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Solomon Koduah collecting honey after extraction from honey combs



2nd Missionary Newsletter-2020: Progress in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We trust you are all doing good in the midst of the pandemic. It is unbelievable that the virus caught all such powerful nations unawares and has done so much devastation. Such is the fear amongst communities in Ghana too that some have kept asking whether it is end times. God actually commands us not to fear, or worry as in Isaiah 43:1.

The purpose of this newsletter is to encourage you to realize that all is not lost. The farmers who have been supporting are holding on to their faith. They have kept doing their normal farm activities without much hindrance in spite of the negative impact of the pandemic on their lives. Abraham Breseh is one of the leading beekeepers in the community of Osramanae in the Krachi West district of Ghana. Abraham harvested honey from his hives early April and got 90 gallons of honey from 40 hives. Abraham had the following to say; "Although I was happy about he yields, most of my hives colonized late so I decided not to harvest from most of them but rather leave for next year for good yields as experience has taught me." Abraham plans to build a new home from his honey business. Abraham has a good market for his honey and will absolutely no problems in selling his honey. He hopes to realize close to Ghc 16, 200 (USD 2,945) from his honey sales this season and this is a good income for his family. He will also have wax and other products from the enterprise. Other notable good productions in Osramanae are from Atorbolor and Tobias who realized 30 and 20 gallons respectively from the yields from their hives. Several other farmers including more than 20 women have saved their bee colonies for a good harvest next year since their hives colonized rather late last year.

Over 60 farmers of the community of Osramnae are currently involved in beekeeping and this includes about 25 women. Most beekeepers are also commenced organic vegetable production this season.

Thanks for your prayers:

We are fulfilled to know you are all praying for us as we also pray for you all. Prayers in these uncertain times are needed more than ever. The good Lord will respond accordingly.

Toni has been successful with his first year at University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada after the second semester Virtual examinations. He will commence his third semester (2nd year of Masters program) on May 19. Thank you for all your support and prayers in these turbulent times. Prayers and supplication are what we should focus on daily. These too shall certainly pass. AMEN!



Extraction of beeswax after extraction of honey

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:Extraction of honey using the solar extractor

Daniel Owusu Okyere is a 21 year old student and the third son of Peter Okyere, the outgoing Steward of the Methodist Church in Jeduako. Daniel has the following to say about the disruption in his studies. “Since the outbreak of COVID-19, studying has become difficult for me. We have started E-learning but I have found it difficult to join my classmates because my Dad has to spend so much money in purchasing internet bundle for me to use on my phone to access the Virtual classes. There is no free Wifi here in Jeduako. I have realized how much undue pressure I have put on the budget of my family yet I should not miss any lectures as there are ongoing quizzes and the final examinations will be held soon. This pandemic has created so much disruption in my studies but I am grateful to God that no case has been registered so far in our community of Jeduako”. Daniel has spent time also to support his parents in establishing an organic vegetable garden since his Dad, Peter Okyere was a participant of the Farmer Field School in Organic agriculture held last year in Jesduako.

Peter Okyere, aged 50 has eight children (4 boys and 5 girls). Peter and his wife Hannah are full time farmers in Jeduako. Peter says COVID-19 has impacted on his family so badly even though there has been no reported case in Jeduako. Peter had the following to say; “Providing food everyday to feed a family of 10 is not easy these days. Even though we are food sufficient, our food stock is depleting very fast. After paying fees for the children in school, most of them would have been in school at this time and that will cut down on our costs at home. It seems we have a double loss of the fees paid and then the extra mouths to feed in a pandemic” Peter also is praying very hard that no cases get to Jeduako as social distancing is near impossible to practice because of communal living. Peter lives in a compound house together with other tenants and they share common facilities. Peter says it is difficult even to keep all the children at home all the time as they often want to spend time with their friends outside the home. “Only God can save us from such a pandemic” says Peter. Peter and others are requesting for prayers as they also pray for their supporters in the US.



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