

a CLOSER LOOK AT THE REPUBLIC OF

GHANA

CAPITAL Accra

POPULATION 24,965,816

Currently, Maranatha is planning to build 78 One-Day School classrooms, 40 One-Day Churches, and 1 Education and Evangelism Center in Ghana.



Valley View University is the first accredited and chartered private tertiary university in Ghana.



Adventist mission is promoted on 48 radio stations and four television stations within Ghana each week.



RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS*

2000 census

CHRISTIAN 68.8%

Pentecostal/
Charismatic 24.1%
Protestant 18.6%
Catholic 15.1%
Other 11%



MUSLIM 15.9%

TRADITIONAL 8.5%

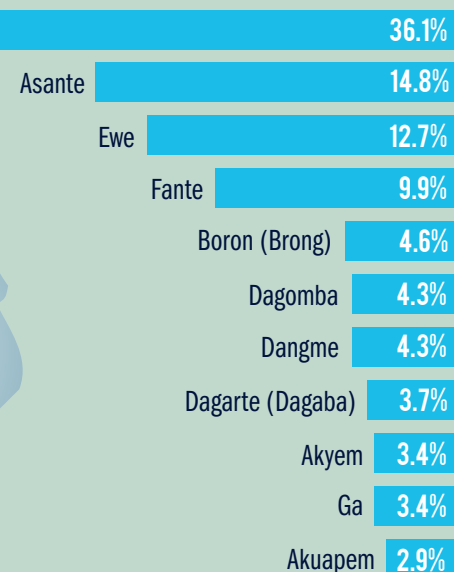
NONE 6.1%

OTHER 0.7%

English (official) and other

LANGUAGES*

2000 census



GHANA UNION CONFERENCE IN NUMBERS

368,171

BAPTIZED MEMBERS

1,660

COMPANIES

1,166

CHURCHES

898

BASIC SCHOOLS

14

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

13

HOSPITALS

12

CLINICS

3

COLLEGES OF NURSING AND EDUCATION

1

UNIVERSITY

*CIA World Factbook

TIMELINE OF THE ADVENTIST CHURCH IN GHANA

1894 First missionaries arrive to Ghana.

1897 The first baptismal service in Ghana includes Francis Dolphijn and three others.

1921 J. K. Garbrah is the first Ghanaian to be ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

1938 An Adventist press is founded in Ghana.

1957 School of nursing and midwifery opens at the Kwahu Hospital.

1979 Valley View University (originally named Adventist Missionary College) is established in Accra.

1997 Valley View University becomes the first nationally accredited private university in the country.

2013 In March, Maranatha volunteers begin construction on large pre-school through high school campus at Valley View University.

1888 A pamphlet about the Adventist message reaches Francis Dolphijn on the Gold Coast (now Ghana).

1907 Adventist education is founded in Ghana with the opening of a school in Cape Coast. A second "official" Adventist School opens the following year in Kikam.

1939 The first Adventist teacher training college is established in Bekwae.

1974 The Adventist Girls' Vocation Institute opens in Techiman.

2012 Maranatha Volunteers International responds to Ghana Union's request for churches and schools.