



WHO WE ARE

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to empower and uplift children in Ghana who have been freed from slavery and child labor by providing comprehensive rehabilitation, education, and support services. Through our dedicated efforts, we strive to create a safe and nurturing environment where these children can heal, thrive, and build a brighter future for themselves and their communities.



MODERN SLAVERY ON GHANA'S LAKE VOLTA

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In Ghana, on Lake Volta, children are working in the fishing industry. Some work with their families, but others are trafficked there to work in modern-day slavery. CBS News correspondent Debora Patta visits the lake with an NGO that rescues children from forced labor and speaks to a former child trafficker who details his most shameful actions.





WHAT MAKES BTCTE UNIQUE

BTCTE works on creating a long-term foundation for safety, stability, and happiness for the beneficiaries we care for.

When tracking the progress of formerly trafficked children, we observed that these children often were not provided with the support they needed to maintain their wellbeing. At most, we found that other organizations provided two years of care. This puts children at risk of falling into situations equally as dangerous or harmful to the ones they were rescued from.

The beneficiaries we care for are a part of our organization from the moment they enter our care until they can live independently. This type of results-based approach is promoted by The World Bank as an innovative way to achieve the most sustainable outcomes.



LONG TERM CARE

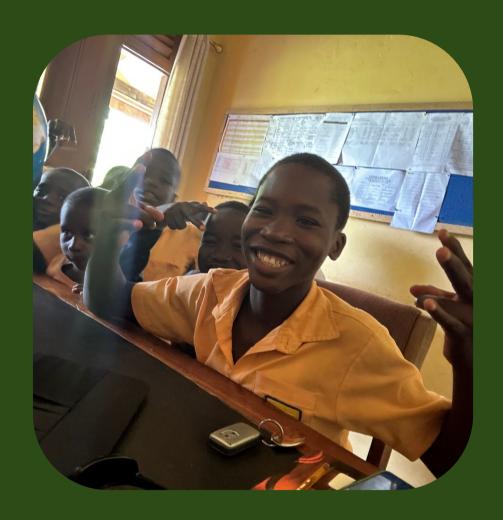
Due to past trauma and the current poverty of the beneficiaries we care for, many need support that could last 12 years or more. To ensure consistency and stability in their care, our beneficiaries are visited every two weeks by our field agents in Ghana, and every beneficiary is visited by our CEO at least once a year.





HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS

Our comprehensive support includes access to education, housing, food security, and health care. BTCTE strives to lift young people out of poverty, tremendous adversity, and horrific circumstances by providing them with the necessary skills and tools to have a better future.





The next few pages are ways that we care for our beneficiaries...



LIVING AT HOME



FREDERICK

Frederick is 16. He was trafficked for 10 years and worked on a fishing boat. Frederick suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, which was aggravated by working the nets in the cold water. He experienced both verbal and physical abuse by his master.

Frederick has been reunited with his mother and is thriving with our support. We provide him with food, medical care, clothing, and school supplies. He is currently in the 8th Grade and is studying Biology and the Physical Sciences, hoping to become a medical doctor.



BOARDING SCHOOL



AUGUSTINA

Augustina is 19 and the last born of five children. After the divorce of her parents, her father trafficked her to a man who was not a relative. She spent six years working for him on a fishing boat and as a domestic servant. During this time, she was severely abused physically and emotionally.

Augustina was rescued, rehabilitated, and now supported by BTCTE. She is at an excellent boarding school studying both Arts and Sciences in preparation for a career as a nurse.



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY



DANIEL

Daniel is 26. He was trafficked at a young age and worked on a fishing boat on Lake Volta for many years.

After being rescued, Daniel attended secondary school. He excelled in both his studies and in-class leadership. His classmates selected Daniel as a Class Prefect (Leader and Role Model). He is now attending Ho Technical University, studying Engineering with an interest in Building Technology. He aspires to pursue a career as a building contractor.



UNIVERSITY



MICHAEL

Michael is 26. After the death of his father, he was trafficked onto Lake Volta to work on a fishing boat. He spent four years on the lake and endured physical and verbal abuse.

Michael was able to return to his family and finish secondary school. He is now attending the University of Education Winneba to obtain a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management.

As you can see from his photo, he already looks like a business professional!



VOCATIONAL TRADE



CHARLES

Charles is 21 and the third of six children. When he was a few years old, his parents fell into extreme poverty. He was given to an uncle who was a fisherman on Lake Volta. The uncle promised to enroll Charles in school, but instead, he used Charles on a fishing boat on the lake for nine years. During that time, Charles was verbally and physically abused.

Once rescued, Charles pursued a technical career in plumbing and tiling. With the support of BTCTE, he is now in an apprenticeship with a master plumber.



AFTER THEY GRADUATE



ESSEL

Essel is 24. After the divorce of his parents, he was trafficked at a very young age. He worked on a fishing boat on Lake Volta for many years.

Once rescued, he returned to his mother. Essel finished junior high school and then pursued an apprenticeship in tailoring and clothing design. He graduated as a master tailor, and BTCTE arranged a store rental for Essel to design, create, and sell his clothing line. He has been successful in developing a group of loyal clients.

In the photo, you can see Juilian Fensterheim, a BTCTE supporter from the USA, wearing one of Essel's creations!



BTCTE HIGHLIGHTS

2006

Began raising funds to rescue 5 children with Intermational Organization for Migration.

2011

Incorporated as 501(C)3. Built school in exchange for the release of 20 trafficked children.

2012

Hired social worker in partnership with IOM to provide aftercare to 40 rescued children.

2018

Established an office in Ghana and hired our own staff to provide long term care for 90 children.





FIVE YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

With our success in transitioning beneficiaries out of our program and into financial independence, along with BTCTE's increased financial capacity to serve those most in need, we have been able to accept new beneficiaries into our program. This is all possible with the continued support from our donors and volunteers.

Beneficiary growth and success:

- 2019 present:
- 32 have graduated
- 63 are continuing their education
- 1 left the program
- 39 new beneficiaries are being cared for

Donations and grants per beneficiary:

- In 2019, grants to students averaged \$463/student
- In 2022, grants to students averaged \$879/student

Statistics:

- 33% of our 96 beneficiaries have graduated from our program and are self-sufficient.
- 99% retention/return rate
- In 2023, nearly 30% of our grantees are new to our program.



FIVE YEARS GOALS

Ghana, Africa:

- Build 2 more residential centers for older beneficiaries to reside.
- Open a second office in Greater Accra.
- Increase beneficiaries by 50%.
- Increase staffing by 50%.
- Former beneficiaries to train future beneficiaries in their fields to be the Master Craftsman

New Jersey, United States:

• Hire a new Executive Director to help us grow and reach more rescued children



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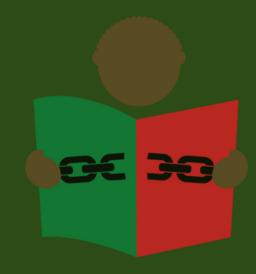
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"YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF YOUR OWN FUTURE. IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE."

~Evan Robbins



