

Ghana School Roof Project Update - Part 5

Dear Friends,

The *Ghana School Roof Project of 2025* has now entered the last stage, and is almost complete. For those of you who have been following this, and have been engaged since the beginning, it is probably starting to feel like this has been going on for a very long time. And in some ways, you would be correct. When Julie and I were in Ohio, in 2024, we began sharing the needs of the school with all of you. Official fundraising for this project began in the last week of August of 2024. Julie and I went home to Ghana in the beginning of December 2024, and I began getting things organized to start the project. Construction and removal of the Old Roofs for the school buildings began at the end of December 2024. But, since that time, so much has been accomplished! None of this could have ever happened without the grace and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has watched over our Mission in Akrampa since the humble beginnings in 1994. Also, to each and every one of the individuals and/or families who have given financially to this project - Thank You - for making our Akrampa School so wonderful for our students.

Right now, in Akrampa, work is underway to create & build the new Cistern.

A Cistern is defined as: *'a receptacle for holding water or other liquid, especially a tank for catching and storing rainwater.'* This is how it will be used in Akrampa - as part of what we are calling a Rain Catchment System. You may remember, that as part of the New Roofs, we also added gutters for the very first time. The gutters will catch the rainwater, & the rain will go down through what most of us in the USA think of as "downspouts", and then be piped into the Cistern.

The Rain Catchment System/Cistern, and the newly installed Borehole - which was the focus of my April article - are now 2 completely new sources of clean water for the Akrampa School!

If you missed all of the information on the Borehole, from my April article; the details, along with 29 new photos, can be found online at this exact website:

www.bethesdaonthebay.org/ghana

Also, my January, February and March articles are posted on the website, which contain all of the information and photos about this entire School Roof Project.

For our Kindergarten through 6th Grade - classroom buildings:

Your generous giving has not only provided New Roofs & new gutters, new electrical work, new doors and windows & new paint, but it has also provided a renewed sense of pride in the Akrampa School and a lot of joy for our students and their parents.

For our Kindergarten through 9th Grade - Students:

As an added blessing we were able to provide these 2 completely new sources of clean water, which will be for all of the students! Water is life, and there is no such thing as too much clean water!

Please keep in your minds and on your hearts, that even as we have been going through this large construction project, the children have been in attendance at the school, having class with their desks outside throughout the construction. We have also continued to provide the Breakfast Meal for all of our students, Kindergarten through 9th Grade, three times a week, even during construction.

The ability to provide these awesome upgrades to the school buildings has been more than amazing! We need to always keep in mind that the reason for our Ghana Mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus with the children and families of Akrampa, and to remember their human needs of love, care, food, water and the knowledge that each of you in the United States loves them - even if you haven't met them. Your giving changes the lives of these students; as you provide for the overall mission, which allows me to go there and teach them about Jesus, and as you provide for the Breakfast Program, you feed them food with love behind it, and now especially you have shown the love of Jesus by making major improvements to their school - the Kindergarten through 6th Grade Classrooms.

We were Not able to include the Akrampa Junior High School - Grades 7th-9th Building, in this project. But The Ghana Committee and I are reviewing that now and considering options for repairs on the Akrampa JHS building, possibly coming soon.

While we never want to overwhelm our supporters with requests, please keep The Ghana Mission in your prayers as you consider your giving. The Ghana Mission has spent the last few months deeply focused on the School Roof Project, but the two regular Mission Funds are what keep our mission running year-round, every year. The *Ghana Main Fund*, and the *Ghana Breakfast Fund* could always use your support, if you are able and willing! Thank you!

Cistern Digging Begins at the Akrampa School:



In this May article, I'm only sharing one photo - above - and it is a bit of a "teaser" for you. **This is the location of the new Cistern** - which is the final part of our big 2025 Ghana School Roof Project.

We strategically chose this location, which is right behind the 6th Grade Classroom (located in the Upper Primary Block of the school) so that the **rainwater** from the new gutters can all be easily collected from BOTH the Lower Primary Block, and the Upper Primary Block, into the **Cistern**.

Please watch for my next article = June 2025

.... which will contain a full set of ALL NEW photos and all of the detailed information about the Rain Catchment System/**Cistern**. I'm looking forward to sharing all of Cistern photos with you in June.

Stay tuned - more photos, VIDEOS, and updates coming soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben Wilson

--with assistance from Kristen Anthony, Ghana Committee Chair