



# Heart for Children Foundation

The Heart for Children Foundation Ghana is founded by Mr. Solomon Boateng.

In 1997, Solomon saw the many children who were walking along the streets of Nsoatre day in and out, and the many accidents happening with those children on the streets.

Solomon was very concerned for these children. He remembered reading in a book about Abraham Lincoln “you have to think about what you can do for your country, not what your country can do for you”. He then decided he needed to help these children.

Solomon was a young teacher.



He used his entire salary to build a little wooden classroom and buy some things like bowls and things to cook.



With the help of 2 ladies, he then started to take care of these children during daytime.



Children between the age of 1 and 5 were brought to the daycare.

The purpose of the daycare was to save lives and give these children a possibility to a better future, so they gave the children food every day, they read bible stories, taught them songs, rhimes, the alphabet and counting from 1 to 10.

Within a month after Solomon started the daycare, only 1 more accident had happened on the streets, compared to the many accidents before.

This is where it all started.

The amount of children on the daycare grew quickly and within a year already 315 children were attending.

This was too much for Solomon to be able to care for alone, so he started to look for sponsors. He sent letters to many different organizations around the world. Only 1 reply was received.

Mr. Hammink, who at that moment was secretary of the 'Dutch Reformed Tract Society', replied that he wanted to come visit Nsoatre and see the work Solomon was doing.



After visiting he later came back with his wife and they decided they wanted to help.

This was the beginning of the cooperation between the Hammink family and Solomon Boateng, later director of the Heart for Children Foundation Ghana.

We are proud to say that the first children we saved from the streets and took under our care at the daycare, are now nice young men and women, and several of them are studying to become doctors, teachers, nurses and more.

Some of them have recently received scholarships.

Our director Solomon follows up on the children, also after they have grown up, to see how they are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammink are now seniors, but still try to come to Nsoatre several times a year. They are still very much involved in all project and are interested in the well being of the children. In the last 10 years, also their children and grandchildren have become involved in the work they have been doing in the Nsoatre area, and have regularly visited us and the projects.

# OUR PROJECTS

## Daycare

Every day around 250 children from the poorest families in the Nsoatre area come to the Heart for Children daycare.

The criteria for a place in the daycare is living conditions, not religion.

Over the last years several classrooms, a kitchen, a dining hall, a washing unit and a playground have been built.



All children will get a healthy breakfast and lunch every day in the dining hall.

Every day the children are outside on the playground for free play or different activities



The classrooms are spacious, nice and colourfully painted. All classrooms have chairs and tables.



## Children with a disability

Since 2015 we started to offer a daycare space for children with a disability. They have their own room, freshly painted with nice bright colours, they have toys and are also taken outside to play or enjoy seeing the other children.



At the moment there are 3 children with a disability: Edna, Blessing and Isaac. The mother of Edna and the grandmother of Isaac are given a small salary to take care of the children in our daycare.



## Children's Home

In February 2007 a children's home was opened for orphans.  
At the moment 16 children, age 9-19, live in the Children's Home.



In cooperation with Social Welfare, children who have no caretakers will be welcomed into the Children's Home, where they will be raised and cared for by our manager Juliet, home father Seth and home mother Mercy.

The Children's Home is within the walls of the compound where also the daycare is located.

The children are being prepared for adult life by teaching them to do chores, farming, cleaning etc.



There is also a time set for bible study, making music together and homework with the help of home father and teacher Seth



During holidays, we take the children on educational and fun trips.



We eat together as a family, and when guests are here, they are welcomed to also eat with us



The children in our Children's Home make a happy and nice family and also enjoy it very much when volunteers come to play with them and surprise them with new toys and games.



Our 2 oldest boys, have already started Senior High school and are now in boarding school.

## Schools



A 2-floor primary school has been built for 650 students in the Nsoatre area.

The 1<sup>st</sup> floor is for the Presby Dutch Primary school and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is for the Presby Primary school.

The children from our daycare can continue to the Presby Dutch Primary school if they wish.

On the compound, a bore hole has been made for clean drinking water for the school children.

Also, a toilet building with 12 toilets has been built.

On the same compound, we built a Presby Dutch Junior High school, which is the continuation of the Presby Dutch Primary School.



Also we have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> fase of the Presby Dutch Senior High school.

In Aduonya, a 3 class primary school was built next to the existing 3 class wooden building.

In addition, another 4 primary schools and 2 Junior High schools were renovated by the foundation.



## Clean drinking water

In the following areas, the foundation has made bore holes and built water pumps for clean drinking water for school children and people in the villages.

- Heart for Children Foundation Compound
- School compound of the Presbyterian Church
- Adams Town
- Kwabenakuma
- Adae Boreso
- Aduonya (2)
- Kantro
- Adepena



*From infected, dirty water*



*To clean drinking water*



**Clean drinking water  
helps people stay healthy and happy!**





## Health clinics

In the following areas, the foundation has built clinics:

- Kwabenakuma
- Aduonya
- Adae Boreso

Each clinic has a delivery room, a ward and a living accommodation and office for the nurse. Behind every clinic, there are built 2 toilet buildings, 1 for the nurse with toilet and shower and 1 for the patients.

In addition, we renovated the clinic in Nsoatre, especially the wards for mother and child and the delivery rooms.

The clinic now has water on several departments, since we restored the old bore hole with an electrical pump, which feeds several water towers.

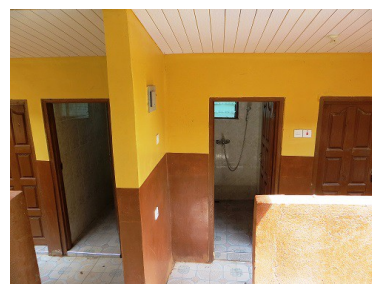
The clinic also got showers and toilets with running, hot water.



*The old clinic in Kwabenakuma*



*The new clinic in Kwabenakuma*



## Food and clothes

We always visit villages to see how big the need is for their own clinic, a bore hole etc. We usually take food and clothes with us to hand out to the people.



*In line for rice*



*Enough for everybody*

Especially for the little ones, we bring clothes and warm blankets



## Future plans

- new dininghall and classroom one for the daycare
- new toys for the daycare
- extention of the existing Children's Home
- large room for children with a disability
- separate playground for children with a disability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> fase Senior High School
- administration building Senior High
- assembly Hall Senior High
- 6 class primary plus office and storage for Aduonya (excisting primary will be Junior High)
- children's ward for the clinic in Nsoatre



*Aduonya waterpump with old school, new school and clinic in the background*