



THE WIDENER FAMILY

GHANA, AFRICA

“Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast”



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PROGRESS ON THE WORK IN CAPE COAST

We are making good progress on the preliminary work for beginning a new mission church in Cape Coast. There has been much paperwork to do as well as making many trips to various government offices to get our mission registered in Ghana.

On May 5th we received our Certificate of Incorporation for Spring Valley Baptist Mission of Ghana as an NGO (Non-Government Organization). Currently, we are registering our NGO with various related government entities to legalize our mission in Ghana. This process of seemingly endless paperwork is necessary for establishing a permanent mission work in Ghana. Without it we cannot obtain permanent resident visas enabling us to work in the country.

The fact that we are working with the Deaf has facilitated this process. The government of Ghana is very interested in our work with the Deaf. It took one missionary six months to get his mission registered, but we received ours in just five days. It is evident that the Lord wants us to continue our outreach to the multitudes of Deaf people who are without Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION IN CAPE COAST

Since answering the call to start a church in Cape Coast, the Lord has worked in marvelous ways. We have met a number of people both deaf and hearing who are interested in visiting our services when we begin in Cape Coast. The Lord is already preparing hearts for the work to which He has called us.

We need special prayer as we endeavor to establish this new work. There are numerous opportunities that are opening up in Cape Coast, but there are many adversaries. The Lord has already impressed upon our hearts some goals to achieve: to establish an Independent Baptist Church with a Deaf Ministry, a College Outreach Ministry (there are several colleges and the University of Cape Coast), a Children’s and Youth Ministry, and a Bible Institute. Please pray with us about the following needs:

- ◆ Permanent Resident Visas
- ◆ A Suitable Meeting Place
- ◆ Extra Funds for Pulpit, Chairs, and benches.
- ◆ Hymnbooks, Bibles, and visual aids.
- ◆ Workers to be trained for the Deaf Ministry

Grateful for His Grace,

Bro. Johnny Widener

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