



I'm Even in the Paperwork.

We got our Valid Company Tax Certificate. Wow, isn't that exciting? It is a necessary piece of paperwork that will help in our pursuit of our residence visas (green cards) so we can stay in the country long-term. But it is pretty hard to generate excitement about paperwork.

We long for the day that we can report to you that we took our first child into care. We can't wait until we can introduce you to the first family with whom we have been able to place one of these orphaned little ones. But for now, we can simply report that another step in the paper chase has been completed. And that is no more "exciting" to us than it is to you.

And yet, as I sat down this morning to write this article, God reminded me that he is in the paper work too.

I don't know about you, but I often forget that God is in our mundane activities just as much as he is in those that seem more exciting to us. And I also find it easy not to remember that I need him to be involved in those

things that I think I can handle just as much as I need him in those things that I know are well out of my control. And paperwork is a good reminder to me of just how desperately and completely I am dependent upon our Lord.

Jesus gives us a great example of dependence when we read of him:

*Truly, truly I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of his own accord,** but only what he sees the Father doing. (John 5:19)*

If this is said about Jesus, how much more true is it about you and me?

Later in the same gospel, Jesus makes sure we remember this truth:

*Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, **for apart from me you can do nothing.** (John 15:5)*

Do you realize how little nothing is? He doesn't remind us that apart from him we can only accomplish a little bit. He says that apart

from him we can do nothing—not even paperwork.

And I believe this is what God is reminding me of in these initial months of ministry here in Ghana. You need me in everything you do in your ministry, even in paperwork. And I believe he is using this as a proving ground because if I am not faithful to remember my need of him in the small things (like paperwork) how will he ever be able to entrust larger things into my care?

And perhaps he is trying to remind you of the same thing. Are you trying to handle things without acknowledging your complete and utter dependence upon the Lord? Are you approaching life with the attitude that you don't want to bother him with the mundane? My advice to both of us is to bother him. He wants to be bothered. He wants to be depended upon. He wants people to see that he is a faithful God who can be trusted in all areas of our lives even what we see as mundane.

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Worshiping 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

- We thank God for the wonderful time he gave us recently with a work team from Pennsylvania. Two of the team members stayed for 10 days and another stayed for almost three weeks. What a blessing they were to us (they even brought coffee).
- We also thank God for the start-up of our village medical ministry including the vaccinations and registration cards that the government of Ghana is providing without cost to us.
- We have received a commitment from our first partnering church for \$200/month for the salary of a Ghanaian Pastor for Greater Grace—we are asking God for an additional \$400/month and enough to rent a home for he and his family for at least a year.
- God has brought to both Colleen and the McIntyre family additional regular supporters over the past few months.
- We thank God for these additions and for those who have been supporting this ministry through prayer and financial investment.
- We just passed our six-month anniversary and praise the Lord for good health throughout this time.

Petitions

- Please continue to pray that God would be pleased to grant our **Residence Visas** (Green-Card equivalent), our **NGO status** (it has passed the district and regional levels and now awaits national approval) and that our **Quota** would be approved through the Ministry of the Interior (this is in place of a work permit).
- Please pray for **Dansuman Baptist Church**, and for the mediation team as we try to help this church address some leadership conflicts they are experiencing.
- Please pray with us as we ask the Lord to grow our team by three: 1) **a doctor** to oversee the medical ministry, 2) **a church planter** to oversee the church planting ministry and to help restart GGBC as a pilot program for future church plants, and 3) **a director** for the orphan/foster care ministry (preferably a social worker who can handle day-to-day operations).
- Please pray for clarity of direction as we design the orphan/foster care ministry. Social Welfare in Ghana has recently changed its focus to emphasize adoption (opening the door to international adoption). We have an opportunity to begin our ministry heading in that direction rather than retooling an existing ministry to fit the new criteria.
- Please pray that God would provide the medical equipment (e.g. lab-in-a-suitcase—please ask) needed for the medical ministry in the villages.

Colleen's Corner

The Adventure Continues.

Do you think about each day you are given as a great adventure? I know on the days that I wake up, thank the Lord for another day, and make a point to anticipate the day being a day of adventure, He never fails to provide. This is a truth that I am discovering more each day. God is truly awesome.

Dinah and I have begun our medical ministry in the villages, and never know quite what to anticipate. After driving down almost five miles of nearly impassable dirt road (and it wasn't even raining), we had an opportunity to do well check-ups on over 40 children under 4 years of age. Under the shade of a large tree, the children were given scheduled vaccinations, were weighed in a scale hanging from a tree branch, and their Mom's were presented with some basic principles to keep their children healthy. Individual Moms were coached on what they needed to do specifically to improve the health of their children. We also got to do

some health assessment on one of the Moms, who appeared to have malaria, talking with her about nutrition, hydration, and taking acetaminophen which we provided. She was advised to follow up with a physician if she didn't get better. We also met a young man, Te, about 6, who had a large mass of scar tissue, called a keloid, on the side of his head. He had nearly burned to death in a house fire and has a large area of his head that is with out hair and scarring on the upper part of his right ear. He is a bright little man with a serious face until you get him to smile. Then he brightens up the world. I thought of all the resources we have in the States, and of how he must endure being shunned by the other children in the Village. With hope in her eyes, his mom asked me what could be done for him.

- Please pray for Te that we can find some treatment that will help him to look and feel more "normal."
- Please pray for funds that we can purchase a four

wheel drive vehicle to get to and from the villages.

- Please continue to pray that we will find a God-loving doctor to become part of our team.
- Please pray that all our paper work would come through for our resident visas, our Non Government Organization status so we can begin orphan care
- Please pray for my Ghanaian nursing license.
- Praise God that he has made us all part of a team to serve Him.
- And Thank Him for another day of Great Adventure!!!

God Bless and Thank you!

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Dinah's Doings

Greetings in the Savior's Name

We are thankful for how the Lord is using us to work for His glory. We are all doing fine. Greater Grace Church is also doing fine. The children have completed their secondary school and are helping with the Youth at church and with the Ministry.

Colleen and I are working, doing medical outreach and laying the foundation for evangelism and church planting, in three villages that speak Krobo, my dialect. The roads to the vil-

lages are hard to navigate, mostly dirt, and we have been blessed with no rain on our trips so far. The Lord has been so good to allow us to serve Him and the villagers. His graciousness we cannot measure.

The children and I have been working to prepare for our trip to the United States this fall. The plan is to get the children settled into college, and to visit the wonderful churches and people who have been so supportive for the past four years. We look forward to renewing old friendships, seeing my family in Christ,

and meeting new friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Applying for Visas, making travel plans and accommodations without John has been challenging, but Pastor Brian and Sister Debbie have been a great help here And Pastor Don Clark in Pennsylvania has been wonderful, helping to make the arrangements for our stay in the United States as well.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you!

Yours in His glad service,
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Prayer and Praise Update

- Wisdom and understanding as we share the Gospel and minister through the medical outreach and church planting.
- Strength to continue to work for the Lord.
- Traveling mercies to and from the villages.
- Traveling mercies to and from the United States.
- Praise the Lord for how He is using us all to team together for His Glory.

Church to Church Partnership

A Revolution in World Missions

We are in a revolution in the world of Christian Missions. It is unlike the first wave of world missions when the first-century church was initially responding to the great commission. And it's unlike the second wave of world missions which accompanied European colonialism allowing the gospel to travel into previously unimaginable areas. Those movements involved taking the message of salvation to areas in which no church existed. But this third wave of world missions is seeking to utilize indigenous believers to spread the gospel. (To read more, please see *Revolution in World Missions* by K.P. Yohannan)

A Resource for World Missions

Most if not all of the countries of the world have now been reached with the gospel. This is not to say that all *people* have been reached. Billions of people around the world have never heard of Jesus. Nor is it claiming that the church is dynamically active everywhere the gospel has been preached. But God has at least a handful of believers scattered to almost every nation in the world. This is a resource no previous generation has enjoyed. Missionaries of the past had to ask the question, "How can we most effectively get the gospel into unevangelized areas?" Today we must ask, "How can we maximize the effectiveness of the gospel witness that exists around the world?"

A Reason for Hope for World Missions

With this in mind, a new strategy may be prudent in reaching the lost. FIM-Ghana

believes that the most effective (and efficient) means to reach the lost in the 21st century is through partnering with believers in other parts of the world—people who already know the culture and the language of the people they are trying to reach. And this puts the church in North America in a unique position because God has seen fit to entrust to us much of the financial and educational resources within Christianity worldwide (At Bethlehem's Pastor's Conference, Randy Alcorn suggested that this could be as high as 80%). So it behooves us to ask, "How can we be most faithful as stewards of this trust?"

A Rallying Cry for World Missions

God did not entrust us with this wealth simply to build big beautiful barns (churches) to store it in while we sit back in our padded theatre seats and say, "Soul, you have ample goods laid

up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry" (Lk. 12:19). God gave us this trust for wise investment in His kingdom so we might hear, "Well done . . . you have been faithful . . . enter into the joy of your master" (Mtt. 25:21).

A prudent investor seeks to get the most return for his investment. We believe partnership insures this. Materially it costs a lot less to support a West African than a North American. Spiritually, we believe the gospel has greater opportunity for success when shared between those of similar language and culture.

Church to Church Partnership is an invitation to North American churches to partner with West African churches to fulfill the call of our Lord to bring the gospel to those in need. We would love to help your church be involved in this Revolution in World Missions. Please let us know you are interested using the contact information provided on the last page of this newsletter.

What Could Your Church Do with A Branch Office in West Africa?

- What dreams of cross-cultural ministry could you see fulfilled?
- How might your church's heart for mercy finally find a way to reach out to those who suffer from hunger, polio, AIDS or other life altering maladies?
- Could you finally reach out to orphaned children in the only part of the world where the orphan problem continues to worsen year after year?
- Or perhaps you could finally have an opportunity to plant another church?

FIM-Ghana would love to give you just such a branch office in Ghana, West Africa. We can help you find a group of people who share your vision, and would love to be the hands and feet that put your investment to work. It is our dream to help North American Churches have a personal, active ministry of mercy in sub-Saharan Africa.

We would love to hear from you. Please, read through this article and then contact us so that we can discuss the ministry opportunities that await those with a desire to reach this uttermost part of the world.

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

We are the Joneses

In Ghana, it isn't the Joneses that you have to keep up with, it's the McIntyres. We went to our local post office to try to get a P.O. Box closer to home and instead came away as the first on our block to have a mailbox. For real! They were all out of P.O. boxes and so they signed us up for door-to-door delivery and now all the neighbors want one too.

Here We Are

Update on the McIntyre Family

So we are the Joneses with whom everyone has to keep up. Most of our neighbors didn't even know this service was available (it is rather new).

What this means to you is that you can now send mail direct to our home. The address is rather lengthy, but that's a small price to pay for being the envy of the block. Here is our address:

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Of course this address will work for Colleen as well. So no more excuses, we'd love to hear from you if not by e-mail then use the

new address. We love getting mail in our shiny red mailbox (see picture below).

Pastor Brian for the McIntyres

