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Update!

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God's Team...

God is so good! He gave us such a tremendous blessing to labor for Him in West Africa this spring! From the very first prayer to our return, He has been so gracious in His answers to prayer.

We were given the invitation to go from Pastor Joseph Class Peters. Pastor Joseph is from Ghana, West Africa. He lives in a suburb of the largest city in Ghana, Accra. After receiving his invitation, we immediately made it a subject of prayer. We had no desire to go unless it was the Lord's will. There is always so much extra work to be done when we leave the ministry for long periods of time; not to mention, the expense of traveling to such a distant land. Needless to say, the ministry didn't have the funds available to send us on such a distant trip. So we asked God to supply the way if He wished us to go—and that He did! We realize it is our duty to make known to God's people the needs of His work. However, we still find it difficult to go directly to an individual for help even though it may need to be done. In this case, the need was made known to everyone receiving these updates. Sadly, there was not a direct response from our usual supporters. God had other plans. He impressed the hearts of a couple who had never given to this ministry, directly, before. And although they had been informed of the travel, we never asked them for help. When they offered to be our sponsors, God's will was then revealed to us. And immediately our thoughts began to center on the trip. We continued praising God as He opened more doors and answered prayer, after prayer, concerning the trip preparations.

Just as God was showing us that He wanted us to go, the enemy was at work letting us know he didn't want us there. There were several attacks; from illness after receiving the Yellow-Fever vaccine, to our not acquiring our visas until the day we were to travel to St. Louis in preparation for an early flight the next morning. Without the visas, there would be no trip—the country would simply not allow us in without them.

Our faith was tested early on, and we could have easily given up and called it all off had we not the assurance in God's will from the provision of finances He gave early on. So when discouragement would come our way, we worked through it trusting the various situations to God's care. He made the impossible, possible! He answered prayer to put just the right people on the phone at just the right time to accomplish what others said could not be done in the time we had. Remember His promise, He will fulfill the work He has begun in, and for, His children. These various perplexities were no exception.

His providence didn't end there. He assembled a wonderful team to

work together for the saving of souls in Ghana. Pictured above are Sheri and Manfred Bauer from Montana. The Lord called them to minister through music; and what a blessing they truly were! The harmony God has blessed them with will draw your mind, and hearts, heavenward.

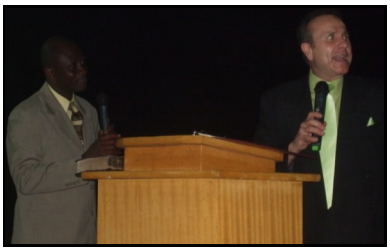
For the children, God blessed us with Sister Sharna Welty from Wyoming. And as anyone who has ever taught children can tell

you, it is a lot of work! Especially, when you are given 250-300 wonderful children each night for close to a month! Sister Sharna labored long and hard to get hundreds of dollars worth of materials to these little ones in Africa. Hours, and hours, were spent in preparation for the giving of the present truth in a manner easily understood at their age. And they were so receptive, and thankful, for her efforts and the efforts of any who assisted her.

Many of these children expressed their desire to be baptized at the end of the campaign. However, permission from their parents was not obtained before we left. It is taking time to locate their homes and receive the permission needed. But, praise God, we are told the children are still attending Sabbath-School and Church. It is our prayer that their desire to follow Christ in the watery grave will soon be met.

The Lord blessed our team with two wonderful medical missionaries: Kendra Carter and Karen Gaines; pictured here in African attire. They worked tirelessly meeting and treating many who came to their room or their table each evening to be checked. They gave oral instruction to the Church each Sabbath. Having them there was such a blessing to the people. So many in this area are in need of medical attention and better lifestyles. Which is also what Sister Chris presented each evening through Power-Point presentations, "How To Be Healthy By Choice, Not By Chance."

Every night 15-20 minutes were spent presenting a healthy lifestyle to the wonderful people who chose to attend. The laws of health and how they affect our abilities to ward off disease was presented along with a few natural remedies one could utilize in the right needful circumstances. God's original diet as given in Genesis was taught with all its wonderful benefits; along with this, was our Lord's instructions on the "clean" verses "unclean" meats as presented in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.



Of course, following the health talks would be the meat of the Word presented by Pastor Kenny. Above he is pictured here with Pastor Joseph Peters interpreting.

The Importance of His Law

All seemed to go fairly well until the night of the discussion of God's Ten-Commandment law. Earlier that day, a lady came by our room for personal prayer. We had been working on the computer at the time, and with no really good place to set it, we just left it on and placed it on the floor during her visit. Pastor Kenny also placed his large, opened, bottle of water on the floor next to the computer. What we believe happened during her visit, was that when we knelt for prayer Pastor Kenny's foot must have tipped over the water onto the computer and floor. We discovered what had happened after about 45 minutes.

Water was over the surface of the laptop. And when tipped to its side, water poured from the keys. This was not good at all. We had no other computer; no back ups of all the information and Power Points we were using to help reinforce the message and give the people more to relate to. Water on, and in, a laptop only meant one thing to us, the computer was a "goner." We cut the power and told the others of our group what had occurred. We were instructed not to turn it back on unless it was totally dry and it really needed looked at by a technician. Well, we new of no technician where we were; and we failed in getting it apart to let it air dry on the inside. Time was not on our side. We needed it to prepare and present this all important subject. So we took our situation to the Lord in prayer. Then in faith, pressed the power button. The screen remained black for a very long, long, long time. Then Pastor Kenny began to sing. Yes sing! There is power in the name of Jesus! So he sang of that name to the computer. Then ever so slowly, it proceeded to boot up and began to work. What a miracle! But it doesn't stop there.

At the meeting that night, the wind began to blow very strongly as thunder and lightening came directly upon us. We had been told this was the dry season and they would not have any rain. So being outdoors holding nightly meetings should never be a problem. Somehow the enemy didn't get that "memo" and he began to attach with a strong thunderstorm to thwart the message. None of us had the power to stop the storm, but we had faith in One who does! So again, very seriously, we asked for His intervention with the rain, lightening, wind, and thunder. When we opened our eyes from prayer, everything was gone! Stars were once again twinkling in the heavens. It was amazing—and the work of God continued.

The next evening was the night to present the commandment many have just seemed to have forgotten over the years—the fourth. So interesting how Christendom as a whole reads over this commandment as if it is not really there—as if it doesn't exist. Yet, it is the only one of the ten that reads, "**Remember** the Sabbath day, to keep it holy…" "Remember," I believe God knew from the very beginning of life on this planet that we, His creation, would forget. We would forget that "six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hollowed it." Exodus 20:8-11. Many have forgotten these all important verses calling us to a sacred time of worship with our Almighty Creator. And the devil is just fine with that.

In fact, the night we were to present the Sabbath, all our power had been off for hours. And the back-up generator was not functioning properly. Then a smaller rain shower came. And unlike during the storm the night before, we didn't get serious with our prayers. I believe we just took it for granted that God would intervene. But we learned quickly, that "we have not, because we ask not." And it rained. People scattered and we were told they would not return. But while huddled under some plastic ourselves and trying to keep electrical equipment dry, we got serious with our Lord. We asked again for His mighty outstretched arm to extend our

"We have not because we ask not." James 4:2.

way for the sake of the people. And once more the rain ceased. And to the surprise of the local body of believers, those coming to learn precious, present truth began to return. But the enemy wasn't finished with us yet. Even when they were able to restart the generator, our lights would still not come on where we needed them on the platform. But, persevere we did in a prayerful spirit. And just about the time we usually ended each nights meeting, we were able to begin (around 9 p.m.). Following this, after all the hours of struggle, the computer screen went black as-soon-as the Sabbath message began. I rebooted at least three times—then bowed and asked Christ for more help. Then without any further glitches, all began to work well at

this late hour. But the real miracle, two-to-three hundred

people came back and were still

there waiting to hear the Word! Many of whom made heart-felt decisions for the truth that night. "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight….he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us." I John 3:22 & 24. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3. "And this is love, that we walk after His commandments." II

We were so privileged and blessed to witness many of these souls

follow Christ through to baptism. All of whom are continuing their

walk by joining the Church and weekly Bible studies.

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain…" John 15:15 & 16.

As with every campaign the Lord has called us to, the Holy Spirit has a way of binding hearts to-gether. West African family; but, we trust by God's grace we will see them

again if not in this life, then in the life to come.

The Role We All Share...

In the book, "Early Writings" by Ellen G. White, p. 61, we find this call, "The Lord has often given me a view of the situation and wants of the scattered jewels (His children) who have not yet come to the light of the present truth, and has shown that the messengers should speed their way to them as fast as possible, to give them the light." Not all are called as messengers; but, all are called to do their part in getting the message out to those needing to hear; whether it be here in our own country or across the vast oceans.

We haven't often covered our trips in such detail. But just thought that we should this time in hopes that perhaps you, too, would also be blessed to experience through word and picture just a small portion of what your donations allow in this ministry. Times are getting tough for everyone; and this is all the more reason we need to sacrifice what God asks of us if we are to continue to reach people with precious and present truth.

For many in the area of Africa, the knowledge of Christ was not something new. In fact, signs of faith in God were seen everywhere one traveled. **What was new? Studying the Bible for present truth!** Experiencing the Word of God come alive by reading passage upon passage to build one's faith; to realize that we must open its pages on a daily basis, placing its teachings in our hearts and minds. (Hebrews 8:10)

Understanding that all doctrine must be weighed against the unfailing truth of God's Word—these were new, just as it is "new" to so very many "lukewarm" Christians in the United States. (Read Revelation 3:14-22)

We all have a part to play. And we thank God for those who are heeding the voice of God and returning the financial means to make these evangelistic endeavors possible. We thank God for the prayer warriors who daily remember this ministry, and others like it, in their prayers. Every soul born on this earth has unknowingly been born in the middle of a spiritual war between the forces of righteousness and the fallen forces of darkness.

The choice is ours to make—work and support the cause of God while there is still time; or, sit back and relax in the soft easy chair and fall prey to the enemy-with little, or no, cognitive knowledge of what is happening with your soul. Let's not be found sleeping in the cause of God. Please, please prayerfully do what you can to further His work here through the ministry; or, wherever, the Lord leads in your life.

May our Lord continue to richly bless you and yours! In His service,

Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, and your BTLM Family

Children housed in an Adventist children's home, "Larry's Sunshine House."

**Special thanks to Larry, Cheryl, and 3ABN for their help in making this trip of evangelism possible!*

Miracle In the Making

If the opportunity to reach millions with the present truth verses a few hundred came our way do you suppose we should take it? The obvious answer is, "Yes, of course you should"! That's exactly what we are doing.

As we have shared with you in earlier issues, talk had been made of BTLM/Pastor Kenny once again having a program airing on 3ABN. The talk is now reality! The "OK" has been officially given. But of course there are major decisions and help needed to progress forward.

If the program were to be filmed at 3ABN, it wouldn't even be possible to get started for a couple of years—they have a backlog of production. Therefore, Danny Shelton has suggested we do the production and give 3ABN the finished product to be aired.

A few years ago, this would not have been much of an obstacle. However, as everyone by now knows, television production is in the process of going completely digital and high definition. Therefore, our equipment is too out dated to meet the new standards. How do we know this? We've been blessed to have producers come and give us their expert opinion actually in hopes that we could use what we have with minor upgrades.

However, as it stands right now, our "minor" upgrades will start out at about $80,000.00 just to get started. This is an enormous amount of money to come up with at once for a ministry of our size. But as we see God currently opening the doors, we have faith to believe He will open this door as well.

We are doing our part in letting you know the need. We pray you will do your part in meeting the need. This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to widen, and expand, our work in soul winning.

Please contact us soon and let us know how you want to be a part of this process of moving forward for Jesus!

Prayer Requests

—Willie/Maxine from IN.

—Lois S. from Ohio.

—Tillie K., from Kansas, requests prayer for new-young members of her church.

—Anita P., from Illinois, just had total knee replacement surgery.

—Sandy A., from Illinois. Please pray for her eyes and overall health.

—Bud/Sharon B., from Illinois. Bud is suffering from lung cancer.

—Shannon O., from Illinois, was just diagnosed with MS.

—BTLM Church members and directions for upgrading production status.

—Sheila C., from New Mexico, requests spiritual help for her and her family.

—Debbie T., from Illinois, for health decisions.

—Phyllis P., from Colorado. She is in a nursing home.

—Adele N. requests prayer for her and her family.

—Rhonda C., from Mississippi. She is only 35 with 3 children and has been diagnosed with a rare Gist cancer.

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