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Learn about . . . The Children's Service at Ho-Kpodzi Dela Chapel, Ghana

The girl in the picture, Ernestine, attends the "Children's Sunday Service" of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ho-Kpodzi Dela Chapel. She is a committed child to the "Children's Service." The service takes place in an old chapel building without shutters and is therefore open to environmental hazards. This girl leads a group of young ones to clean, dust, and arrange the pews. She also goes for drinking water before service begins at 9 A.M.

Due to the large number of the children, they are divided into different groups to be effectively handled by various teachers. Ernestine again helps organize her group, prays with them, and leads them to sing as they wait for their teacher to teach them under a tree. She is very motivated, loving, and hardworking. She participates fully and actively through questions and answers. Besides the above, Ernestine takes delight in Bible reading and singing. She is also a member of the Children's Sunday Service drama troupe.

**MEET
ERNESTINE**

Name: Ernestine
Hometown: Lume Kporoave, near Ho
Home Church: Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana
Parents: Grace and Manfred
Birthday: December 22
Favorite Food: Jollof Rice
Favorite Game: Ludo (an indoor game like *Parcheesi*)
Favorite Subjects: Mathematics and English

FAST FACTS ABOUT**Ghana**

Capital: Accra

About the Size of: Oregon, slightly smaller

The Weather and the Land: Tropical, mostly low plains with a plateau in the south-central area and a large lake in the eastern part of the country

Religions: Christian (69%), Muslim (16%), traditional (8.5%), other or none (6.5%)

Languages: English (official), Asante or Akan, Ewe, and others

Major Exports: Gold and cocoa

Independence: 1957 from the United Kingdom, first sub-Saharan country to gain its independence

Fun Fact: Lake Volta is the world's largest artificial lake; it was made by building a dam on the Volta River.

Fun Fact: The flag of Ghana has three horizontal stripes: red for the struggle for independence, yellow for the wealth of the country (gold), and green for the farms and forests. There is a black star in the center for African freedom.



Flag of Ghana

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Mission Memory Verse

God has shown all you people what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

—Micah 6:8 (*Today's New International Version*)

Mission Challenge

Ernestine is a young girl in Ghana who attends the Ho-Kpodzi Dela Chapel. She enjoys helping around her church, preparing for services, leading the younger children, reading Bible stories, and singing.

Challenge: Choose one of the following activities to do this week.

1. Choose one way you can help around your church this week or on Sunday. Can you arrange chairs, help with younger children, clean up after Sunday school, or pick up bulletins after worship?
2. Read a Bible story, or have someone read one to you, each day this week.



Ernestine helps clean the pews in the chapel.

