

Evangelical presbyterian church ghana

Wolf subsequently moved to the Christiansburg Castle, Osu to seek counsel with the Basel Missionaries who advised that he turn to the Eweland. Fortune came his way as a result of Kwadzo Dei Tutu Yao II, King of Peki invitation through his son Nyangamagu, Rev. Lorenz Wolf arrived in Peki on 14th November 1847. That day marked the birth of the Church (EPCG). He preached the first Sermon based on Psalm 22:22.

In April 1851, Lorenz Wolf died on his way home. In January 1852, Quinuius took over the work of Wolf. Between 1853 and 1855, fresh missionary work was started from Keta by Daeuble and Plessing. On 26th January 1856, Brutschin and Steinmann arrived at Adaklu-Waya and opened a new Mission Station. In 1857, Anyako Station was established. In 1859, the Mission Station at Ho was established. In 1864, a Mission Seminary was opened at Ho.

On 29th October 1880, a native of Peki, Mr. Yohanes Ababio, was baptized as a first convert at Keta. In 1882, Rudolf Mallet was ordained as the first African Minister. In 1884, a new School was re-opened at Peki-Blengo by Stephen Kwami.

In 1886, two North German Bremen Missionaries, Reverends Mathew Seeger and Jacob Spieth paid a visit to Amedzofe. In February 1894, Rev. M. Seeger opened a Seminary in a small room in the town and appointed the capable Swiss, Rev. Ernest Burgi, as its Principal. In 1888, Rev. Peter Hall, a Basel Missionary, brought Christianity to Nkonya-Ntsumuru. In 1903, some Basel Mission Stations such as Anfoega, Kpando, Alavanyo, Jasikan, and Worawora were transferred to the Bremen Mission for geographical convenience from the Basel Mission.

In January 1916, the first publication of the Ewe Bible was brought to Keta. The significant effect of World War I on the Bremen Mission's work was that Togoland was divided into two; one part was put under the English and the other under the French Governments as Mandatory Territories.

In 1921, Rev. Andreas Aku and Rev. R.S. Kwami succeeded E. Burgi who was old. They were responsible for Lome and outside Congregations. In 1922, the two Churches in the Gold Coast and Togoland held their first Joint Synod at Kpalime. Rev. Andreas Aku was elected as the first Moderator.

The Church celebrated her 75 years Jubilee at Blengo-Peki in 1922. In September 1923, the first Synod was held in Ho by the British Zone of the Church. This marked the establishment of the Ewe Church. In the same year (1923), a 5-member Synod Committee, consisting of three African Pastors and two German Missionaries was set up. Their names were: Revds David Bensah (the Moderator); R.S. Kwami (the Synod Clerk); John Binder; W.M. Beveridge and Schroeder.

After World War I, the Scottish Mission took over the Mission work of the Bremen Mission. Mr. Wilkie and

Beveridge were very instrumental in the administration of the Churches in the Eweland of the Gold Coast.

In 1926, the Church assumed the new name "Ewe" Presbyterian Church. The Bremen Mission was permitted to operate as a Society in the Gold Coast and British Togoland (Volta Region). Rev. Paul Wiegrabe became one of the most remarkable Missionaries in Eweland. He wrote many books; e.g. "Ewe Kristo Hame Nutinya".

Professor D. Westermann introduced the letters of the Ewe alphabets into Schools and Churches. In 1928, the revision of the Liturgy was completed and published in 1930. The whole Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) was revised by Prof. D. Westermann and G. Daeuble and published in 1931.

In 1932, Mrs. Funke, the wife of Rev. A. Funke, who was staying in Amedzofe, together with Rev. & Mrs. R. S. Kwami, organized some women to study the Bible and to learn and pray effectively. This Group later became the Women's Bible Class.

On 11th November 1939, Rev. Eric Voehringer and Rev. R.S.Kwami, with permission from the Chief of Amedzofe, erected a metal cross on the summit of the Gemi Mountain to commemorate the 50th Jubilee of the E. P. Church, which was celebrated at Amedzofe. Rev. T. K. Afenyo was ordained into the Ministry.

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