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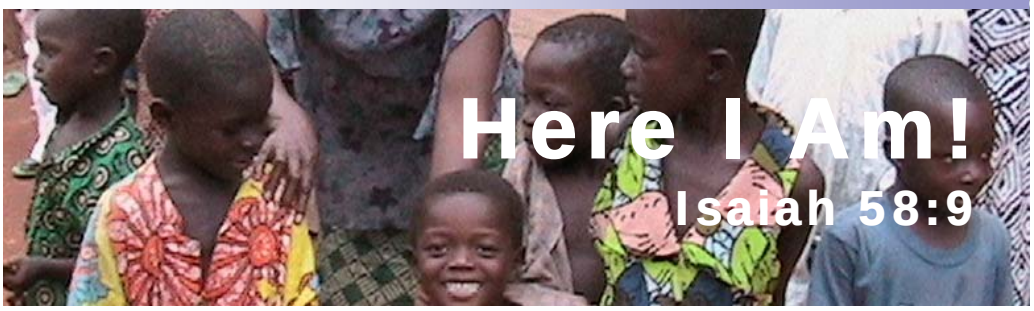

Much Mercy to Minister

If you have been keeping up with our prayer updates, you will have noticed a trend in the news from Ghana. There are many children who need help, especially babies.

Romana Testa, the Director of Beacon House Orphanage, has e-mailed us concerning a number of children she has had to turn away. In one e-mail she shared about five and about a week later she had to turn another three away simply because she has no room.

It is our intention upon our return to Ghana to work with Beacon House, caring for the babies, which will free Romana and her staff up to focus on the older children and the adoption details.

Debbie and I believe it is God's desire for us to provide an infant and toddler's home that will provide to Ghana' Social Welfare a hospice home, a receiving home and a short-term foster center until these children can be placed in a more permanent setting.

On the last two pages of this newsletter you will find a brochure that we have produced explaining in more detail what it is that we believe God is calling us to do when we return to Ghana this summer.

Please take an opportunity to read through this brochure and if you have any more questions or would like information on how you might get involved in sponsoring a bed in this facility, please contact us:

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We would love to help you begin your own ministry of mercy to the orphaned children of Ghana.

If you would like a printable copy of the brochure in PDF format, please send an e-mail to bmcintyre@fim.org with the word "brochure" in the subject line

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Dinah's Doings

God is good, all the time and all the time, God is good. We greet you in the Savior's name. Please bear with me as I talk to you again about Vincentia. As you remember from the December newsletter, we were waiting for this little one to have surgery. God made it possible for that to happen. On February 8 she was admitted to Korle-bu Hospital and was discharged on the 11th.

The doctor scheduled a follow-up for two weeks later. In the meantime this dear little girl began to show signs of malaria including a high fever. The doctor readmitted her into Korle-bu and began tests (including five different types of lab tests).

Unfortunately Vincentia remains in the hospital because her parents don't have the resources to pay the remaining bills and the doctor will not release her until this happens.

We thank all those who have already donated to help Vincentia and her family. Please pray that God will continue to provide the necessary resources so her parents can bring her back home. I know the expenses have been ongoing, but the outstanding balance needed is about $370.00 (500 Ghana Cedis).

Please remember to continue to pray for my family as Ruth and Jeremiah continue with their university training.

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Two Down, Three to Go!

As many of you already know, our big news of late revolves around the marriage of our oldest son Joshua to his new bride Norah (formerly Hoeppner) The wedding took place on March 13 and I was able to officiate along with Norah's father, Brian.

Many times I have been asked, how do you handle performing a wedding for one of you own children. The answer is a simple one, pathetically!

I have now had the privilege of officiating at both Joshua's and Jami's wedding and as those in attendance would attest, I was a blubbering idiot in both cases. That aside, nothing has given me greater pleasure since my own wedding than the joy of having a part in the marriage of my children.

Here We Are

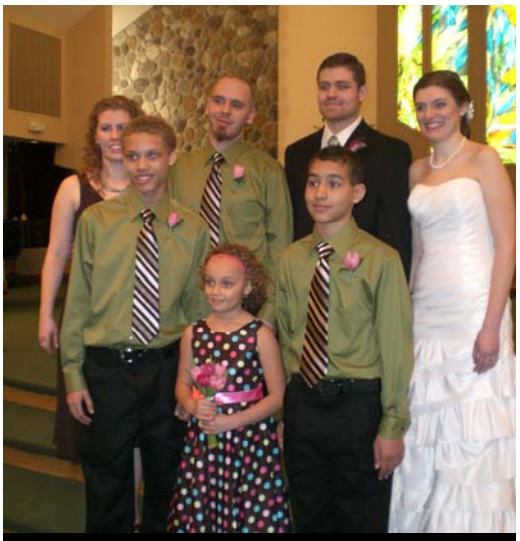
Update on the McIntyre Family

Two down, three to go—three more weddings to do—three more opportunities to hold it together while marrying off my children. I don't imagine any of them will get any better, but I can always hope.

The other news is that we have purchased our tickets for our return to Ghana. We are scheduled to leave O'Hare on the 30th of June and arrive in Ghana on the 1st of July. Please be in prayer with us and for us as we not only try to make all the contacts we need to make before then, but are also working to tie up all the loose ends that still need our attention before we leave.

Only by the Mercies of God;

Pastor Brian for the M'Intyres



All Our Children

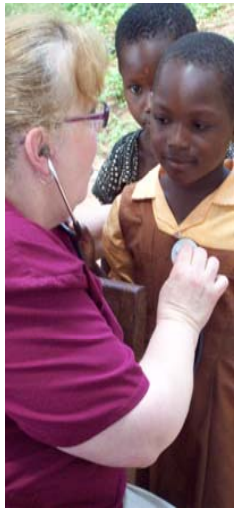
Cut Along Dotted Line and Tri-fold

INFANT AND CHILDREN'S HOME

What We Hope to Be

A Receiving Home: Children can come into care at any time, for any reason, and with any number of physical and emotional needs. We hope to be a ministry that can immediately accept such children into care, assess and then begin to address any needs they present.

A Hospice Home: Ghana has a great need for facilities that will take very ill—often terminally ill—children into care. WAMM desires to provide a home that will allow these children to experience the love of Christ as long as their little lives on earth may last.



A Placement Home: By design, Ghana is moving away from institutional care to a foster system of caring for orphaned and at-risk children. We hope to provide a transition for children in need of healthy families

Where We Hope to Do It

God has a heart for orphans. *"Father of the fatherless . . . is God in his holy habitation"* (Psalm 68:5). As the *"home to over 48 million orphans"* (UNICEF report Aug., 2006), sub-Saharan Africa must be an area for which God has great concern. We believe this is why God opened the doors for us to begin our ministry to West Africa in Accra, Ghana.

When We Hope to Do It

From a human perspective: *There's no time like the present.* From a heavenly perspective: *There's no time like God's time.* Currently we are able to take two or three children into care in our home. When God is pleased to provide the resources for a larger, dedicated facility and staff, we intend to expand this ministry.

How We Hope to Do It

Through Bed Sponsorships: For $300.00/month, you, your family, your small group, etc. can provide food, clothing, and care for an orphaned or at-risk child who is occupying one of the beds in the children's home. Sponsors will receive pictures and a brief biography (as privacy laws allow) each time a new child fills that bed.

Through Fund-Raising and Donations: This may involve a one-time gift that will help secure and furnish a 10 to 15-bed infant and toddler home. Maybe you would be willing to organize a fund-raiser for the same purpose. Or perhaps you would like to give on a monthly basis to help with the operation and maintenance of a clean, healthy facility in which children can receive loving care.

Through Short-Term Trips or Internships: We would also love to give you an opportunity to minister to orphaned children in a hands-on way. Whether you want to hold babies or hold a paintbrush, you are more than welcome. If we can help you know God experientially, love God actively and worship God purely through the extension of his mercy, please contact us.

Why We Hope to Do It

This ministry is not just about who we hope to be. It is also about who we want to help you to be. We believe mercy ministry gives every believer an opportunity to know God experientially, love God actively and worship God purely. We long to be a conduit through which ordinary Christians can have their own ministries of mercy resulting in an extraordinary relationship with Jesus Christ.

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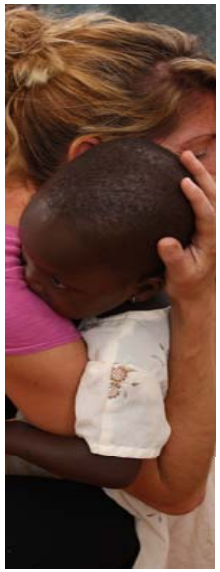
Who We Hope to Be

We want to know God experientially, so we give ourselves to mercy ministry. Why? Because extending mercy is what it means to know God (Jer. 22:16), and knowing God is worth more than anything else in all the world (Phil. 3:8-10).

We want to love God actively, so we give ourselves to mercy ministry. Why? Because Jesus said *"as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"* (Matt. 25:31-46). Active involvement in mercy ministry becomes our means of actively loving our Lord.



We want to worship God purely, so we give ourselves to mercy ministry. Why? Because pure and unadulterated worship is *"to visit orphans and widows in their affliction"* (Jas. 1:27). And God richly blesses those involved in mercy-based worship of him (Is. 58:1-10).

We want to help others do the same. We believe other share our desire for this kind of relationship God offers those involved in mercy ministry. We are ready to be a vehicle through which they can establish their own ministries of mercy even if they can't make Ghana their home.

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