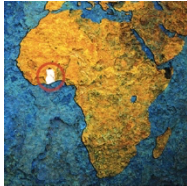


# KEHA INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

2025



## KENTUCKY FOR GHANA

Twenty-two years ago, former University of Kentucky (UK) faculty member Dr. Kwaku Addo and his wife Amma established a kindergarten (The Kentucky Academy) in her home village of Adjeikrom in the Eastern Region of Ghana. This provided much needed infrastructure for early childhood education and community development. As parents began sending younger children to the kindergarten, a nursery was established as part of The Kentucky Academy. The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) collaborates with the UK Student Dietetics and Nutrition Association (SDNA) to operate a school feeding program in a KEHA sponsored dining pavilion.



In 2009, UK faculty member Dr. Janet Tietyen Mullins and her husband Doug established a school feeding program to serve The Kentucky Academy. Sponsorship by KEHA and SDNA initially provided food supplies and employed two women from the village as cooks. The Ghanaian government now provides food supplies for village schools and employs local women as school cooks.

Also in 2009, KEHA members traveled to Ghana, visiting Adjeikrom and other cultural and historical sites. (The country of Ghana was established in 1957 with the end of British colonial rule.) The tour began on the campus of University of Ghana -Legon, adjacent to the capital, coastal city of Accra. KEHA members learned of the needs in Adjeikrom and returned to Kentucky to share what they learned with KEHA members.



## KEHA LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENT CENTER

A new library and community event center, sponsored by KEHA, is shown here. This building provides a center for learning, meetings, and community events in Adjeikrom.



In 2025, Douglas Mullins traveled to Ghana with Kwaku & Amma Addo to continue work on the KEHA sponsored library and community event center. This trip accomplished the following:

- Chairs were purchased for the event center
- Ceiling fans were purchased and installed
- A large television for the community events center was purchased and installed to show soccer matches and serve as an educational resource. A small fee will be charged to attend soccer events. Proceeds from this fee will be used to support the library and center.
- New locks were installed
- Outdoor lighting was installed

IN 2023, KEHA donated \$2,667 in support of this work, with \$2652 spent to date:

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| • Large screen television/monitor                     | \$710      |
| • Television/monitor bracket                          | 16         |
| • Television/monitor tax                              | 137        |
| • Chairs                                              | 435        |
| • Ceiling fans (\$40 x 8)                             | 320        |
| • Ceiling lights                                      | 100        |
| • Security lights                                     | 130        |
| • Padlocks                                            | 30         |
| • Door hardware                                       | 10         |
| • Window coverings                                    | 30         |
| • Electrician labor                                   | 150        |
| • Installation labor                                  | 150        |
| • Transportation (delivery, labor, to shopping sites) | <u>434</u> |
| TOTAL                                                 | \$2,652    |

PHOTOS KEHA LIBRARY & COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER – SUMMER 2025



Building Exterior



Children's Area



Library Area



Education & Event Center



Library



New television in Event Center. One of the planned activities is to charge a nominal fee for village youth to watch soccer games. Proceeds will be used to maintain the library and center.

Next steps for the village:

- Acquire and ship books for the library, perhaps through the International Book Project
- Link to satellite dish for television
- Install bathrooms with sinks (the village now has running water)
- Appoint a librarian for the village
- Install a two compartment sink in the outdoor kitchen by the dining pavilion
- The outdoor kitchen will be enclosed with windows and dedicated to Gladys Dede (1965-2024), who worked diligently with the school feeding program. Her son George now serves as caretaker and manager for the community events center.



***Gladys Dede*** (on left), school feeding program manager 2009-2024, working with Mildred Osei-Kwarteng (University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana) at The Kentucky Academy in Adjeikrom, Ghana.



For more information about KEHA and Kentucky for Ghana, contact your local KEHA International Chair.