



Your annual gift to Shalom Children's Center makes it possible for one of the 200 children in a village in Ghana to have a chance for a better life – a chance for nutritious food, a chance to spend the day in a caring environment, a chance to develop habits in the preschool years that will foster a good education.

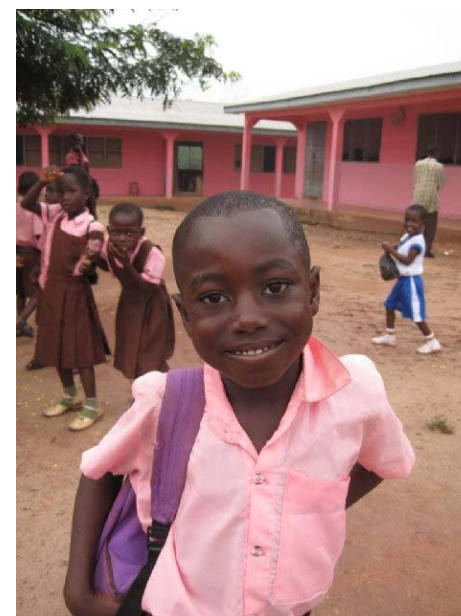
Proprietress Christiana Owusu writes:
"Providing formal education in a rural setting in Ghana is very challenging, yet its benefit to the children and society makes it worthwhile. I believe with commitment and the network of love, caring, sharing, and generosity, we can meet the challenge."



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SHALOM CHILDREN'S CENTER

A gift of life and light
for children in
Twifu-hemang, Ghana



In a world with little good news about the world's economy, the fact that \$10 a month can still feed, clothe, and educate a child through the Adopt-a-Child program never ceases to amaze us here in the United States.

Each sponsor is part of this global network of advocating for children in Christ's name. Hear some of their voices:



I give because I believe in early childhood education and supporting families. The cost is so little yet the opportunity to go to school makes a huge difference in a young child's life. I give because my children have been blessed with a good school – safety, care, developmentally appropriate practice. I want this for others.

—Rachel Sciretti

Yes, I am passionate about early childhood education, and yes, I believe that the young children in Ghana need it as much as our own do. Why Ghana? 1) because it is Christiana's lifelong dream and call, and it is a privilege and a blessing to be a small part of that 2) because the resources there are so scarce, compared to the resources here. 3) Matthew 25

—Jo Pendleton

This opportunity is unique because we are connected through a friend, Christiana, rather than a big agency. In helping feed and educate a child in Ghana, we are embracing a sense of God's global extended family.

—Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak

I believe in the power of education and educational opportunity for all people. Such opportunities seem to have an even greater impact when they come in a caring environment and when they begin early in life. Those things are important for Shalom Children's Center, and so I am glad to support the center. It does important work with "the least of these."

—Bill Bellinger

We give to Shalom because of the clarity and purity of Christiana's mission to provide high-quality education for the children of her village. The world at large doesn't know about Twifu or Shalom, and if the children of that place are to receive an education, it will have to be because of people like Christiana and her co-workers. We're happy to play a small role in that undertaking.

—Becca Sharpless
and Tom Charlton

We got involved because Christiana had a passion for the school. We stay involved because a modest gift can make a difference.

—Kathy Gardner



Your gift of child sponsorship helps pay for a child in rural Ghana to have two meals each school day for ten months of the year, a school uniform, and a portion of tuition costs.

How can I sponsor a child at Shalom Children's Center?

Sponsorship for one child for one year is only \$120. If you have questions about the program or would like to make a gift in memory or in honor of someone you love, please contact Annette Brister: abrister@grandecom.net

Your *tax deductible* gift can be made payable to Lake Shore Baptist Church and mailed 5801 Bishop Drive, Waco, TX 76710.



***The needs of the world
can be overwhelming,
but beginning with one child,
in one school,
in one village in Africa,
the world turns toward the peace
Christ brought to the world.***