

Child Details

Name: Dennis Mike (GH3030052)

Birthdate: March 4, 1997 **Age:** 11

Gender: Male

Region: West Africa

Country: Ghana

Program: New Life Compassion Assisted Project

Personal and Family Information:

Dennis lives with his grandmother. His duties at home include running errands. There are 2 children in the family. His grandmother is sometimes employed.

Dennis is not presently attending school. Soccer and playing group games are his favorite activities. He also attends church activities and Bible class regularly.

Your love and support will help Dennis to receive the assistance he needs to develop his potential. Please pray for him.

Community and Project Information:

Dennis lives in the coastal community of Tema New-Town, home to approximately 87,700 residents. Typical houses are constructed of cement and have corrugated iron roofs. The primary ethnic groups are Gas, Akans, Ewes and Ga-Dangmes and the most commonly spoken languages are Ga, Twi, Ewe and Ga-Dangme.

The regional diet consists of maize, beans, bananas, fish, bread, cassava, beef, plantains, rice and goat. Common health problems in this area include malaria, skin diseases, malnutrition and HIV/AIDS. Most adults in Tema New-Town are unemployed but some work as market traders and earn the equivalent of \$20 per month. This community needs educational materials, employment opportunities, improved housing and recreational and social centers.

Your sponsorship allows the staff of New Life Child Development Center to provide Dennis with Bible teaching, medical screening, recreational activities and academic support. The center staff will also provide meetings for the parents or guardians of Dennis.

Country Information:

The Republic of Ghana is a coastal country in western Africa with a tropical climate. This small country is hot and humid as it borders the Gulf of Guinea. Once called the Gold Coast, Ghana is rich in natural resources including gold, diamonds and rubber. Even though the country is wealthy in resources, about 45 percent of the population lives in extreme poverty, making less than U.S.\$1 a day.

Most of Ghana's more than 23 million people live in cities. About 98 percent of the population is African, split among six major tribes. But Ghana is flooded with refugees from its neighbors - war-torn Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Togo. Nearly 69 percent of the population is Christian, 16 percent is Muslim, and 8 percent follow indigenous beliefs. English is the official language, but some people speak native African languages such as Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe and Ga. Compassion works primarily in the coastal region in southern Ghana.

Though Ghana was the first British colonial country in Africa to gain its independence, it has been plagued by political violence since it was established in 1957. Between 1957 and 1979, Ghana experienced a series of bloody and bloodless coups. Finally in 1992, a new constitution establishing a multiparty government was adopted and remains in place today. John Kufuor was elected Ghana's president in 2000, and began serving his second term in 2004.

Child's Location:

East of Tema

