

DUAMENEFA FOUNDATION
TROKOSI FREEDOM PROJECT
NEWSLETTER

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"Promoting Peaceful Coexistence"

The Work Begins!

After setting goals over a 6 year period of time to see the spiritual slaves (Trokosi) set free once and for all, **God's perfect time has come!**

Initial talks with the chiefs of a very spiritually dark area (Klikor, Agbuzome and Nogokpo) indicated they are in agreement and support with what Duamenefa Foundation and Mawuena Ministries want.

Evangelist Emmanuel Ketaman Evortepe, our Executive President, requested a list of all the Trokosi in their shrines. The number we received was **205** captives, even the fetish priests are more than happy to turn these over to us, setting them free to gain training, and a new life of freedom. Why? All people are given a conscience and in God's time no one can withstand His will.

What a happy surprise and shock for us to find such willingness to work toward the same end! God's time is upon us and the next piece of good news is **NO** negotiation fees are involved. A simple turning over of these captives into our hands. **A miracle of God!**

With such great news, it gives up such zeal to see all 5,000 plus Trokosi free!

Our lawyer is drawing up the legal documents to secure freedom and bind the shrine and chiefs to eradicating Trokosi never to receive human sacrifice into servitude again. They will publicly, with much press, sign these documents and be legally declared non-Trokosi Shrines.

Getting ready!

We created registration applications and gave them to the chiefs to distribute in the shrines to obtain infor-

mation on each Trokosi. In a week, 13 young women (ages 17-26) have filled the forms, 6 wanting seamstress training, the balance hair-dressing. There are 192 more, many of which will also sign up. We will not force any, but all will be free to leave at any time.

We agreed to use both vocational schools and apprenticeship programs for the training. Costs are close to the same.

The women will be relocated to a fresh place to begin again. Trokosi are most often rejected by their families believing they will bring a curse on them and by their communities who will not touch them because they are marked as belonging to an idol (shrine).



For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. Job 14:7-9

Training Costs

I mentioned in the last update that we would need between \$105 and \$120 a month for a period of two years for each Trokosi to make sure they have everything they need to be trained, set up in business, free and self-sustaining.

Here is where we begin. Our executive board met together this week to study out what else is needed to do this right. We know is that God already knows the needs and has prearranged

the people, churches, companies and organizations we are to link with to see it all through to completion.

As we plan and study how to jump start, we are inquiring on the cost of shipping a 10' x 40' container to Ghana from the U.S. Barrels can be shipped at anytime with smaller items at any time.

A List of Startup Needs

One 15 passenger van (less than 10 years old because duties double on anything older). Even as a non-profit here, duties on vehicles are never waived except on tractors. The cost of releasing this type of vehicle will be about \$7000-\$8,000.

All types of furniture for setting up house.

Kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils, plates, bowls, stainless ware, glasses, cups...)

Clothes, shoes, sandals, personals for all ages and genders. Many Trokosi have children, some very small, some older. They have also been kept captive.

Non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning products, sponges, mops, brooms, dish clothes, etc.

School supplies. Although these children and women lost the opportunity to get their schooling, the children will be housed in a separate place with retired trained teachers giving them an educational foundation to be able to enter a school after a period of time.

NOTE: Teachers and school workers, you might want to check with your superintendents to see if any items which have been retired to warehouses are available for such a cause as this. We will be happy to contact them personally and pick up those items.

Duamenefa Foundation and Mawuena Ministries are both 501c3 organizations in the U.S. and all donated items and monies are tax deductible.

Lastly

The need is now! As Rev. Diane Westcott spoke to several churches, pastors and people during her visit in November, many were excited and wanting to know what they can do. People committed to making monthly contributions to Mawuena Ministries or Duamenefa Foundation for helping the poor.

Living in a village in developing country is difficult with high unemployment, but imagine being a slave in such an environment without hope.

This newsletter is to show you that God has heard the cries of these voiceless children who He loves so much and given them promised release, but we cannot throw them to the streets. **Isaiah 16:1-5; Isaiah 49:24-26**

Working with the love and passion of God, we want these children and women to have hope and a good future, but it is up to all of us as God's hands and feet to do our part.

God has personally selected some of you to join with us. As we meet these women and collect the applications in the next week, many pictures of the women and their surroundings will be taken and we will pass them along to you and post them to the our website; www.duamenefafoundation.org. We are creating a special area on the site for our Trokosi Project. You will be notified when it is up and running.

Donation information:

Giving can be done using PayPal! Go to **www.paypal.com** and choose **send money** then enter one of the two email addresses: **duamenefafoundation@yahoo.com** or **mawuenamin@yahoo.com**. Please specify the ***Trokosi Freedom Project*** in your notes if that is where you want to designate your gift.

For information on donating clothes, or other items, please contact Pastor Mawuena (Rev. Diane Westcott) at duamenefafoundation@yahoo.com.

Thank you. May God restore your life in more ways that you can imagine.