

A REPORT ON THE DONATION FOR MOTORBIKES AND WIDOWS SUPPORT ST MARTINUS AND ST. ANNES PARISHES PARTNERSHIP PROJECT.

Introduction

The Parish of St. Anne's, Bongo, received donations for the purchase of 3 Motorbikes and the provision of help for poor widows in the Parish. The Parish received a total amount of €6,000.00 for Motorbikes and €100.00 for support to poor widows.

Action Taken

An emergency meeting was called and held on the 3rd of May, 2021 to discuss about the donations and select members who could carry out the activities. We decided on the following;

1. For the Motorbikes, we should buy 3 Yamaha YBR 125G off-road motorbikes from Japan motors at the cost of GH¢12,800.00 each as advertised. The Project managers; Francis and Samson and the Partnership Chairman, Ernest and Fr. Clement would use his Diocesan Office Pick-up to transport the team to Tamale to buy them. Fuel for the journey and other expense would come from the money.
2. For Poor widows, Madam Theresa would lead a search to identify the very needy from the many poor widows in the parish. She would also go to the nearest market to buy millet grains to be shared to them. Millet, because, this is the season many of them have almost nothing to eat and millet can be used for more dishes than maize (corn).

As discussed, the two teams were tasked to carry out the activities as soon as possible to allow for us to report and also save the money from losing value over time.

1. On 6th May, 2021, Fr. Clement together with Francis and Ernest travelled to Tamale and Purchased 3 YBR125G Yamaha motorbikes as decided from Japan Motors. Samson was engaged and so asked to be excused and could not go to Tamale. The total cost of the 3 motorbikes was GH¢38,229.88. The remaining balance was used for transportation and other miscellaneous cost on the motorbikes. Because of limited space in the bucket of the Pick-up, the team could only carry home two out of the 3 bikes. The third one was left in the safe custody of the company so we could pick it up later when we have the means to Tamale.
2. Madam Theresa and her team were able to buy 2 maxi-bags of millet and six bowls of millet as the money could provide. They also identified 10 widows from the various church communities to benefit from the supplies.

The purchase of the motorbikes and the millet for the women was communicated to members and dates for the distribution were communicated.

1. The widows were called to the Parish premises on the 27th May, 2021 for the distribution of millet grain to them. The women were informed that the millet grain was a gift from Greven to support them in their situation. Each of them received 10 bowls (2.5kg) of millet grain. They were so happy about the gift given to them.



***Distribution of Millet Grains to 10 widows at the Mission house, Bongo on 28/05/2021.
Madam Theresa Atubiga and her team leading the sharing of millet grain***

2. On the 28th of May, 2021, the Committee met to present the available motorbikes to the two main project managers; Samson and Francis while waiting for the third bike to arrive. The motor bikes have been fully registered in the name of St. Anne's Catholic parish, Bongo with the Custom duties office of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA). As such, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Parish and the Users; Samson and Francis before the handing over. Isaac was told to hold on while plans are made to also transport the remaining motorbike from Tamale. The motorbikes are registered as

- a. M – 2021 – NR – 3248
- b. M – 2021 – NR – 3252
- c. M – 2021 – NR – 3253

Each of them was advised to be careful in the use of motorbikes to avoid accidents and also take precautions in protecting the motorbikes from theft and damage. They were grateful for the support and promised to continue with the good works being done.



Conclusion

Having carried out these tasks as communicated by our partners, we remain grateful to our friends in Greven for the support and continue to pray for a stronger relationship for mutual benefit to the people of Greven and Bongo. It is our desire to continue to improve how things are done, especially our communication about activities here in St Anne's Bongo.

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