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AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!!!



Members of the Village of Hope family at the summit of Mount Afadjato.

An adventure of a lifetime." That is what some children called it, and rightly so. It was a trip around Ghana in eight days.

The children of Village of Hope hardly travel outside the children's homes. They live, attend school, visit the hospital and attend worship services on the same campus. Occasionally, some travel to visit relatives for brief periods. It is when they gain admission to the university that they are able to travel independently to places outside their hometowns, but that is usually from the Village of Hope campus to the university campus and back. [In Ghana, people hardly travel outside their places of residence for vacation or tourism. Many adults have not been to most places within the country.] So, we decided to take the children on a tour of Ghana when school went for the long summer break. It was like a VERY BIG family vacation trip.

From August 3 to 10, 2026, one hundred and fourteen (114) children and twenty-nine (29) staff of Village of Hope, escorted by six policemen, traveled the length and breadth of Ghana to see places that most had only read about in books or seen on television; to meet people of various tribes and languages, and to have a first-hand experience of Ghana. The children were drawn from Hope Children's Village in Fetteh, Hope Children's Place in Bongo and Hope Training Institute in Ayawaso - from 10 years old to university students.

We covered 12 out of the 16 regions (states) of Ghana and traveled from the south through the eastern, central, northern and western parts of the country. We climbed the highest mountain in Ghana, walked through forests filled with monkeys, strode across canopies hung over waterfalls, visited royal palaces, met with paramount chiefs and even petted crocodiles. Yes, live crocodiles!!! We crossed the Ghana border and entered Burkina Faso for a brief while.

The trip was filled with long bus rides, beautiful scenery, love, fellowship, worship, food, laughter and multifaceted adventure. We returned exhausted but excited. Every bit of the experience was worth it. Indeed, it was an adventure of a lifetime!!! 📍

DAY 1: MONDAY; AUGUST 3, 2026.
FETTEH - TEMA - MOUNT AFADJATO - HO



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Hope Children's Place
Hope Children's Village
Hope Training Institute
Hope Christian Hospital
Hope Christian Academy
Hope Ridge School
Hope College

DAY 2: TUESDAY; AUGUST 4, 2026.

HO - AKOSOMBO DAM - ADOMI BRIDGE - KOFORIDUA - BUNSO - KUMASI



Pictures 1-2: Members of the Village of Hope family tour the Akosombo Dam.

Picture 3: Map of the trip

Picture 4: A view of the Adomi Bridge.

Picture 5: From left to right: Rexford Asumeng (House Parent), Julliet Ofori-Amoah (Managing Director, Hope Training Institute), Seth Mensah (Driver), Sappah Yahaya (Head of Operations) and Valentine Agbenoworsi (Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, Village of Hope) pose for a photograph on the Adomi Bridge.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY; AUGUST 5, 2026.

KUMASI - MANHYIA PALACE - TECHIMAN



Picture 1: After spending the night at the Ghana Bible College at Bomso, Kumasi, the group poses in front of the Bomso Church of Christ building before departing to Manhyia Palace.

Pictures 2-8: Scenes from the group's visit to the Manhyia Palace, where they explored the history, culture and traditions of the Ashanti Kingdom.

DAY 4: THURSDAY; AUGUST 6, 2026.

TECHIMAN - BUABENG-FIEMA MONKEY SANCTUARY - KINTAMPO WATER FALLS - TAMALE - YENDI



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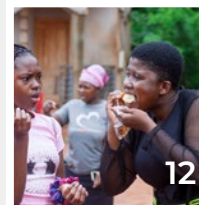
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Pictures 1-6: A visit to Buabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary. Picture 7: Juliet Ofori-Amoah shares a joyful moment during the visit to the Kintampo Water Falls.

Pictures 8 & 10: Experiencing the canopy walk at the Kintampo Water Falls.

Picture 9: At the Kintampo Water Falls.

Picture 11: A joyous moment.

Pictures 12 & 13: Lunchtime

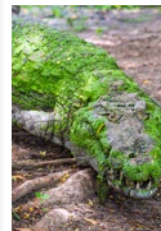
DAY 5: FRIDAY; AUGUST 7, 2026.

YENDI - TAMALE - WALEWALE - BOLGATANGA



The children and staff of the Village of Hope had the opportunity to visit Naa Adam Abdulai, Kuga Naa, and his elders at the Naa-Yab' Kuga Naa Palace in Yendi. The group also participated in a traditional storytelling session and visited the Church of Christ Mission Health Centre and the Rural Water Development Program.

DAY 6: SATURDAY; AUGUST 8, 2026. *BOLGATANGA - PAGA - BONGO - TAMALE*



Picture 1: The Village of Hope family at the Ghana-Burkina Faso border.

Picture 2: The group at the Ghana Immigration Service post in Paga.

Picture 3: The group poses in front of a guest house situated on the Ghana-Burkina Faso border.

Picture 4: The group's visit to Bonaba, Paramount Chief of the Bongo Traditional Area, and his elders at his palace.

Pictures 5 - 8: Some children pet a live crocodile at the Chief Crocodile Pond at Paga - perhaps the only place in the world that has tamed crocodiles.

Picture 9: Najihaa Seidu, a child of Hope Children's Village, full of smiles as the group prepares to leave Bolgatanga for Paga.

DAY 7: SUNDAY; AUGUST 9, 2026. TAMALE - TECHIMAN - BECHEM - GOASO - SEFWI-BIBIANI

Pictured below are scenes from the group's visit to His Royal Highness (HRH) Ogyeahoho Yaw Gyebi II, Paramount Chief of the Sefwi Anhwiaso Traditional Area and President of the National House of Chiefs, Ghana.



DAY 8: MONDAY; AUGUST 10, 2026.

SEFWI-BIBIANI - SEFWI-ANHWIASO - AYANFURI - DUNKWA-ON-OFFIN - TWIFO-PRASO - CAPE COAST - FETTEH



The group had the opportunity to visit HRH Ogyeahoho Yaw Gyebi II, Paramount Chief of the Sefwi-Anhwiaso Traditional Area and President of the National House of Chiefs, at his palace at Sefwi-Anhwiaso. They interacted with the Chief during a question-and-answer session.