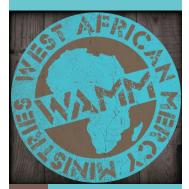
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Hope While in Ghana

Finally, after almost a year, we are back in Ghana. And just in time for new Covid-related issues.

Just 45 minutes before we touched down the president announced an intensified mask mandate. Try wearing a mask in 90°+ weather anytime you are away from your own home. This new mandate is in response to a reported increase in the number of new cases each day. Imagine, that news only came out after the incumbent won re-election.

And now that same president is hinting that there may be another lockdown coming as early as March. We are praying that if it does come it would be after the 13th, our projected departure date. But in all of this, we are trying to live in light of the title of our newsletter. Truly, when things seem out of control,

it is important to remember that God promises, "Here I Am!"

We attended church with our friends, the Korums, our first Sunday and Jeff Korum was the speaker. It was a great message for us to hear, based out of Romans 15:13.

Truly it is good to remember that God is the God of hope. He is in charge of hope. He is sovereign over hope. God promises to keep us filled with joy and peace as we trust him. And the result—the Holy Spirit will



keep us abounding in hope (that means he makes sure we have a whole bunch of it).

Would we like to know with certainty that our travel plans will not go awry? Of course. But we would never trade those assurances for the promise that the God of hope will fill us with peace and joy resulting in greater hope.

Remember, hope is not potentiality where God is concerned. Hope is assurance that the promises of God will come to pass.

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Please Pray With Us ...

- Sponsors for all our children. See <u>https://youtu.be/ZpHik3mG0CI</u>.
- For no travel-altering lockdowns.
- For the completion of House #2 in 2021.
- In thanks to God for his provision.

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Sew What



William and Priscilla have started a new ministry in connection with the Yam Market Ministry. They are doing

some occupational training. Starting with two young people, Cynthia, who is training to be a seamstress and Elijah, who is training to be a tailor (an important distinction in Ghana).

Actually it started a few years ago when they trained Romeo, one of their coworkers to be a tailor (at the rear in the photo to the left).

He is now involved in training Elijah (seated in front of Romeo). I think this is how it is supposed to work.

Priscilla's sister is training Cynthia.



Obviously William and Priscilla are not busy enough. They work so hard and complain so little—show-offs.

A "New" Car for HOMe

Those of you who have followed this newsletter for any period of time know how excited I was to get and to have a Land Rover Defender. It was my man truck and we have used it for years to pick up teams, haul stuff and bring the children b

stuff and bring the children back and forth to school.

Well my man truck has seen its better days. It was time to look for a more reliable vehicle for HOMe especially since our most precious cargo rides in it on a daily basis.



Well, "coincidentally" our friends Jeff and Laurie Korum had a used car for sale. We know how the Korums have cared for this vehicle and so we began to pray that God would raise the funds for us to buy it if he wanted us to have it. The caveat is that I felt reluctant to go public with the need since we have so many other projects we are asking God to fund. So I asked the Lord to bring in the funds without making a public plea.

And He did! Two donors have pledged the necessary resources for us to buy a Toyota Condor. It always amazes me when he does this kind of thing. I guess I still have a ways to go in growing up in faith.

Please thank the Lord for his gift and for how he brought it about.

Ghana Giving

One of the things that we are eager to see and are , therefore, making a matter of prayer, is for donations to come in from within Ghana. This past month was especially encouraging on that front.





These pictures show some of the donations that came in from three different organizations or individuals.

Praise the Lord with us, if you will and pray with us that this will continue.



Playground Equipment



We are praising the Lord for his provision of resources to buy playground

Equipment for the children at HOMe. I chose a picture of some old-school equipment because it is more like what we will be able to have made here in Ghana. Fortunately things like slides, merry-gorounds and monkey bars are still "legal" here. I say fortunately because the plastic fortresses that most often appear

on American playgrounds are simply not available and to ship a set like that here would be extremely cost prohibitive.

So we will look for a welder and have equipment made similar to the ones a lot of us grew up with.

We thank the Lord for his provision and we thank his stewards through whom the resources were given. We look forward to sending you some pictures in the near future of the children enjoying that with which God has blessed them.



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The Mission of Our Mission

Glorifying God by Loving Jesus through Mercy Ministry is the mission of West African Mercy Ministries. Glorifying God should be every believer's mission. The Bible tells us that everything we do should be done for this purpose (1 Corinthians 10:31). And God told Moses that his glory would be seen as his mercy was displayed (Exodus 33:19). That is why "Glorifying God" is an essential part of our mission.

The Bible also tells us that when we show mercy to the marginalized of society we are showing love to Jesus (Matthew 25:40). In some supernatural way, our acts of love demonstrated to the "least of these" are actually acts of love being experienced by Jesus. That is why we have included "Loving Jesus" as part of our mission.

"Mercy Ministry", then, is the practical way we accomplish our goals of "Glorifying God" and "Loving Jesus". It is what brings these two theoretical desires into the realm of practical reality. We really can glorify God and we really can love Jesus by extending mercy to the orphaned and oppressed in Ghana. And you can too!

Support Opportunities

