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*It's a Girl!*

It's a Girl! Our first little one God has allowed us to care for is a girl. We have named her Karen (her Ghanaian name is Abena meaning Tuesday born for the day she was found). When she came she was underweight and had been diagnosed with some serious medical concerns. She was unable to sit up or even hold her head up. She had been found by the police and placed in the custody of a friend of ours who works in the area of adoptions here in Ghana. Her facility was full and so we were asked to care for this little one.

And so Debbie and Colleen took her in hand and we all placed her in the Lord's hands and we began the ministry that we came half-way around the world to do. We also began to pray. Debbie and Colleen, with

much help from Jessi, began feeding and spoiling her; and Baby Karen began to grow. In four weeks she put on 5 lbs, she is now sitting up, laughing, grabbing and repeating all kinds of rude noises that Joshua taught her to make. She has become a joy to this household and a reminder to us of what all the paperwork and time frustrations have been all about.

I am sorry we are not able to share a picture with you, but the agency with whom we are working has policies to protect the privacy of children like Baby Karen, and so you will just have to take our word for it. She is a beautiful little baby girl (though not as little as she used to be).

But here is the best news. When she came to us, she had been diagnosed with a

very serious medical condition. And we began to pray, asking the Lord to take the condition away as only he could do. Well, the most recent doctor's visit, including testing for this condition, all came back negative. The condition she was reported to have is gone.

Now some will say, "Oh the original doctors must have misdiagnosed" and others will say, "Praise God he healed her." We may never know for sure what happened and quite frankly we don't care. We asked God to make her healthy and he did. And for that we are praising him for what we could not do ourselves. Now we will have the joy of presenting to an adoptive family, a healthy, happy and chubby beautiful baby girl. And God took this opportunity to say to us again, ***Here I am!***



## 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 are officially an **NGO** (non-profit corporation in Ghana)!
- We have taken our first little one into care (**Baby Karen**) and she just got a clean bill of health from the Dr. This is truly a praise!
- Thank the Lord for the **Leadership Team** of Greater Grace Baptist Church (see next page) and for Pastor Gaisie who has agreed to work with them.
- Colleen has an opportunity to return to the states to be with her family for the holiday season.
- Josh has been able to spend four months with us this year and has now returned safely to the U.S.
- Jami was able to come for a visit as part of a team of three from KMCC. Thanks to Jim and Mollie for bringing our daughter to see us.
- We thank God for you!

### Petitions

- Please continue to pray with us for our **Residence Visas** (Green-Card equivalent), and for our **Quota** (the list of ministry personnel we are allowed to bring into Ghana from overseas).
- Please pray for **ministry partners**. Though we want to staff our ministries primarily with Ghanaian nationals, we would certainly appreciate some American co-workers/friends. Cross-cultural ministry can be pretty lonely.
- Please pray for **clear direction** as we design the orphan/foster care ministry in keeping with Ghanaian law and Biblical principles.
- Please pray that God would provide a **Lab-in-a-Suitcase** for the medical ministry in the villages.
- Please pray for a **4-wheel drive vehicle** for ministry use especially needed for medical ministry in remote villages.

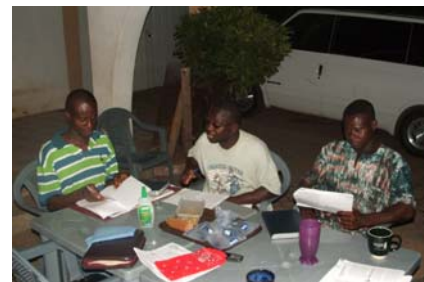
## Greater Grace Baptist Church Leadership Team

Here is a picture of the Leadership Team (less one, Thomas missed the photo) from Greater Grace Baptist Church of Frafraha. From left to right their names are Mark, Osbornd and Evans. We thank the Lord so much for these men and pray that they will continue to grow strong in the Lord.

Pastor Gaisie (a friend and fellow pastor here in Ghana) has agreed to lead the Leadership develop-

ment study with these men. We meet every Thursday evening at our home and are currently going through a study on family relationships. It is my prayer that these men will make up the deacon team of the church but for now they are acting in an unofficial role. Dinah is especially excited to see these men progress since three of the four were saved as she and her husband shared the gospel with them during the early days of GGBC's life.

Please pray for these men as they continue to study. Please pray that they will be wise men like Jesus describes in Matthew 7—men who not only know the word but build their lives upon it. And please pray too for Pastor Gaisie as he continues to lead the men in this much needed study.



**GGBC Leadership Team**



**Our Esteemed Leader, Kofi Gaisie** (please notice the coffee)

## Do You Know?

Here are some facts about Ghana (some serious and some not so serious) we thought you might like to know:

- Do you know that three lanes of traffic can fit side by side on a one-lane road?
- Do you know that 50% of Ghana's population is below the age of 18?
- Do you know that Ghana's Presidential election is Dec. 7 of this year

(I hope that is not prophetic?)

- Do you know that T-bone Steak costs between \$3.50 and \$5.00/pound but Grasscutter (Bush Rat) costs between \$10.00 and \$15.00/pound?
- Do you know you can put 5 lbs on a baby girl in one month's time?
- Do you know Colleen is coming to the states for home assignment on November 1st?

- Do you know that a frozen turkey costs \$95.00 in Accra and it isn't even a Butterball?
- Do you know Accra has a McDonald's (or actually a McDonaldz)
- Do you know that Buronya is the Twi word for Christmas and more importantly do you know what Buronya literally means? You will have to wait until December's Newsletter to find out.



**Grass cutter on the Grill @ \$10.00-\$15.00/pound**



## Colleen's Corner

Let me share some of the feelings I am experiencing these days here in Ghana.

- **Enjoyment:** Comes from watching Baby Karen blossom.
- **Disappointment:** From the frequent van breakdowns that have prevented us from going to the village for medical ministry twice last month.
- **Excitement:** Over the approval of our project requests for a 4-wheel drive vehicle (bottom of this page) and a Lab-in-a-Suitcase (bottom of next page).
- **Thanksgiving:** Resulting from having Isabelle (a friend from the Canadian Embassy—her husband is head of security) helping us with the village ministry.
- **Anticipation:** Over going home to see friends and

family and looking forward to travelling with Dinah.

Please pray for funds for the projects listed above, for safe travel home and while on home assignment, and for opportunities to witness in the villages and while at home in the U.S. Pray that God will prepare hearts to receive the Good News.

God Bless and Thank you!  
Colleen



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## FIM-Ghana Transportation Project

### ***Ghana Roads are Rough on Cars!***

As both Colleen and Dinah have mentioned, we are praying that the Lord would provide us with a 4-wheel drive vehicle for ministry use especially in getting to the villages targeted for medical ministry. Recent mishaps with Dinah's vehicles have prevented the medical ministry from happening two out of the three scheduled weeks

We have therefore requested a project to be started through FIM to purchase such a vehicle. We have our eye on a Land Rover Defender (similar to the one pictured). This is the kind of vehicle that the police and military use to a large extent.

We are asking the Lord to provide \$10,000 US for this purchase and are praying that he would choose just the right vehicle for us—one that he will be pleased

to keep in good running order. We would surely rather purchase one he will keep his eye on than one we have had our eye on. Please pray with us.

If you would like to be part of the provision of such a vehicle, please send your donation to FIM, 555 S. 24th St., Allentown, PA 18104-6666 and be sure to ear mark the gift ***FIM-Ghana Transportation Project.***





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## Dinah's Doings

### Greetings in the Savior's Name

Greater Grace Baptist Church is doing well. Pastor Brian is training the leadership team (see article on page 3) and it was wonderful to hear from these men as they each have taken an opportunity to share God's wonderful words (through preaching opportunities) over the past four months at the church.

The children are doing well also and are now attending school at a local university. They seem to be enjoying this opportunity.

The medical ministry is also going on well and we thank God for that. However, problems with our vehicles have made our trips less regular than we would like them to be.

So we ask you to pray for a 4-wheel drive vehicle for ministry use especially for getting to and from the villages we are serving. These outreach opportunities provide contacts that we pray God will use to establish churches in these same villages.

We also ask you to pray for our Lab-in-a-Suitcase pro-

ject. The project has been outlined on the bottom of this page. We believe it will help us better serve those who are currently underserved in the area of medical ministry.

Finally, please pray for me as I continue to pursue my visa so I can come to the States to visit those of you who have supported my family and me as we ministry here in Ghana. I hope to visit the U.S. Embassy in Accra in December and pray that the Lord will grant my visa request.

Dinah Kwao

## Lab-in-a-Suitcase



"International Aid's Lab-In-A-Suitcase (LIS) is a portable laboratory that can be set up and used to perform 80% of the standard tests most frequently requested by field physicians. Recent focus on HIV, Malaria and TB has made the LIS one of the few viable field laboratories capable of diagnostic testing in communities which lack adequate electricity, technology, and consumables to support a permanent laboratory."

The LIS is especially useful "... where power and supplies are unreliable." The LIS (starting price \$4,700 U.S) contains:

- Field Colorimeter
- Hematocrit Centrifuge
- Hand Crank Centrifuge Binocular Microscope
- Solar Panel and Rechargeable Power Pack
- Manual 5 button Tally Counter

- Glucometer
- Hemoglobinometer
- Hardshell Carry Case

If you would like to help with this project, please contact Dinah or Colleen using the information listed above or on the preceding page.

(Information taken from International Aid's website:<http://www.sifat.org/forms/Lab%20in%20a%20Suitcase%20Flyer%202008.pdf>. Please refer to this site if more information is desired.)

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*(Indicate for whom the support is intended)*



*Derek, Brian & Debbie, Jessi, Tommy*

## ***Bits and Pieces***

Our family is getting back into our normal routine after saying good-bye to Joshua on Monday. He had been visiting with us for almost four months and we enjoyed our time with him greatly. He has now arrived back in the States and is awaiting oral surgery to remove his wisdom teeth. We are so thankful for Marquette University's Dental

## *Here We Are*

### *Update on the McIntyre Family*

School where he will have the procedure done for about 15% of what a normal oral surgeon would cost.

Tommy, Derek and Jessi have all started little league this past month. They seem to be enjoying the interaction with other kids their ages. I am helping coach Tommy and Derek's team. I thought that was all over once we left the States, but guess again.

As many of you know, Debbie has been taking sign language lessons from one of the hearing impaired clients at Handi\* Vangelism (I have been keeping her company). She is a bit concerned that she might not be

doing too well because her teacher has decided to move to Nigeria and he is being replaced by not one but two new teachers. But this does give us a good opportunity to meet more people to whom we can minister.

Finally, Baby Karen continues to do well and continues to become a more "natural" part of our family. This is good and bad. It is good for her because she is being loved by one and all. It is bad for us because it will certainly make saying good bye all the more difficult when her adoption is finalized. Oh well, no one ever said loving was painless.

*Pastor Brian for the McIntyres*