to strengthen community livelihoods and develop a sustainable organic farm.

Your generosity continues to restore dignity to people that society often overlooks. We see this clearly in Enyinndakurom, where livelihood projects are advancing despite some challenges. Your support also enables us to provide essential supplies, mobility aids, and rehabilitation services, which remain central to our work.

We are placing greater emphasis on resource mobilisation to ensure the long-term continuity of our services. This includes securing the human, financial, and material resources needed to sustain our core mission.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all friends, supporters, and benefactors. Your kindness brings hope and dignity to people affected by leprosy in Ghana. On behalf of the Board, Management, and all those we serve,

we wish you and your families a joyful, peaceful Christmas.

“Afehyia Paa ‘is’ Afe nko mmeto yen bio.” Which means “May the year go and meet us again.

Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mark Mantey, CEO



Irish Friends, NSP & PPRC Staff



PPRC Staff welcome New Interns & NSP



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Anita’s Project – Official Handover



Anita Project Blessing by Fr. Daniel

1. Livelihood Projects

Anita’s livelihood project in Twifu Aboaboa has been launched. PPRC staff recently did the official handover, and Fr. Daniel blessed the project. We are pleased with the progress and hope it strengthens her future. A designated staff member will continue supporting all livelihood initiatives.



Enyinnda Residents preparing food for sale

The Enyinndakurom livelihood projects are progressing at various speeds:

1. **Ellen Saye** received GHS 460 for detergent and charcoal; she has GHS 300 remaining and continues trading
2. **Juliana Akrofi-Bea** used her GHS 500 start-up for school-bag trading, later shifting to cooked food; her business remains active
3. **Hannah Assan** invested GHS 500 in preparing and selling *acheke* (fermented cassava) and is making some profit
4. **Mary Anibila** received GHS 300 for palm kernel oil production; early success was followed by low sales, but she hopes to restart.



Grandson & Grandmother, Enyinnda

2. Enyinndakurom Village

Our core mission in Enyinndakurom is to provide consistent, high-quality community care and rehabilitation for leprosy survivors who are socially and economically vulnerable.

Daily activities include wound dressing, health education, monitoring of vital signs, home visits, therapeutic exercises,

culture-group rehearsals, ICT classes, community meetings, rosary prayers, and hospital visits. We also work to keep the village clean, safe, and welcoming.

The residents appear happier due to the regular presence of PPRC staff. Recently, we also distributed soap, water, and five kilos of rice to all residents.



Enyinnda Children having fun



Solomon & Family in Enyinnda

The Ankaful Leprosy Hospital recently referred 32-year-old Solomon Akeley Tetteh to us for rehabilitation, including accommodation, nutrition, and treatment management.

We are also working with his family to help him regain independence. He is making progress. This is a reminder that leprosy still exists and that continued care and rehabilitation remain essential. We are reorganising our staffing in Enyinnda, which will strengthen our team and help improve our service delivery.

Enyinndakurom children will join St Elizabeth’s for our Christmas program. The young people and our team are planning a program of lessons and carols, and we are all looking forward to an evening of joy and fun.

3. St. Elizabeth’s Day-Care

Six special-needs young adults are training twice weekly in our bakery project, producing about 80 loaves per session for sale to St Clare’s and the wider compound. As their skills grow, we hope the project will become fully sustainable. Hibiscus drink training also continues weekly, with 50–100 bottles produced each session.



St. Elizabeth’s Beadwork

Two young adults will receive Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. Valentine Kofi has been nominated for the environmental award for his dedication to keeping the compound clean.

We are expanding the use of music therapy. Amy McNamara, a community music facilitator from Ireland, spent time with us in November, supporting drumming, dance, and singing activities. Amy wrote a nice note on her recent visit, and this will be included in our next newsletter.



St. Elizabeth’s Music Therapy Session



St. Elizabeth’s – Outdoor Activities



St. Elizabeth's Football

holistic care in a safe and loving environment. The staff work tirelessly, monitoring vital signs, giving medication, dressing wounds, arranging hospital visits, and keeping the facility clean. Their daily reports show the dedication they bring to their work.

We have a strong team, including four six-month interns from the University of Education, Winneba, who bring energy and warmth to the home. We also hosted three Mental Health Nurses for two weeks as part of their clinical training, a partnership with UCC that strengthens the quality of our care.



Interns, Music Therapist, & NNS visit to the Archbishop



Seth Agbota - St Clare's Resident



St. Elizabeth's Beadwork

4. St. Clare's Nursing Home

We care for elderly, handicapped leprosy survivors who require specialised care. Our mission is to provide high-quality,

5. St. Joseph's Outreach

Most of our outreach clients are doing well. Kojo Gabriel has finished Senior High School and is awaiting his results. He is supporting his family and has started teaching Technology & Creative Arts at the local school, a wonderful achievement. We may be seeking a sponsor for his tertiary education. We also visited outreach clients in the Western Region to arrange educational support.

The quads are all doing well, and the three girls have begun nursing training. Any assistance for their continued education would be greatly appreciated.

Ladies Association Cape Coast, and the Damela Foundation, and valued regular supporters such as Grace Foundation, Hindu Community, Dr Sarpong and Family, Cape Coast Technical University, and Mr and Mrs Abraham. These donations have been vital in sustaining the centre. We are deeply grateful.



Madam Oforiwaa focused on her knitting



Hindu Community Donation



MoBA Donation



Damela Foundation Donation

6. Donations

We sincerely thank everyone for their generous cash and in-kind donations over the past few months. The strong support for our vulnerable clients has been truly encouraging. In-kind donations totalled GHS 47,673 (~£3,236), with contributions from both new donors, including the Mfantshipim Old Boys Association (MoBA) 1980 group, SSNIT

7. Fundraising

Ensuring financial sustainability is a key priority. Archbishop Palmer-Buckle and his council are now actively supporting broader fundraising across the Archdiocese. As part of this fundraising initiative, seven PPRC staff visited Dunkwa-On-Offin to launch the campaign at St. Stephen's Church. The community,



led by Fr. Isaac Kwasi Amonoo, welcomed us warmly during the Feast of Christ the King. We shared information and distributed posters, leaflets, and our MoMo number—an encouraging start for our efforts.



Fundraising - St. Stephen's, Dunkwa

Our finances remain very tight, with 88% of funding still coming from the UK and Ireland, a situation that is not sustainable.

For donations in Ghana, our MoMo number is **MTN 0593141358** (Name: *Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre*).

For UK donations, please use:
<https://www.ahoto.org/support>

For other international donors, contributions can be made through the Irish Friends of Ahotokurom (IFoA). We also have specific projects for sponsorship; please contact us for details.

Irish Friends of Ahotokurom (IFoA)	
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Branch	University of Limerick
Sort Code (NSC)	90-59-50
Account No.	6638 9119
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BIC No.	IE31 BOFI
Charity No.	20149



Fundraising - St. Stephen's, Dunkwa

8. Resource Mobilisation:

A recent self-assessment highlighted key gaps, including the need for an effective Donor Management System (DMS), a crowdfunding program, and an up-to-date, user-friendly website with secure online and mobile money donation options. We urgently need support in these areas.

9. Visits / Visitors:

We are always happy to welcome supporters. The Jesuit community in Ghana recently sent Brother Francis Erzuah, SJ, for a six-week immersion experience. He joined team meetings, assisted with outreach and IT support for children in Enyinndakurom, and regularly visited St Clare's and St Elizabeth's. We are grateful for his contribution and his heartfelt reflection on the experience. These are his words: "This experience has not only enriched my academic and professional journey but has deepened my vocation as a Jesuit and a companion of hope. I leave with a heart full of gratitude, and I carry with me the stories, the laughter, the struggles, and the sacred silences of this place". Lisa, James, and Hannah from Ireland visited in October as part of the partnership between the University of Limerick, the University of Cape Coast, and PPRC, focusing on strengthening music therapy.



Staff from the Orthopaedics Training Centre in Nsawam used PPRC as their base during their Central Region visit, enabling clients to receive orthopaedic care in their own community.



Jesuit Visitors

We also welcomed the Archbishop to the farm. His continued support, including food supplies and assistance for interns and service personnel, remains a great encouragement.

10. PPRC Staff

We continue to train our staff and volunteers in fundraising and donor relations, while the management team is pursuing ongoing leadership and management development training.



Interns



The Archbishop visiting the Farm



Interns & NSP



Blessing the farm workers

A key strategic priority is upgrading staff skills and strengthening our policies, processes, and procedures; "doing the right things right!"

Sixteen interns from Kwadaso Agricultural College joined us in July, and we're pleased to have their help as we strive to expand organic food production under the 'Feed Ghana' programme.

11. Water Supply Project

The public water system is increasingly unreliable and costly, with outages expected to worsen due to illegal mining. It cannot meet the needs of our vulnerable clients, so we urgently need to become independent of it. Our new borehole has sufficient throughput, pumping and storage capacity, but water quality issues prevent its use for drinking. To make it safe, we need to install Point-of-use/Reverse Osmosis (PoU/RO) units, a reliable, low-maintenance solution. The project involves procuring five POU/RO units and connecting them to the new borehole via the current water network. The estimated cost for equipment, plumbing, and labour is about £13,000 (€15,000).

12. Farm

Our organic farm is becoming well established in the local market, with strong community demand. While we may need some equipment support, we are confident the farm will soon generate significant profits.

The farm promotes sustainable agriculture and improves livelihoods by utilising fertile soils and a favourable climate for year-round production with minimal chemicals, reducing reliance on imported food.

After a slow start due to limited funding, we are steadily expanding, and we recently welcomed ten National Service Personnel (NSP) from Kwadaso Agricultural College. Our two-acre pineapple plantation with over 21,000 seedlings is thriving, with harvest expected in 14 months.



Day-Old Chickens

Women from local communities buy our produce daily for resale, demonstrating the project's positive impact. We support the national Feed Ghana Programme by supplying fresh organic produce, with particularly high demand for carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, and cabbage as we approach the Christmas season. Our poultry unit, with 115 layers and 100 broilers, will be ready in mid-December. From July to October 2025, the farm generated GHS 25,935 in revenue against GHS 13,571 in expenses.



Chickens on the Farm

Our biggest challenge is the unreliable water supply. We have completed a hand-dug well, installed additional storage and are seeking sponsorship for a 2-3-acre

irrigation system. We remain committed to building a sustainable agricultural initiative for PPRC and are grateful for all support.



Local Woman Buying Farm Produce



Tomatoes & Aubergines (Eggplant)



Farm Plots

13. Hostel

The Board of Directors has approved a new monthly rent rate for hostel rooms, effective January 2026. A team from PPRC

visited the hostel for a routine checkup, before the arrival of the next set of students. They cleaned and dusted the rooms and washed the floors. Two of the rooms need to be repainted, which will be done during the Christmas break. The income from the hostel is a blessing for the centre.



Lettuce from the Farm

14. Solar

Our solar power plant has continued to work well since August 2025 in spite of wet and cloudy weather. It still has some bad days due mainly to local electric grid issues. In March 2026, the plant will be seven years in operation, and we'll soon need to think about replacing the inverter, which has a projected life of 10 years.

15. Roads/Transport:

The good news is that our roads have gained some attention from the local communities in recent months. The bad news is that our minibus has been off the road for the past two months. Some of the parts needed were not available, so they had to be ordered

16. Governance

At our EGM in September 2025, Mr Nii Okpoti, a senior accountant, was elected to the PPRC Board. This was followed by a Board meeting where the directors



reviewed our strategic plan and fundraising brochure, and offered suggested improvements. The Board approved three priority goals:

- a. delivering sustainable, quality care
- b. strengthening fundraising
- c. reducing reliance on public water

The 2024 Annual Report, prepared by our auditor, Mr Ebenezer Agyei Addo, is now ready for our AGM on 11 December. The next Board meeting, on the same date, will review the 2026 budget proposal. We are deeply grateful for the Board's strong support, guidance, and commitment to accountability and progress.

17. Ghana's Financial Outlook

The financial outlook for Ghana has significantly improved. The annual inflation rate fell to a four-year low of 8% in October 2025, down from a high of 53% in early 2023. The outlook for 2026 is an inflation rate of 6-10%. Ghana's GDP growth is projected at ~4% for 2025 and expected to hit 4.8% by the end of 2026. The cedi has rallied ~28% against international currencies since April 2025 on the back of strong cocoa and gold prices.



Art Therapy – St. Elizabeth's

18. Volunteer Corner

Report from Sorcha Lyne: In January 2017, I travelled to Ghana with two fellow University of Limerick students to volunteer at PPRC for six months. At the

time, we had no idea what to expect or the impact those six months would have on us for the rest of our lives. Looking back almost 8 years later, it is clear now that my time at PPRC was a turning point for me, both in my personal and professional life.

Like so many other volunteers who travelled to PPRC, I returned to Ireland with a desire to work in areas of social justice and human rights. While I was studying psychology at the time, I knew from my time in Ghana that I wanted to change direction. I went on to study International Development Studies in Amsterdam and now work in a volunteer sending organisation in Dublin, where I get to work directly with students from University College Dublin who are about to embark on a journey similar to my own 8 years ago. It's a really rewarding job, seeing students return from projects around the world and knowing that it will have a hugely positive impact on them moving forward.

But my career is not the only part of my life that has been affected by my time with PPRC. The most important impact has been on me as a person; I learned to be more self-aware and compassionate, and my passion for global social justice began in Ghana. I think all volunteers can agree that you learn more from your time there than you could ever give to the local communities you are working with. I am so grateful to Mark, Gladys, the staff and children of PPRC who welcomed us into their community in 2017 - I am still learning and growing as a person as a result of that time!

19. Obituary:

We are saddened to report that a long-term staff member, Ms Lucy Lugu, has passed away. We are thankful to our colleagues in St Clare's who took care of her. May her soul rest in peace.

