

January/February 2005

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

A new year has begun with exciting prospects for the Widener family! Lord willing, we will be on the field of Ghana sometime later this year. However, we do have much ground to cover in order for this goal to be accomplished.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF 2004

Since we began deputation in January 2004, we have presented our ministry to 96 churches in 12 different states, traveling approximately 45,000 miles. We praise our wonderful Savior for no accidents or vehicle break-downs; for the souls that have been saved, the decisions that were made among Christians, and the support that has been raised for our ministry in Ghana. Currently, we have about 63% of our needed monthly support.

GOALS FOR 2005

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps," (Prov. 16:9). Initially, our goal was to depart for the field in May 2005. But consideration was not given to the time that would be needed to prepare our shipping container for the move. After consulting with my pastor, we have moved the goal for our departure to September. This will allow us more time to raise our needed monthly support and moving expenses, as well as organize everything for the move to Ghana.

SPECIAL NEEDS

A number of pastors have asked us if we have any special needs. Up to this point we have been hesitant to ask for any help other than monthly support and prayer. But now we are facing a major move across the world for His name's sake. Our sending church will be doing their part; however, we will also need the help of our supporting churches and prayer partners. We only have about six months to raise these necessary expenses; therefore, we would ask that you prayerfully consider helping us as a special mission's project this year

- 1) Seven Airline Tickets- \$5,000
- 2) 40' Shipping Container/customs fees- \$8,000
- 3) Passports/Visas/Vaccinations- \$1,200
- 4) Housing lease- \$5,000
- 5) Household Appliances to be purchased in Ghana- \$2,500

For His Glory,

Johnny Widener