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### **Missionaries Serving in Ghana have Honour of Virtual Meeting with World Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community**

***“The more you love the people, the closer they will become to you” – Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad***

On 14 March 2021, *Missionaries* serving the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Ghana were granted a virtual official meeting and audience with the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.*

His Holiness presided the meeting from his office in Islamabad, Tilford, whilst the Missionaries joined from the *Wahab Adam MTA Studios* at Bustan-e-Ahmad in Accra.

During the seventy-minute meeting, all present had the opportunity to personally speak to His Holiness and to seek his prayers and guidance.



Early in the meeting, His Holiness mentioned that the hundred-year history in Ghana of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is very rich and so efforts should be made to document it and attention should be paid towards ensuring that the graves of the early converts to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from Ghana are well preserved.

Throughout the meeting His Holiness mentioned the importance of setting targets with regards to *Tarbiyyat* – the moral training of Ahmadi Muslims – and *Tabligh* – peacefully spreading the message of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to others.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“You should set big targets as this will naturally lead you towards paying greater attention to hard work and prayers. The higher the target, the more effort will be paid towards working hard and praying to achieve the objective. Nothing can be achieved without prayers and nothing can be achieved without hard work.”***

His Holiness said that in order for a person to declare that they are making a real effort to attain an objective, it requires true dedication.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“To truly ‘make an effort’ requires that the people serving should all be praying and fervently weeping before God Almighty during their Tahajjad [night-prayers] and then they should spend their days working hard, taking literature onto the streets and preaching to the people. Then we can say that there is an effort, otherwise it is just words.”***

His Holiness said that whilst the targets set forth by each Missionary should be measurable and realistic, it should also be ambitious and demand extensive effort in order for it to be achieved.

Further outlining the philosophy behind setting targets, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“A person makes true effort only when he knows he will have an exam and need to pass a test. Only when a person knows that he must cover a certain syllabus and attain a certain mark in order to attain a position does he strive hard to attain that objective. If there is no target, there will be no effort.”***

His Holiness highlighted the importance of becoming closer to the local people of the areas where the missionaries were serving.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“The more you love the local people, the closer they will become to you. If you stay in contact with them, they will greatly appreciate it. If you do not visit them for six months or a year, they will not be attached to you and will move away. You should sit down with Ahmadi Muslims living in the villages in your region and have food with them.”***

Giving further instructions about the importance of prayer, His Holiness said that every missionary should offer two *Nawafil* [voluntary prayers] at night for *Tabligh* and two *Nawafil* for *Tarbiyyat*.



Speaking to a *Missionary* serving in the MTA Ghana Studios [Television channel of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community], Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“Many people are now watching MTA both from amongst Ahmadi Muslims and from amongst others according to the reports I am receiving. So, a strong plan needs to be made for both Tarbiyyat and Tabligh. Now is the time for you to bring about a spiritual revolution in your nation. The number of Ghanaian missionaries is quite large now and so you should have ambitious targets and plans set in place. There was a time when there was one national Missionary but now there are many [in the country].”***

Near the end of the meeting, His Holiness advised the Missionaries to strive earnestly and to pray diligently in order to achieve their objectives.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

*“All Ahmadi Muslim Missionaries should particularly pay attention towards the daily prayers and the voluntary prayers and should read the Holy Quran and ponder over its meanings and pay special attention towards this. Similarly, as I have said, the Missionaries should very much focus on the Tarbiyyat of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and set a specific Tabligh target. And they should offer special voluntary prayers for both Tabligh and Tarbiyyat... May Allah give you the ability to do so and may Allah the Almighty soon create the means for spreading the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in all parts of the country and may Allah grant our Community great success and prosperity.”*

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