



# ANNUAL IMPACT & FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

The Vineyard  
Foundation

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# Welcome and Overview

## A Letter of Gratitude



Because you  
said yes,  
love was put  
into action

This work began with God's love, and it moved forward through your willingness to respond.

Your giving, your prayers, and your partnership became more than support. They became a visible expression of God's care for children, families, and communities. Through you, hope was restored, dignity was protected, and lives were reminded that they are seen and valued.

Because you said yes, classrooms were strengthened, teachers were encouraged, and communities experienced love put into action. In ways both seen and unseen, God used your faithfulness to touch lives far beyond what numbers can capture. As you read this report, know that every outcome reflects God working through willing hearts. Thank you for allowing Him to use you to share His love in practical and meaningful ways.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry E. Knighton".

Barry E. Knighton MSW  
Founder & President  
Board Chair  
The Vineyard Foundation



# About the Mission

## GHANA MISSION PROJECT 2025



The Ghana Mission Project 2025 was rooted in a simple but powerful calling: to show God's love in ways that are practical, faithful, and lasting. This mission was not about a single event or moment, but about walking alongside communities with humility, care, and consistency.

In its seventh year of social work mission efforts, the Vineyard Foundation returned to Ghana with a deeper understanding of the importance of relationship-driven impact. Every visit to a school, every conversation with community leaders, and every shared prayer was guided by a desire to serve rather than to be seen.

The mission reached across classrooms, villages, churches, and national spaces, creating opportunities for meaningful engagement around education, faith, and community development. By participating in conversations on Diaspora-Driven Development, the Foundation shared how faith-based partnerships can support sustainable growth while honoring local leadership and culture.

At the heart of this mission was obedience. Many outcomes were not fully known at the start, but each step was taken in trust. What unfolded was a reminder that when people move together in faith, God opens doors that no single organization could open alone.

This mission stands as a reflection of what is possible when generosity, partnership, and faith are aligned with purpose.

# Impact at a Glance

## Mission Impact Summary

This year, every step of the Ghana Mission Project 2025 was guided by a desire to serve faithfully and follow where God led. The outcomes you'll see here are not just numbers or activities, they are evidence of God working through people who said yes. Each visit, each gift, and each prayer became a tangible expression of His love reaching children, families, and communities across Ghana.

Through your generosity, we were able to:



### A teachers' summit grounded in strengths-based practice

Supporting teachers goes far beyond the classroom. Through reflective workshops, conversations, and training, educators were encouraged to recognize and build upon the gifts and potential of each child. Your support allowed teachers to leave the summit with renewed vision, confidence, and a sense of calling that will shape countless young lives.



### Faith-filled visits to partner schools and communities

Each visit was more than a checkmark on a calendar. It was a moment of presence, encouragement, and listening. Teachers, students, and community members were reminded that they are seen and valued. Relationships were strengthened, and trust was deepened, laying the foundation for long-term impact.



### Commissioning of a Library, ICT, and STEM Center with over 1,000 books

The Library, ICT, and STEM Center is more than a physical space. It is a place where curiosity meets opportunity, where children can imagine what is possible, and where learning becomes a joyful journey. Every book, every computer, and every resource you made possible is an investment in future leaders and lifelong learners.



## Educational resources, desks, and supplies for underserved classrooms

Through these gifts, classrooms became spaces where learning can flourish. Children are able to engage more fully, teachers are equipped to teach more effectively, and the foundation for growth, knowledge, and leadership is strengthened.



## Community outreach supporting children, elders, and vulnerable families

From families in villages to elders in need, your generosity allowed us to bring comfort, care, and hope. These moments of connection remind us that ministry is not only done in classrooms but also in the hearts of communities. Your giving demonstrated God's love in practical and transformative ways.

Each of these outcomes is a reflection of faith in action. They are the result of people like you choosing to be instruments of God's love and mercy. As you move through this report, let these pages serve as a reminder that impact is not measured only by what was given, but by the lives touched, the hope restored, and the faith strengthened.



## EMPOWERING TEACHERS AND BUILDING SPACES FOR GROWTH

Education is at the heart of transformation, and this mission recognized that strong teachers and supportive learning environments are essential to shaping young lives. Your partnership allowed us to invest not just in children, but in the educators who guide them and the spaces where they learn.

The teachers' summit created a space for reflection, encouragement, and growth. Educators were reminded of their unique gifts and the profound role they play in shaping the character, faith, and potential of every student. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and shared experiences, teachers left equipped with renewed confidence, practical strategies, and a deeper sense of purpose. Your support helped make this possible, giving them the tools and encouragement needed to continue inspiring their students day after day.

At the same time, the commissioning of the Library, ICT, and STEM Center provided children with a space to explore, learn, and dream. With over 1,000 books and access to technology, the center stands as a beacon of opportunity, a place where curiosity is nurtured and imagination is encouraged. Each desk, resource, and learning tool reflects the tangible impact of generosity and faith in action.

By supporting both teachers and learning spaces, you helped create a ripple effect: empowered educators inspire students, and students inspired by God's love carry that energy into their communities. Your contributions are leaving a lasting imprint on minds, hearts, and futures, demonstrating that education rooted in faith and care can truly transform lives.



## HOW FAITH-DRIVEN DIASPORA LEADERSHIP IS TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES ACROSS AFRICA

On May 6, 2025, Barry Knighton, MSW—President and Founder of The Vineyard Foundation—was featured on Zed TV 101.9 BBZ's Business Breakfast with host Raphael Nii Trebi Hammond to discuss "Diaspora-Driven Development: Investing in Change Back Home."

During the interview, Barry shared how his calling as a social worker and man of faith fuels his commitment to Ghana and the broader African continent. He emphasized that diaspora engagement must go beyond remittances. True transformation, he explained, happens when individuals invest their skills, professional expertise, mentorship, and presence alongside financial support.

Through The Vineyard Foundation, Barry highlighted initiatives focused on education, teacher training, child welfare, community development, and sustainable partnerships. He underscored the importance of working directly with local leaders and communities to ensure that projects are culturally grounded, community-led, and built for long-term impact—not short-term charity.

The central theme of the conversation was faith in action. Barry described the Foundation's work as an expression of God's love—demonstrated through practical service, measurable outcomes, and collaborative relationships. He stressed that sustainable impact requires humility, listening, and empowering local youth and leaders to shape their own future.

Barry also offered a clear call to the African Diaspora: start where you are. Align your profession, passion, and resources with real community needs. Partner with credible local organizations. Commit to consistency over convenience. Development, he noted, is not about occasional visits—it is about ongoing relationships and accountability.

The interview reinforced The Vineyard Foundation's mission: to bridge continents, build capacity, and create sustainable change rooted in faith, partnership, and measurable impact. For donors and partners, the message was clear—when faith, strategy, and community collaboration intersect, lives are transformed and futures are strengthened for generations to come.



Expense Category	Amount (USD)	% of Budget
<b>Program Services</b>	<b>\$9,084.34</b>	<b>51.71%</b>
i. <b>Teacher Leadership &amp; Professional Development Initiative</b> – Kpoviadzi and Surrounding Communities (Provided structured leadership training, instructional skill development, and practical classroom strategies to strengthen educational outcomes across participating schools.)	\$1,000	
ii. <b>Apostle Senyo Library &amp; STEM Education Initiative</b> – Kpoviadzi Village (Funds supported educational materials, STEM resources, and infrastructure development to expand literacy and science learning opportunities for students in Kpoviadzi Village. This process also includes monthly support. Also, this includes purchase of 800 books through BookAid to transfer to library.)	\$5,529.34	
iii. <b>Faith-Based Entrepreneurship Training Initiative</b> – International Partner School (Program provided structured instruction and mentorship in ethical business principles, leadership development, and sustainable income generation for participating students.)	\$100	
iv. <b>Student Engagement Activity</b> – International School Outreach Event (Light refreshments provided during structured educational programming activities.)	\$125	
v. <b>Humanitarian Support &amp; Sponsorship</b> (Note: Faith-based humanitarian support meets urgent needs—food, clean water, education, and health services—with practical help while honoring each person’s God-given dignity. Every dollar is handled with transparency and used to create real, lasting impact in the communities served.)	\$230	
vi. <b>Mayeeko Community Development Initiative</b> – Program Support (Funds supported implementation activities, local coordination, and essential program resources for the Mayeeko community initiative.)	\$1,000	
vii. <b>Community Outreach &amp; Educational Resource Distribution</b> – Holiday Engagement Event (Event supported community engagement efforts and included distribution of educational books and modest appreciation gifts to over 1000 children).	\$250	
viii. <b>Volunteer &amp; Staff Recognition Event</b> – Mission Support Appreciation (Event recognized volunteer and staff contributions that directly supported mission planning, logistics, and implementation efforts.)	\$500	
ix. <b>Partner-Funded Humanitarian Support</b> – RLC Foundation / Duke Energy Sponsored Initiative (Funds were applied to humanitarian project activities in partnership with RLC Foundation, supported in part by Duke Energy funding.)	\$350	

Administrative & Operational Support	\$8,123.51	46.25%
i. <b>Mission Housing &amp; Lodging</b> – Ghana Project 2025 (Lodging provided safe, cost-conscious accommodations for mission personnel during project implementation, training, and community engagement activities.)	\$700	
ii. <b>Local Administrative &amp; Project Management Support</b> – Host Organization Partnership (Funds were disbursed directly to the partner organization and did not include personal compensation to U.S.-based mission personnel.)	\$1,076	
iii. <b>Local Transportation Services</b> – Ghana Mission Project 2025 (Provided safe and reliable in-country transportation for mission personnel, materials, and project coordination activities.)	\$200	
iv. <b>International Airfare &amp; Mission Travel Support</b> – Ghana Project 2025 (Travel support directly enabled participation in project implementation, community engagement, and oversight activities in Ghana.)	\$3,027	
v. <b>International Airfare</b> – Mission Travel (Donor-Designated Upgrade Contribution) – Please note: Upgrade costs were fully covered by a designated donor gift and did not utilize general mission funds.	\$799	
vi. <b>International Travel Insurance</b> – Mission Personnel Coverage (Policy provides emergency medical, trip interruption, and travel protection coverage for mission personnel during international service activities.)	\$194.49	
vii. <b>Mission Travel Per Diem &amp; Expense Reimbursement</b> – Ghana Project 2025 (Per diem and reimbursements were issued in accordance with organizational travel policy and supported meals, local transportation, and approved project-related expenses during the Ghana 2025 mission.)	\$29.82	
viii. <b>Airline Baggage Fees</b> – Transport of Donated Educational Materials and Media Equipment for STEM Library Project – (Fees covered the transportation of donated project supplies and media equipment used for educational programming and documentation of the STEM Library initiative.)	\$200	
ix. <b>Volta Region Ground Transportation &amp; Lodging</b> – Mission Team and Local Staff Support (Expenses supported on-site coordination, project implementation, and supervision activities in the Volta Region and were directly related to mission execution.)	\$500	
x. <b>Pre-Deployment Health Requirements and Essential Travel Supplies</b> – Ghana Mission 2025 (Includes medically recommended appointments, vaccinations [if applicable], and essential supplies required for safe participation in international mission activities.)	\$280.99	

xi. <b>State Compliance Filing</b> – Nonprofit Registration Update (South Carolina Secretary of State) Required state filing to maintain the organization’s legal standing and eligibility to operate and receive charitable contributions.	\$60	
xii. <b>Local Project Support</b> – Staff Meals, Fuel, Essential Transportation, and Operational Expenses (Includes essential travel supplies and medically recommended prophylaxis required for safe participation in international mission activities and transportation of items to the village.)	\$988.11	
xiii. <b>Mission Project Reserve Fund</b> – Carried Forward for 2026 Implementation (Remaining designated funds were carried forward to support continued implementation of mission activities in the upcoming project cycle.)	\$321.51	
<b>Events Supplies and Materials</b>	\$125	<b>0.71%</b>
i. Teacher Training Supplies and Materials	\$125	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,567.44</b>



# Annual Budget Category Breakdown

## Program Services

**Amount:**  
**\$9,084.34**

**Percentage of  
Total Budget:**  
**51.71%**

### **Impact Language for Donor Report:**

Over half of all donor contributions directly supported program services, including educational initiatives, humanitarian outreach, community development, and leadership training. This reflects the organization's commitment to prioritizing mission delivery and community impact.

## Administrative & Operational Support

**Amount:**  
**\$8,123.51**

**Percentage of  
Total Budget:**  
**46.25%**

### **Impact Language for Donor Report:**

Administrative and operational investments ensured safe international travel, project coordination, compliance, local partnerships, and mission infrastructure necessary for effective program implementation and accountability.

## Events Supplies and Materials

**Amount:**  
**\$125.00**

**Percentage of  
Total Budget:**  
**0.71%**

### **Impact Language for Donor Report**

A minimal portion of funds supported program materials and training supplies used in educational and outreach activities.

## SHOWING THE HEART OF YOUR INVESTMENT IN DONOR FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

For Fiscal Year 2025, The Vineyard Foundation operated with a total budget of **\$17,567.44**. Of this amount, **74.56% (\$13,094.04)** was invested directly into local community programming and implementation. This includes educational initiatives, leadership development, humanitarian support, community outreach, local administrative and project management support, in-country transportation, and operational resources necessary for on-site execution. Nearly **75** cents of every dollar was invested directly into local community's impact.

The remaining **25.44%** of the budget was used to cover essential infrastructure costs required to responsibly implement and oversee our international programs. These expenses included international airfare for on-site project supervision, required nonprofit compliance filings with the State of South Carolina, travel insurance and health-related safety requirements, and limited local administrative supplies and coordination support necessary for project execution.

This portion of the budget did not fund salaries for U.S.-based personnel or unrelated overhead. Instead, it ensured that all programs were delivered safely, legally, and with proper oversight. These investments protect donor contributions, safeguard the communities served, and maintain the organization's accountability and regulatory standing.

By allocating funds in this way, the Vineyard Foundation maintains a disciplined financial structure—prioritizing direct community impact while ensuring the governance, compliance, safety, and oversight necessary for sustainable and measurable results.





# Thank You DONORS

Thank you for your continued trust and faithful support of The Vineyard Foundation. Your generosity directly strengthens local programs, partnerships, education initiatives, and humanitarian outreach—extending both practical help and the love of Christ to the communities we serve.

We are committed to stewarding your gifts with transparency, integrity, and accountability, honoring the biblical responsibility to manage resources wisely.

Your giving is handled with care and purpose, creating measurable and sustainable impact while empowering local leaders and families to thrive. We are grateful for your partnership and remain dedicated to maintaining your trust through faithful stewardship and clear communication.

## DISCLAIMER

We sincerely thank you for your generous support of the Vineyard Foundation and for partnering with us in advancing our mission to serve others with compassion and integrity. All donations are final and non-refundable. Upon acceptance, contributions are prayerfully and responsibly used at the organization's discretion to support programs and outreach efforts where the need is greatest. The Vineyard Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, and no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the tax deductibility of your gift.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Inspired by this impact? You can give through Givebutter or by scanning the QR code below. Your generosity helps us continue this work and serve with compassion and purpose.

Thank you for being a blessing and partnering with us to make a lasting difference.



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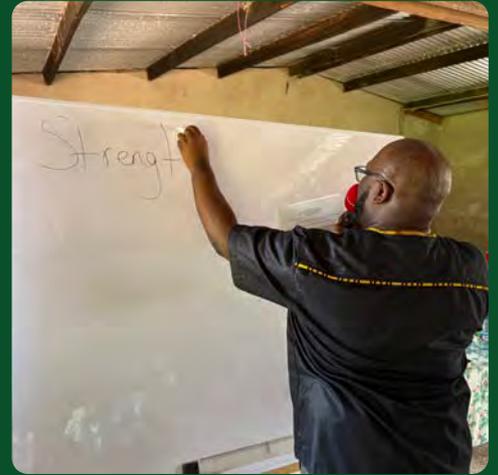
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## JOURNEY WITH ME TO GHANA & TOGO

This journey continues years of hands-on work with teachers and schools, creating space for learning, growth, and lasting impact.

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# Acknowledgements

This mission was carried forward by people who served faithfully, often out of sight, with humility and care.

Every effort, every long day, and every quiet act of service helped turn vision into action and love into impact.

To the volunteers, team members, partners, and community leaders who gave their time, strength, and hearts, thank you.

Your obedience and commitment reflected God's love in practical ways and made a lasting difference in the lives you touched. This work would not have been possible without you.

**This work was done  
as unto the Lord!**

Because we answer to both our donors and to God, we ensure that every dollar is handled with integrity prioritizing mission over margin and people over profit.



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