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Farm Life in Ghana



Live From Ghana

(Delfred's Trip)

Greetings to all from the continent of Africa, It sure is encouraging to be back and reconnect with the young men and women that were a part of Lighthouse Children's Home and make connections with the next generation of children in the home.

Yes there are disappointments with the life choices some of them have made and as we observe them it brings tears to our eyes, yet we claim the promise that, "My words will not return to me void." Then as we listen to some of the others talk that they are so grateful for how The Lighthouse has spoken into their life and given them opportunities in life that they would not have had if it was not for the support they got from Lighthouse. Let me note here that support from Lighthouse translates to support from all of you and on their behalf I bless and thank you all for your faithfulness in supporting this ministry, because

without it Lighthouse would not be able to provide the support it does.

Also let me note here that for some it is about more than material support, such as a place to live, a school to go to, and food to eat. It is about knowing God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to see and feel that to them it is real and not just knowing



the right terminologies, but about a relationship that is important to them.

The children's home in itself is a very busy place these days and I wonder how they can keep up with all the work that is involved in caring for these children. To give you all a sense of this challenge, there are currently 28 children in the home and 17 of these have come in the last 3 months and also in the same period 14 have been returned to their previous caregivers. 10 of these children are under 5 years old with 2 of them being special needs children.

There are 6 that are between 6 and 10 years of age along with 9 between 11 and 15 years of age and 1 that



is 17, The House parents Emmanuel (Papa) and Olivia (Momma) Nyarkoh have 2 biological children ages 13 and 23 months.

Kyle and Lotte Martin from Drayton Ontario travelled to Ghana with us and are volunteering in the home for 6 weeks. I will not go into much detail on that because they will give their story in an upcoming newsletter. Needless to say they have not had to



wonder if there is something for them to do.

Their spirit has blessed me so much with how respectfully they relate to the culture and how dedicated they are to helping the house parents and the children. I am sure the house parents feel that Kyle and Lotte are God sent.

I am sure that the mothers out there that have 3 or 4 children under school age would not argue with me about the work load here. God Bless all you mothers.

One of the other experiences that caused me to thank God anew for the faithful supporters to this is visiting with those that are recipients of LEAF funds which stands for Lighthouse



Education Assistance Fund. This fund is designed to partner with the families of those that are 18 years and older and can no longer be in the home. Some of the criteria to become a part of this plan is, they had to be serious about their education before, which is measured by attendance and previous results, the other is they need to have a goal beyond just going to school.

Last night we had supper with one of the young men in this program, he is in his first year at the University of Cape Coast, he is studying to become a doctor, he will complete one year after which they will decide which area of medical services he is most adapted to. It is his ambition to become a heart specialist. He is a dedicated young man. In our conversation I asked him if he knew what is more important than becoming a doctor and I reminded him that it is more important to remain a Christian then becoming a doctor.

When I think back over the past 11 years that God has given me opportunities to serve Him through Lighthouse Ministries International I

think of the emptiness in the eyes of some of these children as we first began to interact with them and now we see the shine of hope in their eyes. Oh how I wish that I could more eloquently convey this for you all to see because if it were not for you being open to God in your Life and blessing this ministry with prayer and financial support the shine would not be there.

I also want to compliment the brethren that over the years have given their time on the board to design policies for the Ministry, and for the local board here in Ghana for all the dedication with which they give their time to make this ministry a blessing for the children and the staff and the community.

It was also a blessing to spend some time with Jonathan and Juanita at the farm. We were invited to share the US Thanksgiving with them and to see the progress around the farm that has been made. For example, hundreds of coconut trees have all been removed without excavators and bulldozers, but manually. The roots are cut with machetes and then pushed it is with the tractor, a lot of hard work!!

The additions of the chicken barn, the goat shelter, and the grass cutters and I must mention the additions of pounds of meat on the heifers, they are looking to be very healthy, are great blessings. Jonathan has recently purchased a young bull from a government agricultural farm and so I can picture the little calves running around the pasture field in the future.

In closing this I just want to encourage you that you remember to pray for the workers in the home. With Social Services choosing to use

the home for community crisis relief, it might be better known as a crisis transfer because the children come with the consequences of the crisis that they are removed from.

I am not complaining, just explaining because for this reason God has brought us here and by God's Grace we want to be faithful servants until the Day of Jesus Christ.

God Bless You All,

Delfred Weber

Director of operations for Lighthouse Children's Home



Delfred holding a special needs child



Prayer & Praise

Pray for the status for the home.

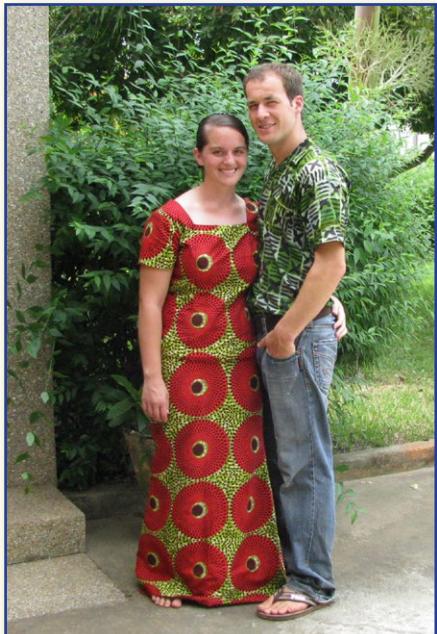
Pray for the salvation of souls.

Pray for future developments of the home.

Praise God for the spiritual growth that is evident in some of the older children.

Praise the Lord for the opportunites that God brings to this ministry.

Praise God for the dedication of the Ghanian Board.



Thank you, Kyle and Lotte ,
for sacrificing your time for the
children in Ghana.



All funds will be only used for programs that have been approved by the board.

Any funds that have been sent with designations attached will be used for the specified designation, provided that it has been approved by the board with the understanding that when the needs for the program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining funds will be used where needed most.

- directed by the board.



Board Report

Once again we are nearing the close of another year. As we look back and reflect over the past year we realize again the many blessings we have been blessed with. We again have been blessed with a seed time and a warm summer of harvest and as the beautiful days of autumn are behind us and the winter months again before us we can certainly say God Is Good! As I think on this and the work here at Lighthouse Ministries my thoughts go to a verse in Is. 55; 10&11. "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither'but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; It shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." This would be my prayer for the work here of this ministry and for each one, that the love of Christ would shine forth through each one that is involved, and that it can strengthen and plant spiritual seed in the hearts of the children and the surrounding community. Also that God's love can water the hearts of each one and that it can bud and bring forth fruit that the work would not return void (or empty and without fruit). I have enjoyed and feel blessed to have been able to work with each one, especially the Ghanaian board and all those on the ground there. We feel very blessed to have a board of Christian Ghanaian men that are willing to give of their time. May you continue to be prayerful for them because we as a Canadian board rely very heavily on them for decisions at the home. As we enter this Christmas season again, may we remember the real meaning of this season that God had such great Love for the human race that He sent His Son to this earth as a babe and that He walked on this earth and was willing to pay the death penalty for our sins so we can be redeemed back unto Him if we are willing to come to Him. On behalf of the board I would like to heartily thank each one that has contributed to this Ministry in any way in the past year. We thank you for your trust in us as a board, may you continue to be prayerful for the board and the work, that in all that is done God's name can glorified.

Wishing each one God's richest Blessings,

-Stuart Martin

Farm Life in Ghana



Chicken Barn



Grass Cutters
(a delicacy in Ghana)



Goat Pens



The recently purchased Bull

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Evening's glow at the beach

