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God's Jam-packed lovingkindness.

We've all been there, haven't we? We are planning an outing. We hope and even pray for good weather. And God grants us our request. So we naturally respond, "Oh, God is so good!" as if his goodness is dependent upon us getting what we want.

No, God is good all the time, even if he allows it to rain on our picnic. But sometimes He even shows His lovingkindness. J. Vernon McGee used to explain God's love as giving us bread and his lovingkindness as spreading some jam on that bread. This article is about one of those instances of loading up the bread with blackberry preserves!

It was Tuesday evening and we had just returned from an visit to the vet clinic. The next day we were supposed to travel to a rural village to visit a fledgling ministry to orphaned children. I went back to the van so I could fill up the van with gas for the trip. As I tried to start it, Derek said, "Dad, something is spraying all over the driveway." Every time I tried to start the engine, gas

pumped all over the place. So I shut off the car, called the pastor and told him we would not be able to take the trip to the village. What a bummer. God had not been good to me this time, had He?

But, as Paul Harvey used to say, "And now the rest of the story." First, the Wednesday in question was the 31st and I had some paperwork that the IRS demands of non-profit corps. that had to be done by the end of January. And I had no idea when I was going to get that done. But God was giving me an entire day with nothing scheduled so I could get my work done.

Secondly, my car could have easily broken down on the way to or from the veterinarian or worse yet, it could have happened out in the middle of nowhere as we were traveling to the village. Who knows what kind of headache that would have been here in Ghana, trying to get someone to tow me home or to a mechanic to get it fixed. But no, God allowed my van to break-

down in my driveway where it needed to be parked for the night anyway.

And finally, the repair. I called a dear Ghanaian brother in Christ and he came over on Wednesday evening and was able to repair the van for no cost. What had happened is that the fuel line coming out of the tank had become disconnected from a flexible hose that leads to the fuel filter. He simply slid under my car (I didn't even have to lift it because He's so thin), put the hose pack on the fuel line, tightened the clamp and the car started right up.

So yes, God allowed my plans to be interrupted (or better postponed for we have rescheduled) but in doing so He reminded me that He is so good all the time. And like the title of this newsletter says, it was just another opportunity to let us hear God say, **Here I Am!**



One of Our Helpers at Our
Used Clothes Distribution

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Worshipping the Lord through Prayer

Would you worship the Lord with us as we offer up our praises and lift up our petitions for the work of FIM-Ghana? For prayer truly is worship. Praises are opportunities for us to thank God for accomplishing what only He could do and Petitions are opportunities for us to remember that God alone can do the work that He has called us to do in Ghana. So as we pray, we are acknowledging God for the Holy God that He truly is, and that is worship. So please, worship the Lord with us.

Praises

- God has given us a chairman to lead the FIM-Ghana board who truly is a unique man of vision in this country. Mr. Gyebi has a heart-desire to see the ministries of FIM-Ghana funded primarily from within Ghana in the next ten years. This is a refreshing and encouraging heart-attitude uncommon in ministry in this area.
- FIM-Ghana has a shared vision for ministry with what was established under WAMM 3 1/2 years ago. In fact, the board has adopted the same mission statement that WAMM has operated under: *To Glorify God through the Establishment and Support of Evangelistic Mercy Ministries Throughout West Africa.*
- God has raised up a 4-man transitional leadership team to provide direction for Greater Grace Bible Church of Frafraha, Ghana.
- God has opened doors of ministry for Colleen working in to help open a medical clinic for a like-minded mission here in Ghana (Handi*Vangelism).
- God has provided a generator for times with no power (especially pertinent at the time of writing this newsletter since the power is currently out).
- God has raised up people to handle the on-going WAMM business affairs in the states.

Petitions

- Please pray that God would be pleased to grant our Residence Visas (Green-Card equivalent).
- Please pray that God would be pleased to grant FIM-Ghana its NGO status.
- Please pray that God would be pleased to provide a Ghanaian pastor to shepherd Greater Grace Bible Church (GGBC) to help us restart this ministry.
- Please pray that God would be pleased to raise up American Churches who would like to partner with GGBC including helping to support the work during the 2-3 year restart period.
- Please pray that God would be pleased to provide additional Board Members to help lead FIM-Ghana (the non-profit Corporation under which we operate here in West Africa).
- Please pray that God would be pleased to provide a director (Ghanaian or American Missionary) for our Church Planting Ministry.
- Please pray that God would be pleased to provide a director (Ghanaian or American Missionary) for our Orphan Care Ministry (see article on page 4).
- Please pray that God would raise up additional supporters that both Colleen and the McIntyre's need to remain on the field.

Introducing Dinah

Greetings in the Savior's Name. Thank you for your prayers and financial support on my behalf. I appreciate you and look forward to seeing many of you when I visit later this year, as the Lord wills.

We are all doing fine. The children have completed school and are now at home. I enjoy their company. Jeremiah has been a great help to me since John has gone home to be with the Lord.

Since John's death, I have been the only FIM missionary in Ghana. But recently God has provided a team from the states to partner with me. One member of that team,

Colleen Scigliano, is also a nurse who will work with me in the medical ministry in the villages. Our goal is to make contacts through medical services for evangelism and as a way to continue to be involved in the ministry of church planting.

I continue to be actively involved with Greater Grace Bible Church, one of the churches my late husband planted. I also continue to stay involved in village ministry. In addition, I have been working with the McIntyres and Colleen, helping them to adjust to the culture here in Ghana. We were also able to visit an orphan ministry in a village nearby.

I have been asked to serve as an ex-officio member of the board of FIM-Ghana. I February we hope to recruit more pastors and business men and women to serve on this board and to finalize the purchase of the FIM-Ghana property.

I also hope to 1) make contacts with Medical Services Authorities here in Ghana, 2) make contacts with Christian Doctors who can help us provide services to those in need, 3) to find a source for purchasing Pharmaceuticals and 4) to establish a project funding source for our medical ministry. Please continue to pray with us for God to be glorified through the ministry he has given us.



Dinah Kwao Teaching Health to Village Children



Dinah and Colleen Giving Checkups to Village Children

Colleen's Corner



One Little Child in the Village We Visited



Teaching Village Children Health and Personal Hygiene

Hello from Ghana; yes we really are finally here in God's perfect timing. Our adventure has begun and you are all an important part of it. Without your faithful prayers and support, we could do nothing.

We have an opportunity to assist in the of opening a clinic at Echoing Hills, a camping facility for the disabled. They have had medical facilities available for years but have never been able to open due to lack of staff. Dinah Kwao, a wonderful Ghanaian, and I are very excited to be partners in providing medical services and education for those in the area who have been unable to access care. We look

forward to working with Pastor Larry Lamina, the director, and with a retired Obstetrics and Gynecology professor from the University here in Accra.

We have been to a village near Cape Coast, where we were surrounded by more than 80 children, ranging in age from 2 1/2 to 11, in a one room school with 4 teachers. Dinah and I did health check-ups and teaching and were amazed at the discipline that the headmistress maintained.

We are also looking forward to traveling to the villages where Dinah has already built relationship and where I had the privilege to visit

when I was here in June. Again we will be reaching out with God's love to the villagers who lack basic health care and education.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray as we make contacts with the officials in the Ghanaian Health Care Administration, with Christian physicians in Ghana, with Social Services and as we minister to those who are in need in the city and villages, that God would open doors and hearts to receive his wonderful Gospel Message.

In Christ,
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*Derek, Tommy, Jessi, Brian & Debbie
(Watch for a new picture,
most of our family is growing!)*

They Warned Me This Would Happen

I was told to expect that once we got to the field, things would change. But I never expected it to be so soon. After having been here for three months, it seems that our ministry is going to look a bit different than we expected. Now don't worry, the things that we have shared all along will continue to be a focus of our time

Here We Are

Update on the McIntyre Family

here in Ghana. Medical Care, Orphan Care and Church Planting will continue to be the focus of our ministry, but I can already see that over the next few years, we are going to need additional ministry partners, and that is truly exciting to me.

Of course the Medical Ministry has leadership in place for it through Colleen and Dinah Kwao. But as I have been trying to give help to Greater Grace Bible Church as well as get the pieces in place to begin caring for children, I can already see that the job is too big for one person, especially if that person is being asked to help get even more ministries started while

providing oversight for these initial ministries.

That is why our prayer requests included prayer that God might be pleased to raise up a director for Church Planting and for Orphan Care (I will serve as the director for the latter until one is found and as a family we plan on remaining involved in the Child Care end of the ministry). This will allow me to eventually give more time to overseeing all the ministries as well as planning for expansion through the development of new ministries and this excites me to know end. Please continue to pray with us, won't you?

Pastor Brian for the McIntyres