

Amponsah, Daniel Kwabena

(1915–2002)

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Desmond Tutu Osei-Acheampong is a Seventh-day Adventist gospel minister. He was a former Publishing, Personal Ministries, and Sabbath School director at Green-View Ghana Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church, Goaso, Ghana, West Africa. Currently, he is the District pastor at Ashanti Newtown, Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. Pastor Tutu Osei-Acheampong is married to Lawrencia Tutu Osei-Acheampong. They have two children.

Daniel Kwabena Amponsah was an Adventist pastor and administrator from Ghana.

Early Life, Education, and Family

Daniel Kwabena Amponsah was born on March 2, 1915, at Effiduase Dadiase in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, West Africa.¹ His parents were Yaa Tiwaa and Yaw Amponsah. Daniel Amponsah grew up in

Effiduase Dadiase and later moved with his family to Kumasi to start his formal education at the Wesley Practice Primary School and then the middle school at Wesley College Practice.² Daniel was the first person to obtain a middle school certificate in his hometown, Effiduase Dadiase.³ Since he was accorded great respect by the people in the community, he was appointed as a personal secretary to a fetish priest called Ankrah.⁴ He served in that capacity until he joined Salvation Army Church in 1925. He was employed by that church as a teacher and a pastor in 1940.

In 1943, an Adventist pastor called Amofa, a native of Asokore-Effiduase, shared the Adventist message with Daniel. As a result of their Bible studies, Daniel was converted and baptized by Pastor Jesse Clifford at Asante Bakwai in 1943.⁵ In 1944, he received seminary training at Bakwai in the Ashanti region.⁶ He completed seminary school in 1945 and then was posted as a pastor to Bobriase-Akrokerry in the Ashanti region.



Pastor Daniel Kwabena Amponsah

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In 1949, Amponsah married Victoria Akua Asantewaa, a native of Nkoranza-Bunsynaa in the Brong Ahafo region in Ghana.⁷ They had seven children: Seth Kwame Amponsah, David Kwabena Amponsah, Kwadwo Asiamah Amponsah, Esther Tiwaa Amponsah, Ebenezer Kwame Frimpong Amponsah, Nana Kwame Sefah-Atweneboah, and Mary Abena Badu Amoanimaa.⁸ He educated all his seven children, four of them obtaining doctoral degrees. He also helped with the education of three of his extended family members, one of whom became a medical doctor and the remaining two teachers.⁹

Ministry

Pastor D. K. Amponsah had his first ministerial appointment at Bobriase-Akrokerry in the Ashanti region from 1945 to 1947.¹⁰ After working for two years in Bobriase, he worked in various church districts as a pastor, including Jachie (1948-1951), Mampong-Krobo (1952-1953), Wenchi (1953-1954), Accra and Koforidua (1958-1963), Agona (1963-1966), Kumasi (1967-1972), Bekwai (1973-1975), Nsuta (1976-1981), and Techiman (1982-1985).¹¹

Amponsah planted churches in Dadiase, Asekyerewa, Wonoo, Jamasi, Jachie, and Senchi.¹² He also helped in the establishment of Tiemelekro, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in La Cote D'Ivoire.¹³ He helped to set up both basic and tertiary institutions. These schools include Jachie SDA Primary, Nsuta SDA Primary, the Agona SDA Primary and Junior Secondary School, and Seventh-day Adventist College of Education in Asokore- Koforidua.¹⁴ To honor this great achievement, the D. K. Amponsah's Adventist Preparatory and Junior High School in Dadiase has been named after him.

Kwabena Daniel Amponsah died on April 14, 2002.

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