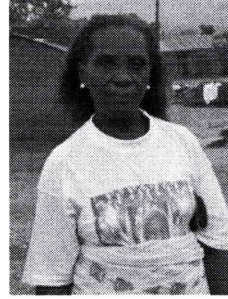


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Mercy Of Akrampa



Dear Friends, "Afe Hyiapa" ('Let the New Year be good and full of blessings!') In Ghana, this wish and 'prayer' will continue to be exchanged for many days, sometimes till the end of January. May it be so for all of you, Amen!

This month and next, I will be writing to you about Mrs. Mercy Abbeyquaye, whom the villagers affectionately call 'Adom Kuraba', which means 'Cup of Grace'. Mercy has been with us from the beginning of the Mission in 1995. She was instrumental in helping choose the village of Akrampa for our Mission. She has the people of Akrampa very much in her heart and mind. She cares about them so much, and they love her for the commitment she has shown over the years!

Mercy became the obvious logical choice to be my assistant when the issue of dialect and language impediment became an issue from the start. I speak a different dialect of the same ethnic group, whereas Mercy speaks the dialect of the people of Akrampa. Mercy is originally from Winneba, one of the major towns of the Efutu tribe, with which the people of Akrampa share similar cultural beliefs and practices. But Mercy has lived in Akrampa since her husband retired from the Ghana Police Service and returned home to be with his people. Mercy's husband's ancestry was of Akrampa. The former village chief of Akrampa (now deceased) was the maternal Uncle of Mercy's husband.

Mercy is now widowed and her four children live and work away from her home. But she gives to God and our mission with all of her heart. Next month, I look forward to telling you more about Mercy and how she has helped the mission so much over the years.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben