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## Ministering to the physical and spiritual needs in Ghana, Africa

## MINISTRY UPDATE

The past months have been a busy time at Living Hope here in Ghana. We have just finished harvesting approximately 2 acres of corn. All the harvesting and shelling is done by hand. The corn is shelled and laid out on large pieces of plastic to dry down. After it is dried down, it is stored in bags and as needed, it is used in the children's homes. It is normally ground into flour and used for various foods. The childen from the homes husked and shelled most of the corn. They are also a great help around the compound, working in the vegetable patches, mowing the grounds, helping take care of the animals and other duties. We recently received 200 broilers that we will be raising for Christmas. Some are given to staff members for gifts, some are sold and the rest are used by the children's homes for food. We are also raising hogs and sheep on the farm. There is always a variety of fruits and vegetables growing as well. The children's homes use what they need and the rest is sold at the market. It takes quite a bit to support the four homes full of children.

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**Blessing House** 

Hope House

We recently started a new academic year at the school, Living Hope Academy. Currently our enrollment stands at 359 students from Nursery to Grade 9. We have 3 administrative staff, 30 teachers, 3 kitchen staff, 2 bus drivers plus some helpers. We are blessed to have Christian staff in the school to teach not only academics, but also share Jesus Christ with the students.

**In other areas of ministry:** the Village Baby Clinic is held every Friday. This is a program where we provide formula for babies that otherwise may not have proper food. This arises when a mother may not be able to feed the baby due to health issues or maybe because the mother herself does not have access to nutritious food. The HIV Clinic is held twice a month. HIV patients are seen by a nurse and given medicines according to their needs. Both the Village Baby and HIV Clinics begin with a worship service.

God has richly blessed us in the many different programs we have here. The rising costs of food and products here in Ghana is certainly a challenge, but God has been faithful in providing. We are blessed by the support we receive from each of our many donors. For more information about Living Hope International Ministries please check out our new website. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Daryl Keim LHIM Board Member





Daryl & LaNora Keim & Family

Daryl & LaNora Keim have been serving in Ghana since the end of July and are staying until mid November. Earl & Amanda have been in and out of the mission for several years and continue to serve there.



Earl & Amanda Shirk & Family



Lonnie & Evie Weaver & Family

In Acts 13:2 the church at Antioch heard the Holy Spirit say, "Set Barnabas and Saul apart for the work for which I have called them." Similarly, in 2011, Jim Hershberger listened to the voice of the Spirit and suggested that we consider joining the work in Ghana. In December 2012, our family moved to the Living Hope compound at

Abbina. Full of dreams, we hoped to help in God's Kingdom building in Africa.

Living Hope thanks Lonnie & Evie Weaver for 10 years of dedicated service to the ministry! Thank you for laying down your lives and serving so diligently all those years. Though the times may have been tough, you continued to stand strong. May the Lord richly reward you for all you have done.

## ~ The LHIM Board & Staff



We spent the next ten years working in Living Hope Academy, enjoying life on the compound with the foster families, and building relationships in the community. As we lived out our daily family life, we came to love the Ghanaian people and culture deeply. It was humbling as the longer we stayed, the more we realized we had to learn. What joy to see students and friends come to Jesus and mature in their faith, but most of all, we thank God for the work He did in our own hearts.

Thanks to the Living Hope Board, the international staff, and all our supporters for giving our family this opportunity to serve Jesus with you. Together we praise our Father God for His faithfulness. Our family moved back to Ohio, USA, in May with lots of good memories and close friends whom we will treasure forever.

As we start a new chapter, we recommit ourselves to this hymn's message, written by Keith & Kristyn Getty:

"We will stand as children of the promise, We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward, Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight."

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URGENT NEED: A Family & Two Single Guys to serve in Ghana