

Ghana a needy country...

Two days flight time it took to fly to Ghana West Africa. When I got off the plane it was HOT! And it stayed HOT through the entire time I was there... Four degrees off of the equator is Ghana. It was HOT days and nights. The food was mostly rice & beans & some fish or chicken or peanut butter soup. Once I got my bearings, I did a little better at communicating with the Ghanaian believers & those yet to know the gospel. It is a very interesting country with lots of walkers, nearly everyone & many taxis.

For the first week I trained the Ghanaian believers developing some deep relationships with them. At the end of the first week the GO Team from Grand Rapids MI arrived & we added them to the mix.

During our second week, we taught at a very rural school in Drakpo. A village that had gotten electricity only 3 days before! They were a very needy village of Ghanaians. Each morning we held a general moral session of Bible stories for the whole school under the mango tree in the school yard. We shared stories of Elijah from the Old Testament & stories from our lives of God's mighty provision. It seemed to work! It was my responsibility to keep the national teachers busy under the mango tree while the Ghanaian & GO Team

members taught their lessons. It was challenging since we had to teach through translator - English into Ewe. English is the national official language but none of these children really understood it very well. Gone were the sticks that the teachers use to cane the children with to keep them "motivated" to learn. Mrs. Junge & I shared highlights of our teaching experiences with the national teachers & asked them for theirs.

The third week we held an educational camp at the Bible College grounds for Junior High & High School students. With similar circumstances they learned lessons in English, Bible, Math, & Music. I joined the team each day for lunch & then a rest time before we got involved in playing games that teach unity & cooperation.

During my time there I read the biography of the red headed blue-eyed missionary explorer to West Africa Mary Slessor who was quite an inspiration to me. She went where no others would dare to go & rescued twins who the nationals were killing. I would highly recommend it to you!

The boy right is Josiah Edem, the son of American missionaries Matt & January that I stayed with during my time in Ghana. We became fast friends!

PRAISES

- My VISA arrived in time
- Effective ministry in Ghana
- Strength to keep up the schedule in Ghana

REQUESTS

- Courage to speak the most challenging things to kids at Twin Lakes Camp
- Sweet time with the Waggoners
- Effective communicating with teens at Bethesda Baptist, IN



GO team from Cornerstone

Eight students from Grand Rapids MI joined me in Ghana for an amazing month of ministry alongside Ghanaian believers to have an impact on the youth. They are pictured right along with Cindy a professional Ghanaian hospital worker.

We linked hands and made a big difference for Christ in Ghana through an educational ministry in a local school and in an educational camp. They were a delight and a blessing to get to know and serve with.



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June

20-24 Twin Lakes Baptist Camp, Hillsboro, IN

25-28 Bryan Waggoner's in Bethesda Baptist Brownsburg, IN

29 Bethesda Baptist Youth Group, Brownsburg, IN

July

5 METS, El Cajon, CA



Kofui, a Ghanaian sister in Christ, & Mrs. Carla Junge, veteran missionary, were key players in my time in Ghana. An open air kindergarten classroom with 24 kids. Showing off a lizard on a stick was a favorite thing for the kids to do. We shared an entire session under a mango tree before school each day. Sheep... a common sight everywhere in Ghana. An insect hill of which there were many. Red beans & plantain. One classroom met under the trees!

