

THE WIDENER FAMILY

Ghana, west africa

"Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast"

March 7, 2004

Dear Pastor & Church Family,

The miles are adding up on the deputation trail, but so are the blessings! Where shall I begin? Since we started deputation in January we have been in 22 churches and traveled 5,709 miles. Every mile has been worth it all as we have ministered to God's people and have been encouraged by the same. Currently we have eight churches supporting us monthly and many have promised to pray for us on a regular basis. What a privilege to have so many of God's people praying for our family!

In our family devotions we have been memorizing scriptures dealing with prayer. As we have prayed about various needs as a family it has been exciting for our kids to see God answer our prayers. What a great God that we serve! In spite of all the traveling, our kids have enjoyed deputation. They are getting to see the country and visit some museums and national parks. While in a mission's conference in Hobbs, NM, we were able to visit Carlsbad Caverns and the Living Desert.

Our burden for Ghana is growing everyday. Let me tell you the story about Joseph Brown. He is a young man about 21 years old who was saved through the radio ministry in Takoradi, Ghana. As he related to me his testimony, his face was glowing with joy over his salvation. After hearing the Gospel preached by Bro. Larry Morgan on the radio he felt the urge to go to church. But he lived too far from the church at the time. Several months passed and he relocated with his job which happened to be closer to Independent Bible Baptist Church. One day he came home from work to find a Gospel tract on his door from the church. He knew that was a sign from God to go to church the next Sunday. He went for the first time and was saved by God's wondrous grace. Now he leads the congregational singing and faithfully serves the Lord. There is many more like Joseph that need to hear the Gospel of Christ and be trained to serve the Lord.

Do you realize that the median age of Ghana is 19 years old? At one of the men's prayer meetings that I attended last November there were about 20 young men present. Oh Lord, send me to Ghana! With much thanks to all of you that pray for us on a regular basis and for those who are enabled by the Lord to support us financially, we are sincerely. . .

Yours in Christ,

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