



His “No” Was no “No”!

What I’ve Learned About Prayer Through the Sale of Our Home

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God sold our house! I can’t think of a better subject for this edition of *Here I Am!* than to praise God for how He has shown us that He has been along side us all the time we were trying to sell our home.

Most of you know this has been a long process. We initially listed our home when the housing market was booming in our area only to be frustrated by an unexplainable lack of activity. We took our home off the market last fall only to re-list it again this April during a down time in the market. Of course we were warned not to expect much because of the large number of homes for sale in our area and small number of buyers.

But, **God sold our house!** And to highlight His part in the process, he did so in less than a month, giving us our asking price and providing a pre-approved buyer whose only contingency amounted to having the furnace cleaned.

As I praise our God for his kindness, I want to share with you some things I’ve learned about prayer and about myself through this process. I hope what I learned may be of help and encouragement to you as you face times in your life when it seems like God is not paying attention as you pray.

So what did I learn about God, about prayer and about myself during this process? Let me share four things.

- 1) **It was good that God does not let my sense of urgency become His sense of importance.** I pleaded with God to let our house sell last year and even “wrestled” with Him concerning his delays. In his lovingkindness, he chose to endure my pestering while staying the course. He in His wisdom knew to be best.
- 2) **God often protects me from me.** I wanted our house to sell earlier because I had a “good” plan to invest a significant portion of the equity in building the children’s home in Kumasi. Had God yielded to my wishes, the necessary severing of our partnership in Kumasi may have cost us the resources now available to help us move and begin ministry in Accra.
- 3) **God’s apparent “No” was no “No” at all but was actually “Yes”** in keeping with Mark 11:24. Jesus tells us that as we pray (in the present), we are to believe that we have already received the answer to that prayer (in the past) and that

we will see the answer in due time (in the future). When we prayed (along with you who prayed with us), God said “yes” to our request. And now we are seeing the proof of that as we prepare to close on our house on the 15th of June.

- 4) **I could have avoided much anxiety if I had believed God had already said “Yes”.** Therein lies the problem. Believing that God has already given what we’ve asked for when we can’t see it to be true is a hard thing to do. And that is because time-bound people (like you and me) can’t comprehend a God who lives in the past, present and future all at once.

And that’s makes it so hard for us to 1) ask today, 2) believe that in eternity past God already answered yes and has put into place a plan that will grant our request, 3) and then wait confidently while God brings it to pass. That is the kind of God we serve. That is the kind of God, our God is. And this is the kind of prayer He calls us to when He said through His Son,

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Ghana Does Not Need More Air!

This is the motto of CMTS, the organization that is helping us ship our belongings and ministry needs to Ghana. We are planning to ship a 40' sea container and have been advised to maximize our use of the space since Ghana has enough air.

Team Needs (Personal)

The following is a list of items needed to set up housekeeping for the WAMM Team in Accra

Car/van/SUV (Good Condition, must be less than 10 yrs. old for us to bring into Ghana) We have one possible lead on a van through CMTS for \$1,500.00.

Appliances: Refrigerator, Washer, Dryer (to be purchased here in the states through a company that converts them for use in West Africa—220/50 vs. 110/60 electricity)

Good Mattresses (unavailable in Ghana) for team use and for guest housing so you can come visit (good waterbed mattresses included).

Computer Supplies (Paper, Labels, Envelopes, etc.)

Eight O'Clock Dark Roast Coffee, Jif Peanut Butter, Velveeta Cheese (Necessities 😊 unavailable in Ghana)

Ministry Needs

The following is a list of items the WAMM team can use to reach out to the orphaned and oppressed in Ghana

used (but good) clothes

Children's toys (new or used)

Prizes/Novelties for use in Sunday Schools and Children's Ministry

School Supplies

Medical Supplies (E.g. unused items from opened surgical kits, suture kits, etc.)

Books/Bibles for distribution and for building a library for Pastoral Students.

used but useable Computers (for pastors, students and training)

If you have or would like to help provide any of the items listed, please let us know. It is our hope to fill every bit of useable space in the shipping container since we pay by volume, not weight. So whether it is a large item or one more tee-shirt to fill up that last corner of the container, your gifts will help meet the needs of those in Ghana.

Here I Am! Is Finally “E-mail-able”

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is now available
via e-mail.
Please contact us
at:
pastorbrian@
kmcc.org
to be added to the
e-mail list!

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Ferwerda, a good personal friend and a faithful friend to this ministry, we are able to e-mail our newsletter. Some of you have requested this in that past and we have only been able to say we are working toward that end. Well, it is finally here.

Communication is an important part of a ministry like ours especially since we hope that *Here I Am!* will always be a publication that is a testimony to the glory of God. It is our hope and prayer that this newsletter will be an encouragement to people as we share what God is doing through this ministry and its people.

We are excited about being able to send this newsletter electronically because it allows us to maintain or perhaps even increase the frequency of our reports while cutting on our production and postage costs. Effectiveness and efficiency can often be mutually exclusive, but thanks to Jim’s efforts, we believe we are being offered both.

Experimentation with some folks who use a dial-up service have proven to be quite successful. The download time was in the 2-3 minute range and the quality of the pictures and graphics have remained excellent. And so we can add excellence to effectiveness and

efficiency as benefits this brings to WAMM and to those receiving the newsletter.

So, if you would prefer to receive this electronically, please let us know. You can simply send us an e-mail message including your name and put E-Newsletter in the subject line. We will then transfer your name from the snail-mail list to our electronic list.



Colleen’s Corner

Dear friends and family,

So much is happening and God surely continues to work in my life. I continue to work at Inspiration Ministries with my IM family, both staff and residents. I get to participate in the lives of such special people. Each morning is a new beginning with its challenges as well as its blessings. My mom is feeling better each day though she is having some pain in her back that is troubling for her. Michael and Leah, my son and daughter-in-law, are expecting their second baby in June so I get to be grandma again. Bella, soon to be two, is going to make a wonderful big sister. Jeanine and Joel’s daughter Taylor is becoming

quite the little woman at almost eleven.

I have the opportunity to actually set foot in Ghana in June. A team of ten people will be matching their gifts with needs in existing ministries in Accra, Ghana’s capitol. I have had the opportunity to communicate with Dinah Kwao, a recently widowed RN who participates in church planting through providing medical care and education to the surrounding villages. As you probably know, health care education is one of those projects that are near and dear to my heart.

I have also been corresponding with Larry Lamina, the director for Handi*Vangelism in Accra, an organization that

reaches out to the disabled in Ghana. They are currently in need of a clinic director. Either of these opportunities would allow me to serve the Lord in Ghana while learning the language and culture in preparation to start building WAMM’s first orphanage. How my heart yearns to be there but the team is ever mindful that God’s timing is perfect.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

Colleen

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We're updating the Website!

Check us out at WAMMInc.org

Please Notice Our Change of Address

Our New Mailing Address Is:

WAMM, P.O. Box 185

North Prairie, WI 53513



Derek, Tommy, Jessi, Brian & Debbie

Where is Here?

As the lead article indicated, our house has sold and we will be moving as of the 15th of June. God has provided a new home for us to live in until we move to Ghana (target date of the first week of November). Again he has shown himself kind in that the new house is indeed a new house which has not sold due to the housing market here in Wisconsin. So as of June 15 our family will be living in Johnson Creek, WI, one mile south and east of the outlet mall. That means you can use a visit to us as an excuse to go shopping.

With a move comes a necessary change of address. Let me try to make it as simple as I can. For mailing to West African Mercy Ministries you can use the following:

Here We Are

Update on the McIntyre Family

WAMM

P.O. Box 185

North Prairie, WI 53153

To mail something to our family, you can use the above or our new address of:

Brian and Debbie McIntyre

108 Mark Dr.

Johnson Creek, WI 53038-9444

We have not been issued a new phone number to date. Please watch for those details in the future.

We are also trying to arrange for a new e-mail address that will be a permanent one even after we move to Ghana. That has not occurred yet, so please watch for details concerning that in the future. However, I have maintained my e-mail address from my time as the pastor of Kettle Moraine Community Church and can be reached in the mean time at:

pastorbrian@kmcc.org

Although it would have been best from our perspective if the Lord had orchestrated things so we didn't have to move twice, He thought it best to work otherwise. And upon consideration we believe that he might have chosen this intermediate move to help our children transition away from our old neighborhood before having to transition into a new country environment.

We covet your prayers for our family during all this upheaval. Please pray that Tommy, Derek and Jessi will not suffer too much homesickness. We are leaving what has been a wonderful neighborhood for them to grow up in with kind, friendly and supportive neighbors. Please pray too that in each of our moves, our Lord will kindly provide the same kind of wonderful neighbors and friends for our children.

Only by the Mercies of God,

Pastor Brian for the McIntyres