



## **Media Release**

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### **TAFE Queensland North changing lives in Africa**

TAFE Queensland North is pitching in to improve the IT skills of people in Ghana and Sierra Leone.

Since 2009, the training and education provider has been donating IT equipment to the charity African Christian Homes.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said it has been a very rewarding partnership.

“The items we hand over are still in good working order but they have reached the end of their useable life at TAFE Queensland North, needing to be replaced by newer and more up-to-date technology.

“Donating these items to such a worthy cause is just another way that TAFE Queensland North Makes Great Happen.

“We are really proud to be working with African Christian Homes to change people’s lives in Africa and provide them with valuable skills,” Ms Pyne said.

African Christian Homes founder, Reverend Kofi Boateng was excited to take delivery of the latest bulk donation of four pallets of desk tops as well as a printer and photocopy machine.

“I came to TAFE North to learn how to use a computer when I was fifty years old and I want to do all that I can to make sure that young people growing up in Africa gain IT skills at an early age and thanks to TAFE North that is happening.

“The students are so grateful each time computers arrive, you should see the great big smiles they get.

“These donations are improving people’s lives in Ghana and Sierra Leone; it is bettering their education, helping them to get jobs and contribute positively to their communities.

“Donations like this also give the students a sense of hope for their future that anything is possible and that one day they could even be the next Bill Gates,” Rev Boateng said.

The donated IT equipment will be sent to Africa via shipping container and Rev Boateng is now raising money to cover the costs of freight.

Anyone wanting to donate or find out more about African Christian Homes should visit [www.africanchristianhomes.org](http://www.africanchristianhomes.org)

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