

# LIVING HOPE

## International Ministries

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Ministering to the physical and spiritual needs in Ghana, Africa

### Ivory Coast Mission Report 2022



Evangelistic Service

Saturday I did some leadership training and on Sunday we had a full church service. That was my first Sunday church service with them.

We were able to win about 30 to 40 souls within that period. You can see that people at Duekue are really hungry for the word of God. Because after a time of sharing with a family or friends, they keep on insisting that we come back in the evening too to share the word of God with them again. Some of them even asking "can you come back again and share with our family?" And on Sunday 26 people that we witnessed to came to church.



In conclusion, I see a big open door for the people of Ivory Coast, so please pray with us that the border is opened so that we will have more opportunity to share and bless the hearts of people there.

They also need French Bibles. It costs about 120 cedis per Bible, and we may need about 40 in number. Also, I'm thankful and show a sincere appreciation to all those who supported my trip and other things to go and minister to our friends there. May God bless you all and continue placing the burden of His work on your heart and also give you the means to perform and stand by it to the end.

~ Emmanuel Asomaning,  
House Father



Bible Distribution

# Ministry Update



Earl & Amanda Shirk & Family

We as a family arrived back here in Ghana the end of October 2021. A work group from Montana traveled to Ghana one week after we arrived so we got off to a busy start. Some of the things the work group helped out with was doing maintenance around the compound, working on a house building, rebuilding the bush hog, painting, helping out in the school, and building another pen for the sheep. They also went along to a couple village evangelistic crusades, attended village churches on Sunday morning and went to the hospital to sing in the children's ward. It was a blessing having them here and serving along side of them.

gives the opportunity to share the Word of God with the inmates. I was not able to get into the prison because of being a foreigner. I didn't get clearance to go in but the native staff went and presented the Gospel resulting in many commitments to Christ.

I have enjoyed reconnecting with the children here on the compound. It is such a joy to see these young men and women whom I held as babies growing up and serving the Lord. It is such a blessing listening to them teach in the Bible studies, lead out in praise and worship, or having one of them interpret for me. I enjoy their eagerness to be involved in the various ministry functions.

Right now is dry season so it is not the main growing season, but we do have some sweet corn, peppers, cucumbers, and okra that we are irrigating. The coconut trees that were planted three years ago are doing well. We are starting to see some buds on them. It usually takes 4-5 years for them to start producing. We are working at clearing off some more land to expand the farm. We are also doing some research and looking into starting some aquaponics here on the compound.



Newborn Twin Lambs



Fixing The Bushhog

We pray for wisdom and discernment as we deal with all the different requests for help ranging from medical needs to help starting a business to help with paying school fees and more. We cannot help every one but through the grace of God and because of our faithful sponsors we are able to make a difference for some.

These last several months have been challenging but God is faithful and clearly at work here in Ghana. Please continue to lift the ministry to the throne of grace.

~Earl Shirk

**LHIM Field Administrator**

## Village Baby

Currently we are taking care of 39 babies at the village baby program. We start at 9:30 am we first of all teach them the word of God for the first 30 minutes and then the sharing of the formula begins at 10 am. This Christmas we were able to share their rice to them and they were very grateful for the great help offered to these needy babies and also an extension of grace even to the parents to hear the word and also to get themselves rice for the Christmas occasion.



Village Baby Program

# HIV Clinic

The HIV Clinic had a good time with this 2021 Christmas service. We were so thankful to have both Earl Shirk with us. Currently we have 60 people, and 3 nurses who are helping with the program. We were able to give everyone a bag of rice and some drinks and biscuits, They were so happy and thankful and blessed the ministry. Some gave their testimony about how the clinic was started at the regional hospital, how they came in without hope, but now they do have hope. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting these friends and that indeed May God richly bless them all and protect their families from any unforeseen circumstances and also make them abound in all spiritual graces. We have 3 babies who have the HIV virus and they are also supported with some of the village baby formula. We will continue to meet them every two weeks in the month to fellowship with them and also help them understand more and more of the **Word of God**.



HIV Clinic



Rice & Chicken for the Inmates

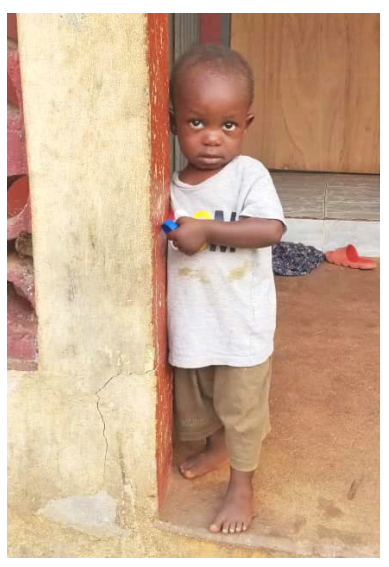
## Prisons

By the grace of God, we were able to minister to and give some food to all the four Prisons in Ankafu: the Maximum Prison, Main camp, CDP and Annex. So, some few hours before I went, I had a call from a church member and I made mention of my visit to the prisons to him and he said he would be glad to join us, and even made a presentation of two sacks of rice on his own accord without us even asking. Unfortunately, when we went to Main camp, the inmates there had rather increased, so we were short of food to present to the CDP inmates, since the original plan was to serve all of them with food. So, Glory be to God that our church member brought his gift of two sacks of rice and 25 bags of water, then we presented that to the CPD Inmates. So, the

point is even though we tried our best there were unforeseen circumstances, but God made the provision through someone else. We praise Him for such interventions.

In conclusion, it seems because of the covid, prisons are not yet generally opened, and that has brought a lot of hunger for the word of God, so prayer should be made for us all and them so that there will be an open door of opportunity so that we would consistently share with them for them to also benefit from the Word.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you and seriously show our appreciation to all the donors and friends who helped in kind and prayers. May God richly bless them all and their families, for helping to bring the word of God to others, in fact those who got saved by this Ministry is a great news for us all to rejoice because heaven rejoices over such. Because someone gave, we were able to feed 3400 inmates and almost 80 men responded openly to the gospel! May God bless you all and continue abounding your graces in giving and love, and also provide for all your needs.



Kirk lives in the Love House



The New School Bus Has Arrived



The Hope House Boys Painting

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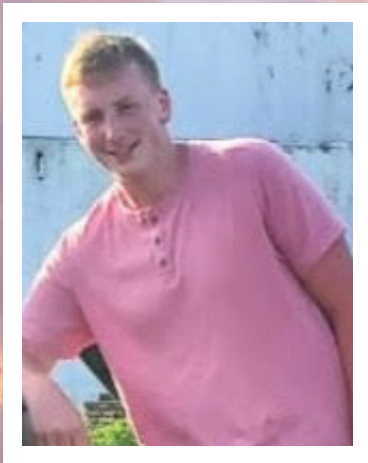
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High Schoolers on a Class Trip



Head Mistress



Africa was a great experience for all of us that went. It pushed me and all of those that went out of our comfort zones. The parts of the trip that really stuck out to me was the worship services and small crusades we attended.  
~ Gordan Zimmerman



New School Building



Montana Mission Group

**Thank you for supporting the work of this ministry through your prayers and financial gifts.**

**Please continue to pray for the native and American staff as they serve in Ghana.**