



THE WIDENER FAMILY

GHANA, AFRICA

“Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast”



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OUR BAPTISM SERVICE AT THE OCEAN

What a joy to baptize 4 new believers in Christ. This was my first experience of baptizing in the ocean. Here are the testimonies of two of those we baptized who were formerly Roman Catholics:

Remy Kayang (27 years old, deaf)- “Last year a deaf friend told me about Pastor Widener who is hard of hearing and can sign the Word of God to the deaf. He invited me to church and I heard the Gospel interpreted in Sign Language. I had always been faithful to church (Roman Catholic) with my parents, but I could not understand the Word of God. After the service I was shown from the Bible how Jesus Christ died for my sins. I then realized that I needed to be saved. That night I repented and trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I am thankful for Pastor Widener teaching me the Gospel.”

Naana Mensah (24 years old)- “I was once lost, but now am found. I thought I was a good Christian, not knowing I was not. It all started, when I started working with Pastor Widener and the entire family. They invited me to their church one Sunday. And I started attending church with them. Through his preaching and teachings, I realized I was totally lost, when you talk of the Christian life. The pastor and the wife started showing me the right way to heaven. One day I was touched when they were preaching to me and I finally received Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Saviour. Since that time life has been so wonderful for me. Everything is moving on well with me. Even am proud to tell someone that I am a child of God. I really thank God for bringing Pastor Widener and family to Ghana, because they helped me to know Christ.”



THE DEAF MINISTRY



God continues to open doors to reach the deaf with the Gospel. I had the opportunity to preach at a deaf school in the Brong Ahafo region (about 4 hours North of Cape Coast). The deaf showed a strong interest in the preaching of the Word of God. There were a number of young deaf teenage boys that requested me to come to their village to preach to the deaf. One deaf boy pleaded, **“The deaf do not know the Word of God. We have no church that cares about us.”** The harvest is truly plenteous but the laborers are few! My heart is heavily burdened for these deaf people who are neglected and despised in a hearing world. Many of them do not have jobs and suffer great hardships. At the Cape Coast School for the Deaf, when I preach the chapel service every Friday, I see many young teenage boys and girls who quickly learn the hymns and Scripture verses in Sign Language. My desire is to start the first Bible College for the Deaf in Ghana, so that young deaf men and women can go to the regions beyond with the Gospel in Sign. Pray with us about this open door.

THE WIDENER BUNCH

By God’s grace we are doing well. Hannah (9 years old) had a recent case of severe malaria, but she is well now and back to playing with Abby (6). Jonathan (11) is now interpreting for the deaf children who come to Sunday School class. Rachael (15) and Becky (14) are practicing on the keyboard preparing for another special in church.

All the kids are staying very busy in home school and need your prayers. It is about time for us to purchase new school-books and teaching DVD’s for the next school year. This will cost about \$4,500. We have saved about \$1,000 toward this need. We need to order in March. **Please pray with us and if you can help, it would be a tremendous blessing.**

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Received with thanks: _____

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