



Update from Father Desmond in Ghana

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GREETINGS from Fr. Desmond at Christ the King Church, Chiana, Ghana



Another summer is here with us. We thank God for his grace to be alive and feeling glad in this season of holidays. Over here, it is the beginning of a farming season for us in the northern part of Ghana where the majority of the populace are peasant farmers, and depend so much on the rains for cropping. Unfortunately for me, I am not able to visit this year again due to the global covid-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic season, we have been trying in our little ways to nurture the faith with the grace of God.

I would like to thank the staff of St. Pius X for the opportunity to use this medium to bring you updates on the mission here in the face of the pandemic.

COVID 19: First of all, I wish acknowledge that the Lord has been gracious to us in our rural Parish for not recording a single death related to covid 19. All suspected cases were treated and discharged. As a nation we took delivery of AstraZeneca vaccine from India. The first dose of the vaccine did not reach our Parish. The current situation in Ghana is that those who were “privileged” to get the first jab in the cities are now stranded because the government is finding it difficult to procure the next batch. That raises a lot of health concerns and panic especially among those who took the vaccine.

PARISH LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT: The Parish is in a rural setting and ministry is mainly of primary evangelization. Despite covid 19, we are recording growth in the Parish. A total of 80 adults who passed the test after RCIA program were baptized at Easter and Pentecost this year. 45 infants have been baptized too since the beginning of this year. It might be interesting to know that, it has become necessary for us to split one of our outstation churches that serves three village communities into the three communities because the building can no longer contain the numbers especially during this covid era where social distancing has become a norm. Another justifiable reason for the split is that, the location of the church is not a pleasant walking distance for the aged. *Thanks to the generosity of a family in SPX, we hope to realize a modest church project by the last quarter of this year for one community.*

MISSIONS SUPPORT: Other areas that we had support from SPX families include a donation of hundreds of new T-shirts for school kids, a donation of soccer balls for school kids, a donation of Divine Mercy scarves for Divine Mercy prayer groups in our Diocese, a donation of used religious items,



and donations for my personal needs, which I shared with some needy students who almost dropped out of school for lack of fees.



LOCAL SUPPORT: From the Bishop's secretariat, we got a borehole drilled in our basic school to provide good drinking water. We also received some study desks from the same source for the school. All these put together set the agenda for a holistic evangelization drive



that brings smiles to faces and relief to bodies.

GRATITUDE: I take this opportunity to thank all, without mentioning names, those who have generously

donated in cash and kind to the mission and my ministry here. May the Good Lord bless you abundantly in manifold ways so as to remain a blessing unto others. THANK YOU.

WEBSITE: We are organizing a website for our Parish, which is almost at its final stage. When completed we will be the second Parish in our Diocese with a website and I might not need to send update. See www.christthekingchiana.com.