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## Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

As another exciting year is coming to an end, we would like to share our 2015 news with you. With your continuous interest and support, you help YHFG to operate their big projects, but also facilitate their every day work in the Youth Centre with many activities supporting young people's development, such as the Annual Youth Parliament.

Over the last few years, YHFG has been very successful in building cooperations with national and international partners, e.g. Christian AID (UK), RFSU (Sweden), UNICEF, Marie Stopes International, Ghana Education Services and Ghana Health Services. The joint activities of JPG and YHFG are mostly connected to the YHFG Youth Centre, which was commissioned in 2009 in a project funded by the Landesstiftung Baden Württemberg. In 2014, with funds from the German government, a new study and youth centre SKILL (Secure Knowledge Into Lifelong Learning) was constructed to establish a remedial school for senior high school students.



At the Youth Parliament 2015

## YHFG Remedial School 2015

In 2015 for the second time, the YHFG remedial school took place between June and October. The remedial classes help students who have failed their first attempt on final school exams to successfully complete their resits and pursue a career plan. The exams took place in September and October, the results are expected in early 2016. We expect a significantly higher number of students returning home with a secondary school degree and hence good chances to enter higher education. The concrete perspective for a successful career may also lower the number of girls being pushed into early marriage.

This year, the project was funded by ZetVisions AG, Heidelberg, Germany. Additional support was granted by the *Help Ghana Foundation* in the Netherlands. This allowed us to run the remedial classes and make several important improvements to the facilities, such as water installations for sanitation and kitchen, as well as mosquito protection in the dormitories. Books on Mathematics, English, Integrated Science, Social Studies, dictionaries and other books have been bought for the library to aid the students with their revision. New chairs with integrated desks were purchased to improve the learning conditions for the students.



Enthusiastic students of the Remedial School 2015, new books and improved facilities

Overall, 52 enthusiastic students (37 girls and 15 boys) received lessons from eight remedial teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, who did this important work on a voluntary basis. Apart from exam revision, the students were offered seminars on Sexual and Reproductive Health to educate them on family planning and the prevention of sexually transmittable diseases.

## Girls and Boys against Child Marriage

In cooperation with UNICEF Ghana, YHFG piloted the *Girls4Girls* campaign between November 2014 and May 2015. 20 participants of the 2014 YHFG Remedial School were trained as Youth Ambassadors. In their home communities they worked to create awareness about the significance of education, advocated against child marriages and served as contacts for young girls to discuss questions or problems.

The pilot phase was a big success and through the ambassadors many of the Remedial School 2015 participants were recruited. UNICEF and YHFG are currently repeating the program now known as *Girls and Boys Against Child Marriage Campaign*.



YC coordinator with youth ambassadors



### Rest in peace Christopher Peter Aluah

Sadly, 2015 saw a great loss for the YHFG family. YHFG founding board member, Christopher Peter Aluah Yitah died on 11 March 2015, aged 44, following a severe illness. He was born and raised in Navrongo and worked in the Navrongo Health Research Centre when YHFG was founded in 2002. In the first years of YHFG, he was one of the key figures of the organisation. Recently, Christopher was studying at the University of South Carolina's School of Public Health to receive his doctorate in health promotion, education and behaviour. He planned to return to Ghana soon and YHFG was hoping to welcome him back in their midst.

Christopher enjoyed working with people and promoting public health and awareness. John Krugu wrote about him: *Chris was a friend, a brother, devoted and truthful. We will miss Chris' intellectual insight, work etiquette, balanced focus, selflessness and genuine sense of humor.*

Our thoughts are with his family and particularly his wife and three children.

Rest in peace, dear friend!



Christohper P. Aluah.

### 20 - 22. Nov 2015 'I can do anything' sports tournament

For the forth time, YHFG hosted the *I can Do Anything Sports Tournament* for students from the Harvest Academy and physically challenged youth. The tournament was sponsored by *Kuntinkantan Foundation* (the Netherlands) with a financial support, medals and trophies. Nine football and two basketball teams participated. The goal of this tournament is to provide opportunities for disabled youth to participate in sporting activities. It is designed to pioneer inclusion of physically challenged youth in sports and social activities in Bolgatanga.



*I can do anything sports tournament 2015*

### Harvest Academy - Robert Ayamga

Through the Harvest Academy, YHFG aim to develop talents and skills and build self confidence. As participant of the Harvest Academy Football Club, Robert Ayamga is one of the beneficiaries. In 2015, Robert won the the third prize as well as the Goal King Award in the MTN soccer academy in Accra.

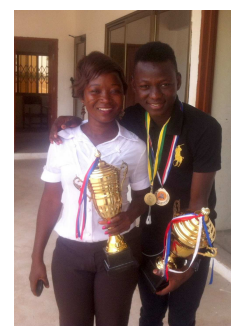
Robert was within the first group of young boys to join the Harvest Academy football team in the year 2009 just when the Youth Centre had been commissioned.

Congratulations Robert, we are very proud of you!

Once again, thank you very much for your lasting support!

We wish you and your families all the best for 2016!

Julia Leimkugel, Gero Frisch and Jolien van der Geugten-de Lang;  
Board of JPG



*Robert with YC coordinator Abigail Adumolga.*