

"Changing the face of Ageing in Ghana,
New Horizon New Hope"

GENERAL MATTERS

As relate to the aged

Topical areas:

- * General Healthcare, Dementia, Menopause, Arthritics, Osteoporosis, Prostate Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension, Drugs including Tobacco & Alcohol, Physiotherapy & Nutrition
- * Neglect & Abuse witchcraft etc. (myth or reality)
- * Life Insurance, Pension Schemes
- * Entertainment, Games & Sports, Travel & Tours

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on Ageing in Ghana.

Theme:

"Changing The Face of
Ageing in Ghana, New
Horizon New Hope"



DATE: 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

VENUE: BRITISH COUNCIL, ACCRA

TIME: 09:00HRS - 16:00HRS

Join us!



In Attendance

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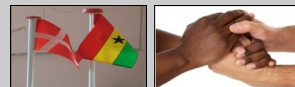
AA-LF Board Of Directors visits Denmark to hold discussions with AA-LF partners in Denmark on the way forward.



AA-LF Board Of Directors at an elderly home in Denmark

Our Story !

The current global economic dis-order has weakened the social foundation of many Third World countries. This has resulted in drastic deterioration in the care of the aged as the tried and tested Ghanaian aged-long traditional social systems that sustained the aged face looming extinction. The current situation reveals vivid and graphical pictures and instances of abandonment, battery, neglect, social isolation, poverty, rejection and stigmatization, false accusation for witchcraft, death and blatant human right abuses suffered by the aged. The birth of *Akrowa Aged-Life Foundation (AA-LF)* and the creation of the "Hope for the Aged" (HOFTA) platform were primarily to address and reverse the canker. It stemmed from the inspiration got by a Ghanaian musician resident in Denmark who had witnessed the punishment meted out to the aged especially poor and widowed women back home in his native Ghana. His whole life has been shrouded in fear of the aged as they were branded witches and sometimes beaten up and banished from their communities. He had witnessed firsthand battery, read about inner happenings of witch camps, prayer centres and local homes; he had seen it all at crusades and witnessed road accidents attributed to witchcraft. In his youth, he had lived several years in fear of his over-100 year old wrinkled, white-haired and permanently stern-gazing grandma and had feared any encounter with the aged. His whole perspective had a turn-around whilst on admission at a hospital in Aarhus. He saw a nurse kiss an old lady. 'eh, this nurse is dead'. Today, the exact opposite is true. The nurse is still alive; the old lady is dead and long gone. Months later he heard about the education in social and health-care, enrolled at the Social & Health-care college in Arhus (Denmark) primarily to explore what was in there that necessitated education for eldercare. 'These people must be crazy' to take education to care for witches!! This was the turning point in his life. He decided to devote his entire life to caring for the aged in Ghana and to be a crusader in the fight for the restoration of the lost rightful place of the aged in Ghana. He established the *Akrowa Aged- Life Foundation* to take the front role in the crusade to fight not only loneliness, neglect and anxieties of the elderly, but also for their political, social and economic right. At AA-LF, we seek to eliminate rejection, loathing, abandonment and banishment from false accusation for witchcraft and to help develop a clear-cut policy for the elderly in Ghana.



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