

Further Partnership Agreement draft (September 2016 - July 2021)

This Partnership Agreement is between Murrayfield Parish Church and Roseburn Primary School on the one hand and the Sefwi Wiaso Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana on behalf of Kwamebikrom on the other

As agreed at Session the Partnership is for a period of 5 years from the date of signing -

Preamble

In the past two 5-year agreements have been signed by Murrayfield Parish Church, Roseburn School and the Asante Presbytery on behalf of the Community of Kwamebikrom covering Health, Education, Income generation and worship. In 2009 towards the end of the first agreement an in-depth evaluation of the project was carried out and accepted by all parties. A further agreement covering the period July 2010 - June 2015 was prepared and signed, based on responses to a series of questions forming part of the evaluation

The basis for the 2nd agreement therefore was based on the following questions -

a) Why do we want to renew the partnership? - because the task was not completed and we shared a vision of One World where mutual commitment and sharing can make a difference. It was felt we had Good News to proclaim to the poor and disadvantaged with a quest for justice for all

b) What differences do we want to make? - through Social Responsibility, Cooperation and Help through improved Health, Educational, Sustainability and Income Generation facilities; Friendship and Sharing by building upon the mutual understanding of each other's experience and cultures; Christian Witness and Fellowship through developing friendships

c) How will we go about making the difference? - the Health of the whole community will continue to improve; Educational standards and attainments will improve; Initiatives will move towards a sustainable future with dependable income; Our links and relationships will continue to grow with a better understanding of each other's circumstances and cultures; The Gospel will be proclaimed in its widest sense in ways particular to each other's circumstances and culture

d) What will we actually do, in terms of resources, methods, actions? - Health improvement through provision of accessible clean water and electricity for all; Complete governmental accreditation of the health centre; Increase the number of doctor sessions; increase the immunisation level to 100%; continue a regular buildings maintenance programme; Education - appoint someone to be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the library; implement a programme of adult education; improve library security; ensure provision of electricity; improve quality of education through teacher training; provide desks for all children in the Unity school; monitor and develop use of resources; explore provision of enhancements; Sustainability and Income Generation - allocation of £1000 per annum; preparation of a business plan; monitor implementation of plan including maintenance; consider an appropriate system of water harvesting; Friendship and Sharing - continue the pattern of exchange visits; use mobile phones to keep in contact; explore the use of the Web to promote the partnership; Christian Witness and Fellowship - explore ways of communicating interest between the two congregations;

e) How are we making sure we are doing what we planned? - This agreement document will be signed by representatives of all three parties. Each party will appoint an appropriate number of people to sustain the partnership and develop lines of communication; accounts will be submitted for monies rendered; Statistics and other information will be provided on health care and education to share among parties; Each other's successes to be shared and celebrated; arrange a further evaluation approximately 12 months prior to the end of the Agreement.

This 2nd Agreement was duly signed by representatives of Murrayfield Parish Church, Roseburn School and the Asante Presbytery in July 2010.

A further evaluation took place in October 2015 at the time of the visit to Kwamebikrom and Sefwi Wiaso of a six person team from Murrayfield and Roseburn. The findings of that evaluation have been extensively discussed in the Church and Session and items in the previous agreement, which had not been maintained, identified. In formulating its response Session were gratified to note that many areas of the previous agreed proposals had continued to work as planned with positive outcomes, particularly in health issues. As a consequence it was accepted that the clinic should continue to be self sustaining and no longer be dependent on finance from the partnership unless through individual donations. Use of the word "clinic" should be taken to mean all projects in the previous partnership agreements which had been instigated by the Presbyterian Church of Kwamebikrom, specifically income generating projects as well as health.

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1) Renew the Partnership - it is agreed that the Final Phase of the partnership should be renewed for a period of 5 years from the date of signing of any new agreement (based on the assumption that the document agreement would be completed during 2016.) It was also agreed that the link should be with Kwamebikrom only despite negotiations being conducted through the Sefwi Wiaso Presbytery on behalf of the Community of Kwamebikrom. It was accepted that no further formal type of fund raising would take place, although there are still funds in the Ghana restricted bank account to further the mutually agreed aims of the partnership. The main thrust of the forward planning active partnership committees would be to ensure that there was a working towards self sustainability in all areas particularly on the financial front as noted above

2) Communications - it is agreed that the main future thrust of any linkage would have to be through the Sefwi Wiaso Presbytery, preferably through a Minister when appointed, by monthly emails as well as mobile phone conversations with individuals in Kwamebikrom. The response and the ability of the Presbytery to produce reports, including financial returns, expeditiously when requested, would be very important for any partnership agreement renewal

3) Accountability - it is agreed that in the future the monitoring of the partnership in Ghana would be through the Presbytery Chairperson, the Presbytery Clerk, the Presbytery Director of Ecumenical & Social Relations and the Director of Development working in close collaboration with any Presbyterian Minister appointed to Kwamebikrom

4) Education - The most recent evaluation identified the lack of class room facilities for the Kindergarten age children, particularly in the poorer schools. Emphasis must take place on the requirement for the partnership to address these needs as well as working towards progress to improve the working environment of all school children through the provision of drinking water and possible use of overhead fans. In view of the fact that the clinic is a self sustainable, income generating concern, education will form the main focus of any continuing partnership and these educational needs will be advanced by concentrating on teacher training and improved facilities. Support for a Scholarship Scheme locally could be discussed.

5) Reciprocal Visits will no longer be a major part of this agreement but the hospitality needs of any person coming to UK from the partnership in Ghana will be met. The Edinburgh group will support any Church members who wish to travel to Kwamebikrom in the future and facilitate their trip

6) Annual Ministerial allowance - it is agreed that the annual ministerial allowance of £500 will be re-instated, but only if a Minister is appointed for the duration of the agreement on the proviso that the minister will be involved in teaching as well as facilitating all aspects of the Presbyterian input to Kwamebikrom.

7) Capital Development - No further capital spend is considered appropriate during the partnership period particularly as accountability is still necessary for the latrine project. The primary focus is supporting the work of Teaching Education.