

# THE WIDENER FAMILY

Ghana, west africa

*"Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast"*

May 2004

Dear Pastor & Church Family,

Greetings from the deputation trail! Since our last report we have presented our ministry in eighteen churches, including three missions conferences. We are grateful to report that four more churches have added us to their mission's family bringing our support level up to 32%. All we can say is, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"

## **NEW TESTAMENT MISSIONS:**

In my personal devotions recently, I was studying Acts 19:1-10, which records Paul's ministry in Ephesus. After speaking boldly in the synagogue for three months, he separated the disciples from those Jews who were hardened and believed not. For the next two years he taught them in the school of Tyrannus. The result of this intensive training is revealed in verse 10, ". . . so that all they which dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks." This account highlights the importance of training native believers to evangelize and plant churches. One of our goals in Ghana is to train the men that God has raised up in the Independent Baptist Bible Institute to start churches.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ghana was formed from the merger of the British colony of the Gold Coast and the Togoland trust territory, and in 1957 became the first country in colonial Africa to gain its independence. After long series of coups resulted in the suspension of the constitution in 1981, a new constitution, restoring multiparty politics, was approved on April 28, 1992. It has been only 12 years since Ghana has become a constitutional democracy with religious freedom. Pray that this door of opportunity to preach the glorious Gospel of Christ may remain open.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- For continued safety and provisions for the road
- That we might raise our support and be on the field by May 2005
- For the Lord to use us to win souls & encourage churches along the way

With much thanks and love to so many of you who have shown your care for us along the trail, we are sincerely. . .

Yours in Christ,

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