

Hope 4 Athletes

February 2020 Newsletter



Dear friends of Hope 4 Athletes,

The past couple of months have been full of excitement and growth. God is good!

What is happening in Ghana?

The boys continue to go to school each day. They completed an educational assessment test in early January. They are also continuing to practice soccer and play games. Their last game was on February 8th against Show Them Soccer Club. They won this game 1 to 0. Simon scored the goal, and Kyei Tony was named the man of the match!

What is happening in Chattanooga?

We have had two Hope 4 Athletes Informational Meetings. The second meeting happened early this month. Through these meetings, God continues to provide people who are passionate about the foundation.

Would you be willing to hold the next meeting?



Trip to Ghana!

At the end of December, Kwame traveled to Asamankese to visit the boys at the foundation and to see his family. He was joined days later by Dr. Perry and his three sons, Ryan, Andrew, and Sam. They spent time with the boys at the foundation. Andrew and Sam even got to play in one of their soccer games! The pictures included are from this trip. See the next page for what Dr. Perry said about it.



The boys, after playing AC Milan. They won this game 2 to 1!



The boys replying to letters from their sponsors.

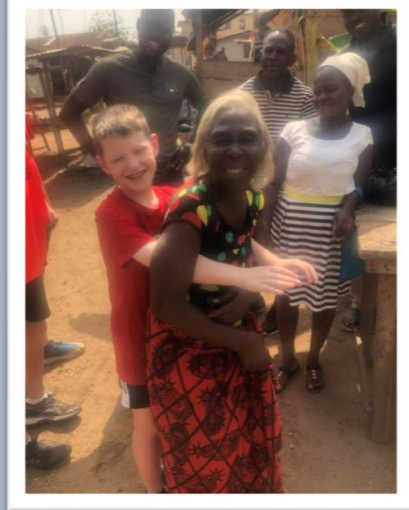
Where is Anthony?

Before traveling to Ghana, my wife, Leanne, made sure that I had some knowledge of each of the nineteen boys. She was especially fond of Anthony, who had lost both of his parents when he was younger and has no family to take care of him. Leanne wanted me to be sure to give Anthony a hug on her behalf. After arriving at the Hope 4 Athletes Foundation home, we were excited to meet the boys. Many of them were quick to shake our hands and even confident—I think of Jehoshaphat and Henry (aka “Messi”). However, many of the boys were quite shy and unsure of themselves. Anthony was by far the most timid. While taking a tour of the house, I looked for Anthony but couldn’t find him. I asked Kwame which one was Anthony, and he went to each room until he found him. What a privilege it was to give him a hug.



Sports Physicals For All?

As a young physician right out of medical school, I used to perform sports physicals on high school and middle school students to make extra money. The athletes that I examined back then had all been to the doctor dozens of times—most of these boys in Ghana, however, had never been seen by a physician. They had never been told to “open wide” or “take deep breaths.” It was an honor and also humbling to get to listen to them and examine them. Once I examined the last player, some of the boys’ parents started lining up for their turn as well. I’m thankful that God allowed me the opportunity to meet this need.



The Impact of a Grandmother

I had heard Kwame speak of his grandmother, Comfort, on several occasions, so we (Ryan, Andrew, Sam and I) were excited to get to meet her at the halfway point of our trip. To say his grandmother was warm and friendly would be an understatement—she greeted us like family with such joy. She gave us a tour of her small section of her village and showed us where Kwame played soccer as a young child. She showed us her worship room where she gathers with other villagers on Wednesday and Friday evenings to pray and sing and read the scriptures and pray some more. She prayed for us with passion—I don’t know her language at all, but I could tell she loved to intercede on our behalf. She especially felt the need to care for Sam who had not felt the best that day—sometimes grandmothers just know how to take care of us.

- ❖ Pray for God to work in the lives of each of the boys at the foundation.
- ❖ Pray for provision for the needs of the foundation.
- ❖ Pray for God to provide more sponsors for the boys.

Do you have questions, ideas, or want to become more involved in the foundation?

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11