

# KEHA INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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## KENTUCKY FOR GHANA

Twenty 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 Tietzen 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, including The Kentucky Academy. The Kentucky for Ghana collaboration continues to employ two village cooks and operation and maintenance for the school building and dining pavilion.

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 BUILDING

A new library and community building sponsored by KEHA is shown here. This building provides a center for learning and meetings in Adjeikrom. It is secure and has some furniture. Current needs include books, shelving for books, and desks with chairs for individual study and reading.



UK students have traveled on study tours of Ghana since 2005, last visiting in 2019. Students who participate in this Education Abroad program are some of the most engaged alumni of the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition. When safe travel resumes, KEHA members and UK students will have opportunities to visit Ghana and forge new relationships to continue our work together.



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