

KOFORIDUA-EASTERN REGION, GHANA-WEST AFRICA

*Hello Dear Brethren, thank you and God richly bless you for all that you do for His Church and humanity.
In His service, Emmanuel*



In the above photo you see Ghanaian Customs looking through the food boxes that we shipped to the church of Christ in Koforidua, Ghana.

On August 9-10, 2018 a group of us met in Houston, TX and loaded four containers of humanitarian commodities that were shipped into Ukraine and Ghana. The container for Ghana held 166 pieces and all but five pallets of food boxes were school desks, tables and other furnishings.

The original recipient agreed to pay all shipping charges but after the container was loaded and shipped that agreement failed. I quickly emailed Emmanuel in Ghana. Emmanuel and I first met in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine where he is attending medical school. He is a dedicated servant of the Lord and immediately took an active role in the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation. He has also worked tirelessly with Gary Jerkins, Ron Swang and John Durham setting up the medical seminar conducted in March 2018 and scheduled for April 2019.

Emmanuel's congregation was asked if it would accept the container if we paid for the shipping expenses. They were very willing to do so (see below). We were left with covering the shipping expenses. Thus far, thankfully, \$1,000.00 of the \$3,850.00 expenses has been received.

Below is the email communication stream regarding this container's story. As you read through this I think you will appreciate the wonderful spirit of Emmanuel and your brothers and sisters in Koforidua, Ghana.

Here is the response when asked if the congregation would be willing to accept the container:

Hello dear Brethren, greetings from Ghana. Thank you for your wonderful message. It is the grace of God! The news of this container being possible for us is an answer to prayers. The Brethren in my congregation is ready to accept it and they are so much thankful and grateful on behalf of the entire congregation, for your immense support and Christ-like love.

Please record for the documents the Lord's Church is registered as Church of Christ, Ghana by Trustees for all Churches of Christ in Ghana. My congregation leaders are currently making inquiries on how they can receive it since this is the first time our congregation is about to receive humanitarian aids from abroad. I will receive a feedback from the leaders of my congregation in the next 48 hours but should it become necessary, my registered non-profit organization could receive it on behalf of my congregation.

The Church has a school from Pre-School to Junior High School which is in serious needs of resources (especially school chairs & tables, cabinets, etc). They run the school at very low tuition fees to help the needy among the Lord's Church children/wards and the community to have access to quality education and most importantly to nurture the children with the Good News (the Gospel). The school is in very difficult stage and in need of resources to help uplift its image and receive State certificate.

My organization, HELP MOTHERLAND GHANA (Registered NGO) have signed MOU with the church leaders this week to help seek for funding to upgrade their Pre-School to a Modern Pre-School, support basic school, and also introduce God-Centered Mentorship/Scholarship Program in the school, all in the effort to promote the Lord's Church and uplift the image of the school in our community. I shall send you a scan copy of the MOU and photos of the school very soon. We committed to help school without knowing where we would find furnishings. We greatly prayed about this matter.

So, this great humanitarian aid from you, shall have a great impact on the school and help immensely with the above objective. God richly bless you and all those who contributed towards such a noble course.

On behalf of my entire congregation and myself, thank you for your continuing remembrance, Christ-love, mentoring and supporting our congregation with such great humanitarian aids. We are forever grateful and thankful to you and your entire Team/all the Saints who contributed.

Thank you and God bless!!! In His service, Emmanuel

Charita Shteynberg (worldofconnections.org) was in the critical role of logistical moves.

Hello Charita!

Thank you for your altruistic assistance. Sorry for delay in reply to your email. I have been to countryside getting ready to return back to Ukraine over the weekend and there was no internet service.

Please I have received all the documents you sent. I have sent it to our agent processing it with Ghana Government. We needed to do renewal of our NGO certificates which has caused a little bit delay. My Team is working on it assiduously. I am currently back to school in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine yesterday but I am always in touch with my Team in Ghana who are working on the process.

Please the agent asked for the original documents which will be required by the Ghana customs upon the arrival of the humanitarian aids at Tema Port, Ghana. Can it be EMS to us please?

Thank you for your support and assistance. Emmanuel

Emmanuel had to travel back to Ukraine when his medical classes resumed in the fall...

Hello Dear John Greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. By His grace I have arrived in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine safely yesterday. Thank you all for your continue prayers and support. I have detail report on summer break to brief you upon your arrival Lord willing. Thank you for your Agape love, support of my dream and prayers. In His service, Emmanuel.

Hello Charita, Thank you for your message and continue guidance. Yes you're right, this is our first time my organization is receiving humanitarian aid so my Team and I are doing all our best to get the process as fast as we can but as you know dealing with Government Agencies especially in Africa calls for prolong

perseverance. This first experience will greatly help us in future. Once again thank you for your patience, guidance and altruistic assistance. Thank you and God bless! Yours sincerely, Emmanuel

Hello Dear Charita, thank you dearly for your message. I am living under God's Providence!!! Thank you for your concerns and good thoughts. School has started well with few challenges with school authority we are dealing with currently. I am praying for God's grace and divine intervention. Thank you and God bless!!! Emmanuel

Hello Dear Brethren, John! Greeting from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine!! Please, praise be to God, I have been informed about the arrival of the original documents in Ghana and my Team has received it today. Thank you and may the good Lord continue to use you and your Team for His glory and spreading of His love to humanity, and most especially, my fellow countrymen. Thank you and God bless! In His service, Emmanuel

The Container Arrived and cleared Ghanaian Customs!

Hello Dear Brethren John & Mrs. Charita! Greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine!

Is with great relief and joy to report to you that, the Ghanaian customs has finally released the humanitarian aid sent to Ghana through our organization with some unforeseen consequences.

I am yet to receive a detail report from my Team but briefly, by His grace the humanitarian aid has been released today except the expired ones.

There were some unexpected burdens to clear but in all things, we are very grateful to God for seeing them through a hectic customs verification process successfully.

While I await detail reports from my Team to brief you, on behalf of my Congregation Leaders, members and myself, I am forever grateful and thankful to you all for the great sacrifices and the work both of you and your respectively organizations worked together to make this project a success. God richly bless each and every one who contributed both in kind, prayers and support.

Is our prayer that, this humanitarian aids shall contribute greatly to the benefit of recipients and most importantly, bring glory to God and advance the Kingdom work/the Lord's Church in Ghana.

Hope to report back to you all with more details and evidence. Please attached are few photos of the goods.

Thank you. In His service, Emmanuel

Photos of those involved in the loading in Houston, TX!

