



Acree Update, November 2014



Dear Praying Friends,

As I sit down to write my October prayer letter, I am astounded to find that October has already come and gone. Seriously, time has gone by so fast, but this is just evidence of how busy things have been. As I look back over the few months since our August prayer letter, we can only praise the Lord for the things that he has done and allowed us to do.

Many things here at Lighthouse Baptist Church have improved in recent days. For one, the homiletics class that I mentioned in my last prayer letter has concluded and the preacher boys have had their opportunities to preach. A couple of the already more-experienced young men have accepted more permanent responsibilities (one is now teaching a Sunday school class and another has assumed responsibility over some of the children's ministries). This shift in ministry responsibilities (delegation) has allowed me to focus more on preaching during the main services and the freedom to expand the visitation program.

Besides the positive changes within the ministry itself, there has been (slow) progress in restoring the church van and renovating the church facilities. Having a nice looking church van that runs faithfully will dramatically help with bringing young people and the elderly to and from church every week. As it is, there are some people who have been missing church because there is no consistent means of getting to church. The van has already had considerable body work and maintenance done. It has been painted. The van driver just got his license. All that remains is the restoration of the interior, and it should be good to go! The renovations to the church have also been started to help create a more welcoming atmosphere for visitors (and everyone, really). Planned for the renovations are a new wall, new lighting and new fans. The foundation for the wall has already been laid.

In my last prayer letter, I praised God for answered prayer in allowing a Bible study to continue with a man named Moses. Moses is in the Ghana Navy and has since been deployed. However, when God closes one door, He opens another. I've been able to start another Bible study with a group of brick makers (one man in particular), and through that, we've seen at least nine co-workers and family members profess Christ. Of these, three have been coming to church regularly and desire to get baptized.

Speaking of baptisms, we recently had our first baptismal service since I've been here in Ghana. Two were baptized: a 12 year old named James and Emily, my oldest. It was quite a treat that the first person I had the privilege to baptize was my firstborn.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Seth Acree & family

Praises:

- Residency visa acquisition!!! (it only took 9 months)
- Melissa's pregnancy.
- Progress in renovations to van and facilities.
- Our first baptismal service.
- Found a Twi teacher!

Prayer Requests:

- Continued learning of Twi language.
- Wisdom and adaptation with regards to the new culture and climate.
- Continued growth at Lighthouse Baptist Church.
- Safe delivery of our fourth child.

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