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### February – March 2023

Psalm 23:6 says, *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."* This prayer letter is a testimony to the veracity of that statement. God continues to pour out His goodness and mercy upon our home and ministry. Thank you for your faithful prayers since our last update. God blessed in both the naming ceremony and the funeral service for which we requested prayer. The gospel was clearly preached in both settings. We had upwards of 250 lost souls at the funeral service. A sister of the lady who passed away made a profession of faith, to God be the glory.

Several more adults have gotten saved and followed the Lord in baptism these last two months. God is growing His church. Mt. Calvary Fundamental Baptist now has twenty-seven members. Our attendance at all three services continues to increase with an average of sixty-five Sunday mornings and fifty on Wednesday evenings. One young man who got saved last Fall surrendered to the call to preach a few weeks ago. Angie is teaching him English, and a fellow pastor will begin training him in Bible Doctrine (in the Fante' dialect) next week.

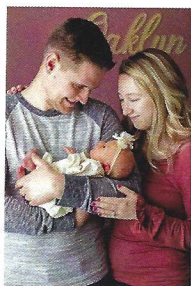
Construction of a building has begun for the church-plant in Kojokrom. The foundation and floor have been poured, and they will pour the pillars this week. We were also able to drill a borehole for our church in Ntankoful. We didn't reach water until 435 feet, but, praise the Lord, we hit it.

This semester has been our best at the Bible Institute. We have eighteen men and teenage boys and nine ladies and teenage girls. It is a joy to see the classes full every Saturday afternoon as the students come in from a 40-mile radius for the lessons. It is a joy to watch the Word of God transform their beliefs and behavior. We anticipate sending many of these students out to preach Christ and plant churches once their training is complete.

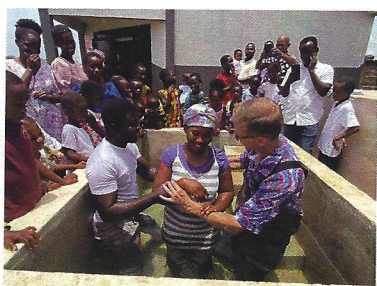
In our last prayer letter, we mentioned that we were looking at a large portion of land. We were praying that the landowners would negotiate with us on a lower price per acre. However, they would not negotiate so the search for land continues. We believe that God has a perfect location for our base of operations and continue to trust His timing. *"In His Time He will answer."*

In family news, we are excited to share that our second granddaughter has made her entrance into the world. Oaklyn Marie Ruckman was born February 28th weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz. She is beautiful. Angie and I are looking forward to seeing her in person in May as we will travel to the States for Angie's last six-month post-cancer checkup. We are blessed beyond measure.

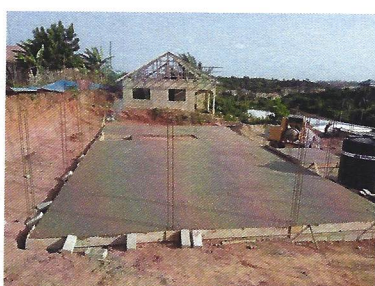
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Oaklyn Marie



Baptizing a new believer



Foundation of new church in Kojokrom



Our young preacher-boy

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April 17th, 2023

Greetings from Ghana,

I am writing on behalf of our youngest son, Micaiah. God saved Micaiah at an early age. One year ago, the Lord called him to preach. God has clearly burdened Micaiah for the mission field. Currently, he is attending Tabernacle Baptist Bible College in Greenville, SC where he is preparing for the ministry.

Micaiah believes the Lord wants him to serve on the mission field of Ghana with us this summer. We are obviously overjoyed at the prospect of our youngest son working with us for two months. We need his help, and he needs the foreign mission field experience. He believes strongly God is calling him to reach Muslims with the gospel, and Ghana has plenty of Muslims who need to be reached.

As many of you know, Micaiah is no stranger to obstacles. He has endured nineteen brain or brain-related surgeries in his life. His last shunt revision was in 2018. He told me the other day that he knows God wants him on the mission field and that he believes the safest place to be is in the center of God's will. We believe that as well.

In order for Micaiah to make this trip, we are trying to raise \$5,000. The airfare is \$2,500, and the remaining \$2,500 would cover his passport, visa, and covid test as well as his monthly bills in the States for the seven weeks he is with us.

Angie and I will be in the States from May 26-June 15 due to Angie's post-cancer checkup. Micaiah would fly with us on June 15<sup>th</sup> and return to the States on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Would you pray about a one-time gift to help Micaiah on his mission trip? Would you also keep him on your prayer list and pray for God's will to be accomplished through his life?

If God would lead you to help him financially, you can send the donation to Macedonia World Baptist Mission, PO Box 519, Braselton, GA 30517. Please mark Micaiah Ruckman mission trip in the memo. Thank you so much for your prayers and consideration of Micaiah in this endeavor.

Because of Calvary,  
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**Micaiah's Letter**

Dear Pastor,

April 16th, 2023

My name is Micaiah Ruckman. I am a first-year student at Tabernacle Baptist College in Greenville, South Carolina, and a member at Tabernacle Baptist Church. God has given me the opportunity to intern with my parents, missionaries James and Angie Ruckman, in Ghana, West Africa for two months this summer. If the Lord provides, I would love to intern on a mission field every summer while in Bible College.

My parents were missionary church planters in South Dakota for years, and now they are in Ghana. I was saved at age 5 and called to preach last year. God has placed a burden on me to reach Muslims with the gospel (Romans 10:14)! While in Ghana, I will be getting "hands on" experience reaching Muslims, working with nationals, soulwinning, preaching and teaching through a translator, and much more!

I do not want to place any of the financial burden on the missionaries; therefore, I am writing this letter to request your help. I will need support to cover the cost of living and my plane ticket. The complete cost for the trip would be \$5,000. If your church would like to give a one-time gift to help cover the cost of the ticket and other travel expenses that would also be a great blessing!

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please pray for me as I seek God's will on where He would have me go after college? May the Lord bless you and your church as you fulfill the Great Commission locally and throughout the world!

Sincerely,  
Micaiah Ruckman



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