

PROJECT INFORMATION



GHANA: „PEACEMAKERS“

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To help reduce violence in Ghana, young adults, teachers and pastors receive non-violent conflict resolution training. The so-called „Peacemakers“ are on a mission of peace!

Ghana is a country of many different cultures and religions. This diversity is usually seen as positive, but violence can break out, especially involving young adults. Girls, street boys and unemployed young people are particularly vulnerable. In their search for a better future, they are easy targets for people prepared to resort to violence. But who doesn't want to live in peace?

Coping correctly with conflicts

In 2005, a workshop organised by the EMS and the Presbyterian Church in Ghana (PCG) marked a turning point. It dealt with solving conflicts without resorting to violence. The young participants were so enthusiastic about the „Peacemakers Program“ that it was already introduced in all 17 church districts of the Presbyterian Church in the following

year. Since then, young people, teachers, pastors and youth leaders have been trained as peacemakers and pass on their knowledge to local youth groups. Traditional Ghanaian chiefs and elders are also involved in the activities.

Living and promoting peace

At their meetings, the Peacemakers identify areas of conflict in their own environment. What are the situations that trigger violence? Where do conflicts occur? Young people are their target group. They encourage pupils of both genders to set up peace societies and learn all about the peace mission, for example in debates. They also advise Ghanaian apprentices and trainees on how to deal with conflicts in the workplace. These are at the bottom of the company hierarchy and often suffer from difficult working conditions.

Networking is also important for the peace mission. Peacemakers are in regular contact with other institutions of the Presbyterian Church, such as the Presbyterian Inter-faith Research and Resource Centre, which works to promote dialogue between Muslims and Christians and for a better understanding between religions.

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