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Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, *"I will build my church."* The Lord is certainly fulfilling this promise at Mt. Calvary Fundamental Baptist Church. Our church has seen **twelve precious souls** come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ since August 1st. It is a wonderful thing to witness the transformational power of the gospel in the lives of these dear people.

I have enclosed a prayer letter from our son, Micaiah. Thank you again for your fervent prayers and sacrificial giving to send him here. He is now back to his studies at Tabernacle Baptist College in Greenville, SC. Currently, the Lord has brought another young man to intern with us. Gilbert Consford is the son of former missionaries who served the Lord in West Africa for many years.

Our fall semester for the Bible Institute is in full swing with thirty in attendance. We have increased the number of courses per semester and now have two full days of classes weekly. In response to the students' request, Angie has begun teaching English in addition to her ladies' class. While our schedule is full, we believe that training men and women for ministry is the primary reason we are here.

These last months have been very busy in that we have been a part of three weddings, including the traditional ceremonies. Angie and I have enjoyed getting immersed in the culture that surrounds marriage here. There are some cultural things, however, that are contrary to God's Word. We are teaching our folks that they cannot compromise Scripture for the sake of culture. We have watched young couples take a stand for the principles of the Lord Jesus Christ and suffer because of it.

It has been our desire that the Fundamental Baptist churches of Ghana introduce faith-promise missions to their congregations. Consequently, our church held its first missions' revival. Missionary Miguel Triano PREACHED to our churches. When we took up faith-promise pledges at our church, our folks pledged the equivalent of \$185 per month. That is a HUGE amount here. I was honestly stunned, but our folks are serious about this matter of giving. We took on two national missionaries to West Africa, a Bible translation project, and a missionary to North Korea. It is exciting to watch a brand-new church enter its first "experiment" in grace giving (II Corinthians 9:12-14).

Praises & Prayers:

1. Please continue praying **for land** for the church-plant in Shama. We attended a service there recently and had the joy of seeing five souls saved under the gospel tent that they are meeting in.
2. **God has provided the \$10,600 for the roof at the church in Kojokrom.** Lord-willing, the church-plant will be able to begin meeting in their own building within weeks. We still need \$15,861 to finish the building (doors, windows, plastering, electric, etc).
3. Our land deal with the "chief" of Tumentu fell through. The chief was not really the chief. He has been selling land that did not belong to him to outsiders resulting in the death of a local landowner. Since God already provided a huge amount toward that land through various supporters, we contacted each one and explained the situation. They all let us keep the money, and we are breaking ground very soon on a large building which will house an orphanage, boarding school, and Bible Institute on our church property.
4. We are thankful for a pastor whose church sent ½ of the money to tile the church in Apremdo. The pastor said that they could have the money when they raised the other half themselves. They raised the other half (\$3,500) in four months. Their sanctuary floor is being tiled as I write. God is so good.
5. The Lord is providing for another container with Sunday School materials, Bible Institute books, and scriptures. Brother Sam Martin is overseeing the shipment. His ministry has already committed the first \$2,000 toward the container. This is an answer to prayer. We still need \$8,000 for the leasing, shipping, and clearing of the container. As soon as the Lord provides, Brother Martin will order the container.

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Dear Pastor,

I would like to just say thank you again for your prayers and support during my internship. There is a great need in Ghana. The people had a receptiveness to hear the gospel there that I have not seen in America. The sad part is that as they progress as a nation, their receptiveness to the gospel is fading. The fields truly are ready for harvest (John 4:34). The time to go is now! We do not have a guarantee of tomorrow! The lost do not have a guarantee of tomorrow!

God used my time in Ghana to confirm that He is calling me to be a missionary to Muslims. The village of Tumentu, which we were evangelizing, is a mostly Muslim village; yet there were several professions of faith. One man, that I had the privilege of leading to the Lord, asked me what he was to do next, since there was no gospel preaching church near that village. Pray that a church would be established there! I also got to witness to a Muslim man in this village. Sadly, he knew the Bible better than some Christians I know; and he tried to use it to justify the Koran. He was not willing to change or listen too much; nevertheless, he got the gospel!

I am also burdened for the Northern region of Ghana. There is over two million people in this region. The Muslim city of Tamale is there. Tamale is the fourth largest city in Ghana, yet there is not a gospel preaching church there. As the Muslims move down from the North, and the country continues to "become more modern," the receptiveness for the gospel is being taken away. I do not know of a single missionary in the Northern region.

While I finished this trip the beginning of August, part of my heart is still there. I loved the opportunities to preach and witness. I loved getting to see the passion in the young Christians to reach their country and community with the gospel.

I arrived back in America on August 3rd. On August 7th, I began college again. Please continue to pray for me as I seek God's will on where to go for an internship next summer. I have claimed Romans 10:14-15 in my calling to reach Muslims, "*How shall they hear without a preacher?*" I would like to encourage young people to take a mission's trip if you do not know God's will for your life. God can use you! Are you willing to go anywhere He wants you to go?



Because of Christ,
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