

## GCJ Ghana 2006 Project Leader Bios

### James Kainyiah (Nana Kaka Bulla II), Host Country Director

James is the Board Chairman of the Ghanaian-based non-profit organization Western Christian Heritage Home (WCHH). James is the owner and Managing Director of Jamkay Enterprise Ltd (a textile manufacturing company), Chairman of the Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Traditional Development Chief of the Lower Axim area.

In January 2006, James participated in the 57th Annual New Year School sponsored by the Institute of Adult Education at the University of Ghana, Legon. The theme was "Developing the Human Resource for Accelerated National Development." James visited China in 2003, where he attended an International Trade Fair at Guangzhou and Shanghai and upon his return, called for greater cooperation between the Ghanaian District Assemblies and the business sector to move Ghana forward economically. In 2002, James was awarded a certificate for participating in a workshop on skill building for assembly members. He attended as a government appointee for the electoral area of Nzema East District Assembly. In 1998, he was awarded a certificate for participating in the World Summit of Young Entrepreneurs in Lyon, France. The Summit was organized by the Institute for Leadership Development at York University, Toronto, Canada and was focused on the theme "Partnering for Success in the Global Markets." He and his wife Justine are leaders in their community, especially in promoting youth sports and other activities, and in their church.

### Barbara Gilday, Project Co-director

Barbara was a delegate on the GCJ journey to the Niger Delta in 2005 – a return to the African continent following two years of teaching in Ghana in the 1960's. That cross-cultural experience led her to teach English as a Second Language to students from many parts of the world. Later, she organized a peer tutor program in Seattle, Washington for students of many cultures, coordinated numerous Japanese exchange student programs in Renton, Washington and planned a variety of cultural events in the Renton area to highlight different cultures and raise funds for their interests. Barbara earned a Masters of Divinity degree after her children grew up, has served three churches, and has worked as a hospital chaplain in two hospitals. Barbara recently visited the proposed site in Axim, Ghana and met with James Kainyiah, the Ghanaian project host and other local leaders.

### Richard Ward, Project Co-director

Richard is retired as Director of Skagit County District Court Probation and Compliance Services. He has worked for HeadStart, a U.S. government-sponsored preschool program, as a family services specialist. He currently serves on the Board of PCS-North Good Samaritan Counseling Services. Richard has served churches, and has worked in social and youth services. He tutors Spanish-speaking individuals in English, and is involved in Tierra Nueva, a Skagit County faith-based organization offering services to Hispanic immigrants. Richard has Masters Degrees in Theology and Criminology.

### Maryanne Ward, Project Co-director

Maryanne spent a summer in South Africa and Zimbabwe and has had a goal to return to Africa someday. She has worked as a manager in a global corporation in roles that required team leadership and extensive interaction with fellow workers from other countries and cultures. She has been employed in the publishing industry, education and in public, academic and business libraries. She is currently a consultant in library science and knowledge/document management and serves on the board of the Whatcom Chorale. Maryanne has Masters Degrees in Education and Library/Information Science.

Richard and Maryanne are married, and have enjoyed traveling together in Europe and Mexico. They have a mutual interest in other cultures and in the Ghanaian culture in particular, based on friendships in Ghana. They are delighted to join their skills and interests with the skills and in-country experience of their mutual friend Barbara, to accomplish the GCJ Ghana project.