

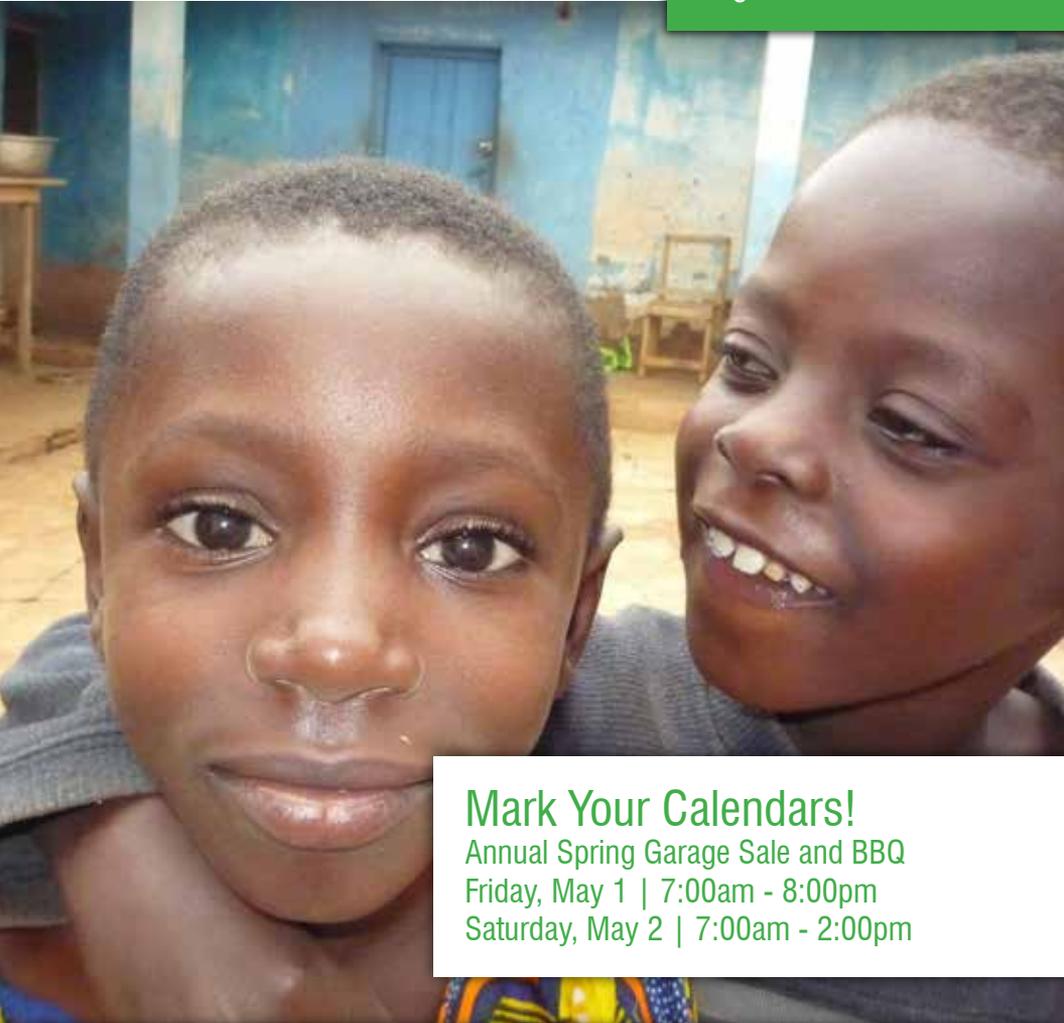


# LIGHTHOUSE

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Spring Garage Sale and BBQ

Friday, May 1 | 7:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday, May 2 | 7:00am - 2:00pm

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# Reflections

It is now a little over 15 years that Doris and I made our first visit to Ghana and as we reminisce about it the old saying comes to mind, "There sure has been a lot of water under the bridge since then".

Galen and Kathy Weber had gone to Ghana to serve under Gospel Express at OOEIM Orphanage and we went to visit them and have been back approximately 25 times since then.

Galen and Kathy returned to Ghana in 2002 and founded The Lighthouse Children's Home and then in 2003 Lighthouse Ministries International was organized.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in this way, and thank those of you who have so generously given your support to this ministry over the years.

We go to Ghana and we return home, work for a while and then we go again and sometimes I ask myself if we are making a difference. 1 Cor. 3: 6-9 Paul reminds me that if there is increase it is of God, It is God that makes the difference even though we plant, we sow, we water, but God gives the increase. I do not want to be like King Nebuchadnezzar and forget that.

There were some obvious changes in the home since our last visit, such as a new kitchen and an elevated storage tank for water. This assures a longer supply of water for the home when the supply pressure gets too low to flow through the house. The other thing that impressed us was that the home is being kept clean which is no small task with so many children in tight quarters.

We are grateful that the administrator and board members in Ghana see to the staff addressing their duties seriously.

On our last visit Doris and I went to look up Timothy. He is one of the boys that grew up in the home. We found him at the construction site where he is working which is a new university that is being built. At the entrance Timothy was waiting for us with the security guards, the one was a young lady who, when I saw her I got the sense that she recognized us. Timothy asked us if we remember this girl, he said she remembers us.

She was one of the little girls in the children's home when we visited Galen's on one of our first visits to Ghana 15 years ago.

One of the other things that always happens when we go to Ghana is that the word gets out that Grampa and Grandma

are back and we get visitors, the young men and women that were the children at the home and are now young adults.

The one young man said to me, “Grampa you do not know how encouraging it is to us when you keep coming back to visit us in Ghana. To see that you are old and still strong, and that your handshakes are still very firm blesses us.”

My heart goes out to these young men and women who are trying to make something of themselves in an economy that is very difficult, where inflation is high and jobs are very hard to come by and almost impossible to get unless you happen to know the right people and children that grew up in a children’s home have very limited connections.

These young adults face pressures that are hard to comprehend, when those in places of authority demand extra payment to carry out what is their duty to do puts intense pressure on the upcoming generation to compromise their principles. Like one person said to me we use what we got to get what we need, it’s just the way it is.

The Lighthouse Education Assistance Fund (LEAF) program is a program were we partner with

young people and their families to assist them with school fees. This program was developed when we were no longer allowed to house children over 18 years old in the home and could not continue their education without assistance. We help with school fees and housing while they are in school.

Other NGO’s (Non-Government Organizations) have been very complimentary of this program and very interested in it. We are blessed by having some very brilliant students in this program. It is a program that is result orientated and students need be very serious about their education to be accepted and to continue in this program.

Please pray with us that God would grant us wisdom and discernment to be able to develop this program so that leads to employment. An educated person without work is still an unemployed person.

Having had the privilege to interact with another culture over these past years I confess that I still do not understand how that certain actions bring the reactions they do and can cause unintended consequences but it does add new meaning to the cry of the writer of Proverbs 30: 8-9 *“Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me*

*with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain”.*

It is my prayer that each individual that is touched by your loving support through this ministry will find the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour and will influence others to join the Kingdom of God on earth and then in Heaven.



Grandma reconnecting with one of the girls in the home and Mamma Olivia.

A father coming to the home to visit his daughter. He lost his eyesight in an accident. Whenever he gets a little something he brings it to his little girl and expresses his appreciation to the home for helping him care for his daughter. The care and concern he has for his daughter is heartwarming.



“For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul: or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Delfred/Grampa Weber  
Director of Operations  
Lighthouse Children’s Home



Grandpa bonding with a child who was just brought to the home during their last visit.



The refurbished kitchen cupboards and counter top in the home.



*“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” Matthew 5:13*

As Wismith and I drove along the crowded streets in Haiti, I looked at all the people, wondering where everyone was going. Some seemed to have a purpose, but many did not. A feeling of hopelessness came over me. Had all of these people heard about Christ? How can we as an abundantly blessed people, possibly help all these people in Haiti!

RVS has been blessed with both funds and help from work teams. A couple teams from the USA and a team from Moorefield / Arthur Churches, helped this winter. The apartment in the mechanic shop is now almost ready to live in!

Two couples from Florida are moving down for long term service at the end of this year. One

of the men is a licensed mechanic and, Lord Willing, will be starting our first mechanic classes. The other couple will be helping with teaching and improving existing classes.

Classes are going well. RVS has around 40 students enrolled right now. We have two computer classes and two sewing classes that are in session right now. We are also working on starting another English class.

In the Bible verse above, Christ seems to be telling us to “salt”, the area He has called us to. Not only are we called to share the good news of Christ, but we as Christians should be bringing out the good in those around us, just like salt brings out the flavour in food. God doesn’t call us to change the whole world, He just calls us to do our part wherever we are.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and support,

-Calvin Frey



# Board Report

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*-Isaiah 53:4&5*

Greetings to all in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Redeemer. As we ponder over the Good Friday and Easter account we stand in awe of the great sacrifice of love that Christ made to establish His kingdom; a kingdom of paradoxes where His soldiers don't fight with man made weapons but go about dispensing love, joy, and peace, where submission and sacrifice bring peace and contentment, where the poor in this world can be rich and where, sadly, the rich are too often poor. Possibly

the greatest paradox of Christ's kingdom is the fact that to have life we must first die. In this Christ was again our ultimate example when He suffered, took up His cross and died at Calvary; a process we must all go through if we desire to be a part of the new life of Easter, the resurrection. Another glorious facet of this kingdom is that it defies all the boundary restrictions of earthly kingdoms. We rejoice that Christ's kingdom is universal and that no earthly jurisdictions can keep it from spreading across their borders. Here at LMI we want to thank each of you for your support in prayer and finances. We pray that what you have entrusted to us can be used to spread the kingdom of love beyond earthly borders.

On behalf of the board.

-Matt Frey

## Prayer & Praise

Pray that we can find new house parents.

Pray for the children as they adapt to the change of house parents.

Praise the Lord for generous support both financially and spiritually.

Praise the Lord for His love to us which empowers us to transmit that love to children in Africa.



Four LEAF students along with the LEAF program administrator



The House Mother along with several of the children and Sister Joyce

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