

BREAKING THE CHAIN THROUGH EDUCATION

Providing formerly trafficked children with the
opportunity to obtain a bright future.





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. If you would like to watch the full version: tinyurl.com/slaveryinghana



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 well-being. 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...

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR BENEFICIARIES...

LIVING AT HOME



FREDERICK

Frederick is 17. 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.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR BENEFICIARIES...

BOARDING SCHOOL



AUGUSTINA

Augustina is 20 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 BTCCTE. She is at an excellent boarding school studying both Arts and Sciences in preparation for a career as a nurse.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR BENEFICIARIES...

UNIVERSITY

MICHAEL



Michael is 27. 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!

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR BENEFICIARIES...

VOCATIONAL TRADE



CHARLES

Charles is 22 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.

Under the care of BTCCTE, Charles pursued a technical career in plumbing and tiling. He graduated in 2024 as a Master Plumber and Tiler.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR BENEFICIARIES...

AFTER THEY GRADUATE

ESSEL

Essel is 25. 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 BTCCTE 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 BTCCTE supporter from the USA, wearing one of Essel's creations!



BTCTE HIGHLIGHTS

2006

Began raising funds to rescue 5 children with International 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.



2018-2022

Greatly expanded the number of beneficiaries we are caring for: 100-125.

2018-2024

Over 50 beneficiaries have graduated from the program as professional craftsman, teachers, etc.

2024

Opened the campus at Sogakope to house up to 40 of beneficiaries.

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:
- 50+ have graduated
- Beneficiaries total currently 110+ as we continually take on new beneficiaries in need when others graduate from the program
- new campus built and opened in 2024 that can house 40 beneficiaries

Statistics:

- 33% of our 96 beneficiaries have graduated from our program and are self-sufficient.
- 99% retention/return rate
- 50% of our beneficiaries have been added to our program in the last three years.

FIVE YEARS GOALS

Ghana, Africa:

- Open a **second office** in Greater Accra.
- Increase beneficiaries by **50%**.
- Increase staffing by **50%**.
- **Have additional beneficiaries 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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CHARGE OF YOUR
OWN FUTURE. IT'S
UP TO YOU TO
DECIDE."**

~Evan Robbins





THANK YOU