

**APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION THE APPLICATION FORM**

I wish to apply for accreditation in order for my organization to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) in New York ,USA from 13<sup>th</sup> -16 th July, 2015.

I beg to state that we are an advocacy group that advocate the rights of older persons through articles, forums, conferences, durbars among others. We provide food, clothing, water, health screening and drugs. We also send out volunteers to render services for them in their homes.

I would very grateful if you could send the application forms to me to continue with the application process.

The name of my organization is Global Salvation Ministry (Foundation).Our Email is [info@globalsalvationministryfoundation.org](mailto:info@globalsalvationministryfoundation.org)

Thank you ,God richly bless you.  
Rev. Peter Okyere  
(Executive Director)

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## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

Whereas there is the need for all older persons to have their rights according to the UN resolution 37/51, and the first World Assembly held in Vienna, Austria in 82 and whereas it is incumbent for society to respect the rights and dignity of older persons, and whereas there is the need for society not to discriminate and abuse the rights of older persons, we the members of the organization make and give to ourselves the following constitution.

### ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND ADDRESS

- a. The organization shall be known and called The Global Salvation Ministry (Foundation) referred to as NGO.
- b. The address of the NGO shall be GLOBAL SALVATION MINISTRY (FOUNDATION), P.O. BOX 183, DARKUMAN- ACCRA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA
- c. The NGO shall be quartered <sup>21x</sup> at Kasoa.

### ARTICLE 2 – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Aims and the objectives of the NGO are as follows:

- a. To Advocate the rights and well –being of older Persons.
- b. To collaborate with the government in the implementation of the policies pertaining to the rights and well-being of older Persons
- c. To create awareness for society to respect the rights of older persons.
- d. To educate older persons to stand for their rights, and also participate in issues that affect them.
- e. To establish a recreational center for older persons for socialization
- f. To undertake projects to sustain older persons.
- g. To alleviate poverty from among older persons.

### ARTICLE 3- PROJECTS

- a. To undertake agriculture, both food, livestock and fisheries to use their produce to sustain older persons, and to employ older persons who are strong enough to work and earn some money to keep them going.
- b. To undertake handicraft, especially for the older women to be trained so that they could also earn some money.

Article 4 - Membership

**A. THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- a. The purpose of the organization is to advocate the rights and well-being of older persons.
- b. To collaborate with the government in implementing the policies pertaining to the rights and well-being of older persons.
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**B. INFORMATION AS TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN AREAS RELEVANT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS.**

All our activities are done in recognition of the first World Assembly held in Vienna, Austria in 1982, the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Assembly on Ageing and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) in 2002, UN Principles for older persons, UN Proclamation on Ageing - 1992 and African Union Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing - 2002.

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Rev. Peter Okyere	Founder /Executive Director	Ghana
Rev. Mavis Amoo-Adjei	Gen. Secretary	Ghana
Mr. Isaac Okyere	Deputy Director	Ghana
Hon. Adams Nuhu	Patron	Ghana
Mr. David Amo-Kusi	Organizer	Ghana
Prince Solomom Ajao	Financial Secretary	Ghana
Ms. Elizabeth Nyarko Afari	Treasurer	Ghana
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Mad Afua Asantewaa	Matron	Ghana
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**AFFILIATES**

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2. Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons (GAROP)

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**GOVERNING BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THEIR COUNTRIES OF  
NATIONALITY**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
Rev. Peter Okyere	Ghana
Rev. Mavis Amoo-Adjei	Ghana
Mr. Isaac Okyere	Ghana
Mr. Abraham Asare	Ghana
Mr. Prince Solomon Ajao	Ghana
Mr. Benjamin Okyere	Ghana

## REPORT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER, 2013

The year 2013 was a very difficult year in the area of finances. We had our normal meetings every month.

An article captioned "ADDRESSING THE AGONIES OF THE AGED" was written by Rev. Peter Okyere, the founder of the organization, and was published in page 9 of the Ghanaian Times issue of April 11, 2013.

We also participated in a media engagement with the Ghana Entrepreneurs Association at the Sun Lodge hotel at Tesano in Accra. We again took part in another conference with the National Service Personnel and the Ghana Entrepreneurs Association at the Coconut Groove Regency Hotel in Accra. These two conferences were organized by Volunteers Overseas Organization (VSO) in collaboration with COVOG (Coalition of Volunteering Organizations Ghana) of which we are members.

Then on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we joined the world to celebrate the World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) at the Oduponkpehe Zion school park at Kasoa in the Awutu /Senya East Municipality. The older people marched through the principal streets of Kasoa amidst brass band procession. The older people carried placards of which some read: **MR. PRESIDENT. OLDER PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING TOO MUCH, OLDR PEOPLE TOO HAVE THEIR RIGHTS, RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS, OLDER WOMEN ARE NOT WITCHES, DO NOT ABUSE THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS, OLD AGE IS A BLESSING FROM GOD** and many more.

Pastor Chris Kofi Nyame, the president of COVOG gave the keynote address. He drew the attention of the government on the need for a proper policy that could address the issues of older persons, he also called on the society to proper care of their aged. Madam Alice Oduro, the founder of Jesus Believers Foundation donated 24 pieces of T shirts and a banner for the ceremony.

We again took part in a blood donation exercise organized by COVOG in collaboration with the Ridge Hospital at the YMCA premises in Accra. Then on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, COVOG joined the UN to celebrate the International Volunteers Day.



#### **ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

- a) That anyone who truly accepts the conditions of the organization and contributes, both in cash and in kind to promote the rights and well-being of older persons could be accepted as a member.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - THE GOVERNING BODY**

- a. The Governing Body shall comprise the executive director, the deputy director, the secretary, older persons' representative, the financial secretary and the project co-ordinator

#### **ARTICLE 6- DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:**

- a. Formulate policy guidelines for the running of the organization
- b. See to the day to day administration of the organization
- c. Be responsible for the management of the organization
- d. Be responsible for the welfare of older persons, members and volunteers.

#### **Article 7 – LEADERSHIP, OFFICERS AND TENURE OF OFFICE**

The organization shall have Rev. Peter Okyere, as The Founder and Executive Director

- a. Deputy Director
- b. General Secretary
- c. Financial Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Organizer
- f. Project Co-ordinator
- g. Older persons' representative
- h. Patron
- i. Matron
- j. Health Personnel
- k. Head of Volunteers

5. The Treasure shall be responsible for all monies that come to the organization and send them to the bank.
6. The financial secretary shall keep all records of the income and expenditure of the organization .
7. The Organizer shall organize all programme and events of the organization
8. The Project Co-ordinator shall conduct all projects of the organization and see to their implementation.
9. The Patron and Matron shall be the advisors of the organization.
10. Older Persons Representative shall bring before the governing body their needs and also furnish the older persons with information.
11. The Health Director shall be in charge of health issues concerning Older Persons, members and volunteers.


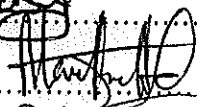
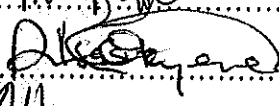

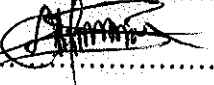
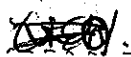
**ARTICLE 8 – ELECTIONS**

All elections shall be by the showing of the hand.

**ARTICLE 9 –AMMENDMENT**

There shall be an amendment of this constitution should the need arise.

**SIGNATORIES**

1. Rev. Peter Okyere..... 
2. Rev. Mavis Amoo- Adjei..... 
3. Mr. Isaac Okyere..... 
4. Mr. Abraham Asare..... 
5. Benjamin Okyere..... 
6. Prince Solomon Ajao  .....

God bless this constitution

Long live Older Persons

## BY – LAWS

### Article 10

- a. That all members understand that the organization is a not for profit, non. governmental, non-religious and non-political.
- b. That all members discharge their duties voluntraly.
- c. That all members contribute both cash and in kind for the promotion of the organization towards the rights and well being older persons.
- d. That care givers discharge their duties with due diligence and sincerely of the heart in caring for older persons.
- e. That volunteers display the spirit of volunteerism in their services to older persons.
- f. That any person or group of person who did not live to expectation would be dismissed from the organization.
- g. That all members would be sensitized from time to time to up grade themselves in their of duty of office towards the development of older persons.

## **REPORT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

As the manner of the Global Salvation Ministry Foundation is, and will continue to be, we took it upon ourselves to organize a party for older people in the Awutu/Senya East Municipality in connection with the Senior Citizens Day which fell on July 1, 2014

The initial plan was to organize it at Awutu Ofaakor also in the Awutu/Senya East Municipality, but due to some circumstances that was beyond our control the program was shifted to Kasoa.

The reason for the party was that, on every 1<sup>st</sup> July, which is dedicated to senior citizens, the government only fetes senior citizens of high ranking profiles while those of low profiles were left behind. As an advocacy group that advocates for the rights of older people, we deemed it right to also fete some aged in the Awutu/Senya East Municipality, Kasoa to be précised.

We have done similar programs for older people on many occasions. This year's program was held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014. The theme for the program was, **RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE AGED**. About fifty older people gathered at the premises of the Global Salvation Ministry, and at 1pm marched through the principal streets of the town to the ceremonial grounds amidst brass band procession with volunteers aiding them. Transport was provided for those who were weak and could not walk.

The program was started at 2pm with an opening prayer by Prophetess Mavis Koranteng Adjei, the secretary of the organization, who also did the introduction of dignitaries Mr. Isaac Okyere gave the welcome address and also explained the reason for the party.

Hon. Adams Nuhu, the MCE of the Awutu/Senya East Municipal Assembly was invited to chair the function, but the program coincided with the Moslems' post Sallah gathering where he was to give an address therefore could not honor our invitation, so Madam Alice Oduro was introduced to chair the program.

The older people were served with snacks and later given delicious meals. They were also entertained with brass band music amidst dancing and having fun with colleagues. The DJ treated them with old time music, bringing into their memories their hey days.

Colleagues. The DJ treated them with old time music, bringing into their memories the joy of yesteryears.

Rev. Peter Okyere, the founder of the organization drew the attention of the government to recognize older people of low profiles on Senior Citizens' Day ,since they also have contributed to welfare of the nation. He also advised the general public to respect the rights of older people, he said the aged of today were once active and kicking.

He therefore appealed to the government, policy makers, parliamentarians, benevolent organizations ,etc to support his foundation to establish a recreational center for older persons .He cautioned families not to shun their aged, he warned religious people who create confusion in families by telling people who go to them for solution to their problems that their ageing grandmothers or mothers are witch.

Ms. Laura of Kasoa old market gave them assorted soap prior to the party. Ms. Julieth Cudjoe also gave them textile materials. During an interviews from the media, the older people appealed to the government to assist them, by providing with good health care, shelter,transport and to also put some measures in place to govern their rights and welfare. They also thanked Rev. Okyere for thinking of them and asked for God's blessing upon him and the organization.

Rev. Peter Okyere prayed for them ,the sponsors, especially, the Awutu /Senya East Municipal Assembly (ASEMA) and the nation at large.

Before we left the scene, the program was aired in a Pink FM 6:00 pm news to the admiration of all present

#### Source of Funding

Awutu /Senya Municipal Assembly	-GH¢1, 500.00
The Organization	GH ¢ 600.00
Mr Eugene	GH ¢ 50.00
Mr. Solomon Anum	GH¢ 50.00

Please find attached the breakdown of the budget for the party.

God richly bless our sponsors

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER.2013**

	<b>GH¢ Expenditure</b>	<b>GH¢ Income</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
<b>Gross turnover</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
Local fundraising		2,000.00	
Individual donation (members)		1,000.00	
A philanthropist		1,000.00	4,000.00
Less operating expenses			
Health screaming & Breakfast for the older people	500.00		
World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day Celebration	2,000.00		
Allowances	1,000.00		
Administration Expenses	100.00		
Stipend for Volunteers	200.00		
			3,800.00
Net Profit /Loss			200.00

On December 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, as COVOG members, we took part in a clean up and eye screening exercises at the La beach and the forecourts of LEKMA (Ladzekuku Krowor Municipal Assembly) respectively in the Ladzekuku Krowor constituency in the Ga east municipal assembly of the Greater Accra region.

These activities were undertaken in preparation for the International Volunteer Day (IVD) which was climaxed with a gathering on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at the UNDP durbar grounds.

Then on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we undertook a feasibility study in Gomoa Potsin in the Gomoa east constituency of the central region. This study led us to screen 112 (one hundred and twelve) older people. We went to the houses of those who could not come to the registration center and had them registered.

Then again on Thursday, December 25, which was Christmas day, another screening exercise took place in the same town. This time, drugs were distributed to them. The whole program was supposed to have started at 10 .am, but the announcer mistakenly announced it to start at 7.00 am. This caused the older people to report at the durbar grounds as early as 7.00 am without taking their breakfast. Unknown to us , we reported there at 8.30 am. As soon as we got to the grounds some of them started to show signs of hunger, immediately, breakfast was prepared for them. Even though it was not part of the activity. The program was started with a prayer by Mr. Isaac Okyere at exactly 10.00 am

Immediately after the breakfast, the health personnel led by Mr. Aihoon ,started the screening. About 130 ( one hundred and thirty) older people were screened and given drugs. Music was also provided by the DJ, and moved some of them to dance happily .Our president, Rev. Peter Okyere asked the DJ to play some old time music. The moment the old time music was played, so many of them took to the floor and danced their hearts out, remembering their hey days. Rev. Okyere also joined them in the dance to the delight of all present.

This program was partly sponsored by the member of parliament for the Gomoa east constituency, Hon. Ekow Panyin Okyere Eduamoah. He was supposed to be the guest of honor, but another program of equally importance prevented him from coming. However, Nana Kwa Addofrakyee the 9<sup>th</sup> , Omankrado of Gomoa Akyempim Traditional Council chaired the function .He also gave his widow's mite. He was of delight and appealed to the government to think of older people, and make policies to help them.

Nana Tweiku Adasewa the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Odikro of Gomoa Potsin also shown his appreciation and expressed his gratitude to the organization for organizing the program in his town. He appealed that similar programs continue in the town.

Rev. Peter Okyere explained the vision of the NGO to the people that, the organization is not for profit, non-religious and non-political. That was why no one was exempted from the exercise. He made a passionate appeal to the government, philanthropists, religious bodies, and other organizations to support the vision of the organization to establish a recreational center for the older people. He also asked the chief and his elders for plot for the recreational center and agriculture to cater for the older people. He advised family members not neglect their aged, and cautioned them to desist from accusing the elderly women of witchcraft. He also promised of registering them with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)

Some of the older people appealed to the government to remember them of the National Cake, free medical care, good nutrition and shelter.

#### Source of Funding.

Hon. Ekow Panyin Okyere Eduamoah (MP)	GH¢ 300.00
Nana Kwa Addofrakyee the 9 <sup>th</sup>	GH 100.00
The NGO	GH 400.00
Total	GH 800.00

#### Detailed Budget for the Program

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Blood Tonic	3 Boxes	GH¢ 100.00	GH¢ 300.00
Breakfast		GH¢ 150.00	GH¢ 150.00
Video and photographs		GH¢ 200.00	GH¢ 200.00
Media (Printed)		GH¢ 100.00	GH¢ 100.00
Transportation		GH¢ 50.00	GH ¢50.00
Grand Total			GH ¢750.00
Balance			GH ¢50.00

The program was closed with prayer by Pastor Alexander Mensah at 1: 15pm after which a group photograph was taken.

**LONG LIVE GHANA, LONG LIVE OLDER PEOPLE**

Attached are some of our past activities.

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Volunteers Day (IVD) of which we were part. After the ceremony we proceeded to the Police hospital for a clean up exercise.

On Christmas day a lady philanthropist, Miss. Laura brought a quantity of assorted soap, a sachet of rice, soft drinks and cooking oil for the elderly.

Since financial issues, have become a global issue, the little that comes our way, we try to put them into good use for the benefit of these poor aged.

We are therefore appealing through your good offices to all and sundry to support us.

Our main target people are the aged who are 60 and above. We meet them every fortnight for different activities, such as games, physical education, sharing of ideas and free meals.

Breakdown of the budget  
Starting Amount

GHC

2,200.00

	<u>Expenses</u>	
Brassband	-	250.00
Banner	-	100.00
Snacks	-	250.00
Media	-	300.00
P/A System	-	100.00
Lunch	-	900.00
T & T	-	100.00
Canopies & Chair	-	80.00
Stipend for Volunteers		100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,180.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b><u>2,180.00</u></b>
		<b>40.00</b>

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2014**

	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	
<b>Gross turnover</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
Individual donation		4,900.00	
Fundraising		2,000.00	6,900.00
<b><u>Less operating expenses</u></b>			
Senior Citizens 'Day Party	2,180.00		
Health screening at Gomoa Potsin	750.00		
Administrative expenses	1,000.00		
Allowances	1,500.00		
Stipends for volunteers	1,000.00		
Allowances for resource persons	400.00		6,830.00
<b><u>Net Profit /Loss</u></b>			<b>70.00</b>

# 'Accord dignity and respect to aged'

PASTOR Peter Okyere of the Global Salvation Ministry Foundation has advised Ghanaians to accord due respect and dignity to the aged.

He gave the advice when he addressed 40 aged people at a breakfast meeting organised by the foundation at Kasoa in the Central Region.

The theme for the meeting was: "Hope for the Aged".

Pastor Okyere said the aged, who were weak today, were once young, energetic and contributed towards the socio-economic development of the country.

He said it would, therefore, be wrong for society to under-rate their importance, adding that taking good care of them would go a long way to encourage them to impart their accumulated rich experience to the younger generation for

the benefit of all.

He promised that the foundation would continue to offer the best towards the proper and effective handling of people aged 70 and above in the foundation's jurisdiction.

The pastor said among activities lined up to promote the health of the aged were periodic medical check-ups, health walks, feeding and the provision of recreational centre.

The vulnerable, orphans and widows would also be catered for.

He, therefore, appealed to corporate organisations and groups to support the foundation to achieve its objectives.

Prayers were said for their protection and long life to enable them to impart their skills to the youth before their departure. — GNA



Pastor Okyere (arrowed) with the aged after the meeting

## Poultry, pigs performance enhancer launched

Story: Joseph Kyei-Boateng, Ejisu

THE Basic Environmental Systems and Technology Ghana Limited (BEST Ghana) has launched a new natural poultry and

Daniel B. Okai at the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

The RE3, a direct-fed microbial

layers and pigs.

The Director of the BEST Ghana, Dr Kwame Oppong-Anane, who launched the product at Ejisu in the Ashanti Region, said the RE3 product had been approved by the Food and

farmers.

He pointed out that Sydals Limited, a large scale poultry enterprise in Accra, had given the attestation that the RE3 was in a class of its own due to the performance of poultry and

enhancer.

He also expressed gratitude to the chairman and executives of the Ejisu-Juaben Pig Farmers and Processors Association for providing facilities for the on-farm trial for the RE3.

He appealed to poultry and pig farmers in the country to use the RE3 for healthy chicken and pigs production and for the purposes of increasing profits.

A Pig Scientist, Prof. Okai, who was assisted by Mr Michael Boateng in the on-farm trial of the product, indicated that excessive use of antibiotics by meat producers, eight times more than in human medicine contributed to the alarming increase in antibiotic



♦ Rev. Osafo-Boateng (arrowed) presenting the cash and items. Also in the picture are some members of the church, officials and inmates of the orphanage

## Kanda Nantomah Memorial Congregation Donates to Spartanburg Orphanage

By Edna Arkowa Amoah

**T**HE Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Nantomah Memorial Congregation-Kanda Accra has donated a GH¢1,300.00 cash and some items to the Spartanburg Orphanage at Donkorkrom in the Afram Plains of the Eastern Region.

The items included bags of rice and sugar, cartons of milk, fruit drink, bread, and gallons of oil, toiletries, used clothes and materials to enhance their studies.

A cheque of GH¢500.00 was also presented on behalf of the Adabraka district of the church.

Rev. Emmanuel Osafo-Boateng said the donations were meant to serve as seed sown towards the growth and development of the place.

Rev. Ishmael Kwateng Andrews who received the donations expressed gratitude for the support.

Rev. Andrews said the Orphanage has 16 children, seven male and nine female. Some of the children, he explained had lost their parents while others had parents who were not in a sound state.

He said about 80 percent of their income was from sponsorship from Scotland. They also depend on support from the Kwahu Presbytery and philanthropists.

some time ago in Jamestown.

These motorists in Jamestown who claimed they innovated this means of commercial transport due to the heavy traffic that existed on the road from Accra central towards Mambrofi and Chorkor, were arrested and had their motorbikes seized because road authorities claimed it was an illegal practice. However, we see a different story today. These motorists are everywhere now, to the extent of even having policemen use their services.

I believe if the authorities have come to realise the need to accept the operations of these motorists, it will be better to draft rules and regulations for them and their operations, that is, if none exists, than to sit back and speculate that if not accepted, so people are also not expected to engage in such operations.

That, I think will be just a fallacy on their behalf. On the other hand, if authorities still hold these operations to be illegal, then there is the need to use necessary means to eradicate it from the system. Thus, it will be better to make sure these motorists are prevented from operating at all, if it is to be decreed illegal — or make sure they comply with laws concerning such operations.

This is because even though this new trend comes with undeniable benefits, especially in this era where traffic jams are on the rise, it is imperative to know that the operations of some of these motorists, pose great threat to society. Talk of those without licences, helmets (i.e. for themselves or/and their passengers), those who disobey road signs and symbols including the traffic light, just to mention but a few.

## Govt Urged To Protect The Aged

By Ernestina A Boateng

**T**HE President of the Coalition of Volunteering Organization Ghana, Pastor Chris Kofi Nyame has called on the government to put in place measures to protect the aged to enable them to live in the societ longer and healthier.

He said neglect and poverty was accountable for the deaths of most old people since most of them are refused healthcare and even shelter by their relatives.

He stated this at a forum in Kasoa. It was organised by Global Salvation Ministry foundation an (NGO) that seeks the welfare of old age in society.

The forum had the theme "Accord the old age dignity and respect."

He said though there were existing laws protecting the aged, they are not implemented leaving the aged to their fate.

Rev. Peter Okyere founder of the NGO explained that the foundation had since its inception helped the old in the society to be more lively and strong to live again.

He said he has plans to open a centre where the aged could visit every day for exercise, socialisation and health consultation.

He appealed to philanthropists and stakeholders to support the project.

He said the gathering was to remind the whole world that the aged also have their right to enjoy in the society.

They also used the occasion to march through the streets of Kasoa to remind members of the community that the aged are vital.



♦ Members of the group marching through the streets of Kasoa

## News

# 'Let the aged enjoy life'

**P**OLICY makers have been called up to create an environment conducive for the aged to enjoy quality life, despite the economic challenges in the

country.

"The Reverend Peter Okyere, President of the Global Salvation Ministry Foundation, a charity organisation, who made the call,

said their right for survival should be paramount, as all would be part of the aged population in the future."

He made the call at a party the

foundation organised for senior citizens in and around Kasoa Ash Town, in the Awutu Senya East municipality.

The programme, on the theme,

'Respect the rights of older people commenced with a float from Kasoa town, amidst brass band music to Ash Town, venue of the party'.

Rev. Okyere noted that the Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated for only the aged with high profiles, so the foundation organises a party for older people of low rank in the municipality to recognise them.

The aged numbering about 50 were served with different types of food and soft drinks and were given some suiting materials.

Rev. Okyere urged society to remember that old aged was like any other disability, and it was necessary for society to equally treat them well, since most of them had contributed towards the development of the country.

He expressed the foundation's appreciation to the sponsors of the programme and called for God's blessings upon them.

Later in an interview with the Ghana News Agency, some of the aged appealed to policy makers to establish recreation centres for the elderly to go and have fun, and also to share their experience with the youth. -GNA



*A group photograph of the participants*



## NEWS

# Social Protection for aged must be govt priority-NGO

**T**HE president of Global Salvation Ministry Foundation, Reverend Peter Okyere a charity organisations has appealed to the government to make the social protection of the aged one of its core priorities since they have contributed in diverse way, to the development of the country.

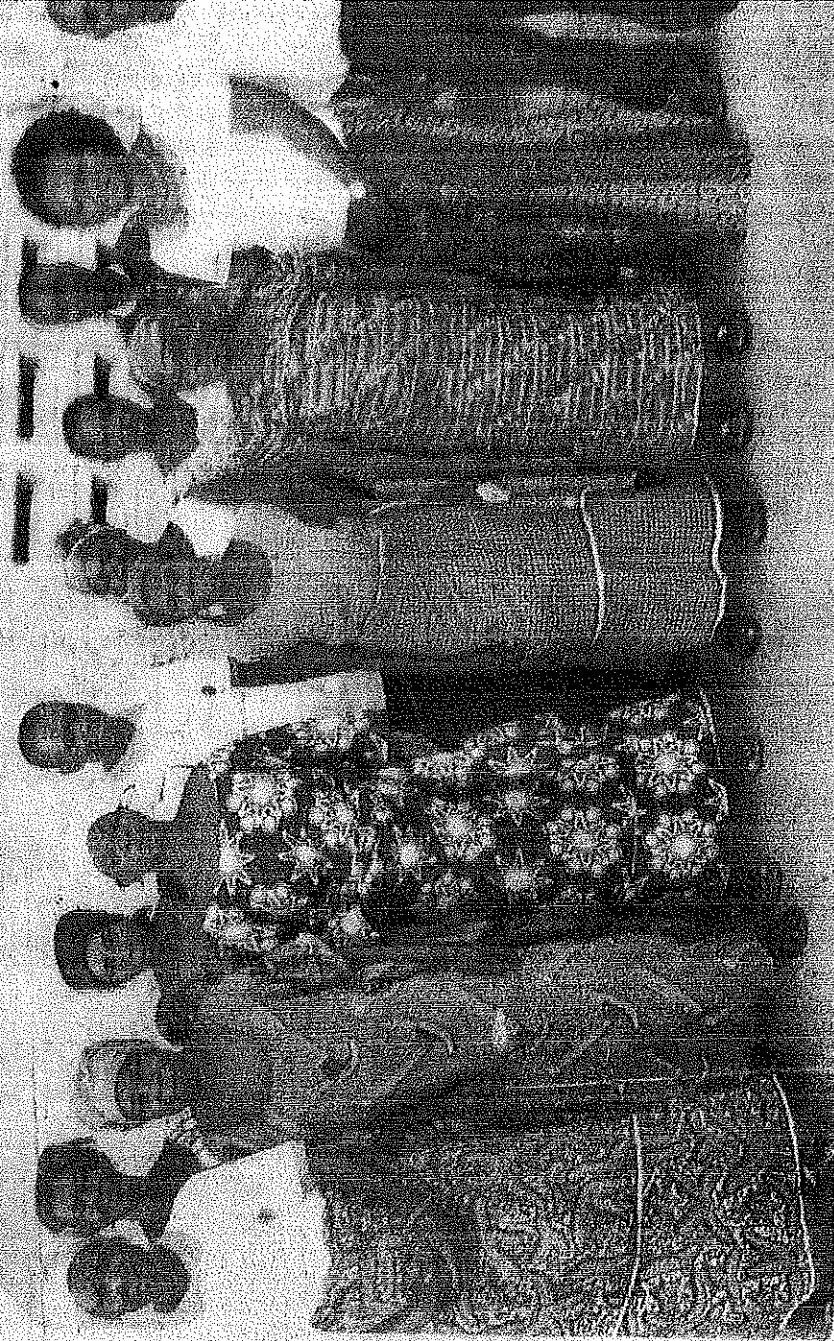
He said most of the senior citizens were going through hell on earth that has led them to become destitute, moving from one office to the other to solicit for money from their colleagues, who are still in active service to survive.

Re. Okyere made the appeal at a thanksgiving service for the foundation commemorating the Worlds Elderly Abused Awareness Day and Father's Day at its headquarters in Kasoa.

He said the economic situation placed them at a disadvantage as family members, especially children, found it extremely difficult to adequately support their parents.

According to him old age is like any other disability, a situation the government and all policy makers must pay equal attention to.

He advised parents who deliberately ignored the responsibilities of their children, to change and be good parents so that they would receive support for their children in their old age.



A group picture of members of the foundation