

Acree Update: A Chronicle of the Acree family to Ghana



Dear Praying Friends,

I do not often include pictures in our prayer letters, but I would like to show you (in addition to telling you) how God has been blessing our little church plant. For Baptist Bible Study, March 10th was our anniversary Sunday, and it is exciting to see the progress that we have seen this past year.

Ministering in Ghana is difficult. Most churches in Ghana are viewed differently than how churches are viewed in the United States. Here, churches are social clubs where you connect with family and friends, and churches are also something to invest in. To give you an example: How big someone's funeral is and how their surviving family is treated, depends on what they gave to the church throughout their life. Culturally speaking, to leave a church to join a bible-preaching church means that a person has to be willing to leave behind their 'investments.'

The prosperity gospel (as can be seen in their aforementioned giving practices) and works salvation is endemic to this population. Many have a hard time accepting that what they have heard their whole life is a lie and would rather willfully live in ignorance of the truth. Thankfully, that is not true of Joyce and Gilbert! Both Gilbert and Joyce have recently accepted Christ, and Gilbert has been coming faithfully to every church service. Joyce recently left the area, but came for a visit over Easter just so we would be the ones to baptize her. Pray for these two (and Simon) specifically as we are in the midst of a discipleship course with them.

In recent weeks, our family has taken turns being sick. Emily, Abby and I had an eye infection (similar to 'pink eye' but painful) for about two weeks. Melissa's asthma has been acting up, and we have been passing around a stomach bug. Please pray that we will be able to get our immune systems back to where they need to be.

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

Prayer Requests:

- Church growth: both in numbers and spiritual maturity.
- Bible club attendance has been low lately (it fluctuates with school and people moving).
- The next step in our paperwork process.

Praises:

- Successful re-registration of our mission board's paperwork (this is just the first step in the paperwork process).
- The ministry that God has given us and the fruit from it.