



THE WIDENER FAMILY

GHANA, AFRICA

"Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast"



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our family wishes to thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support! Last month was the one year anniversary of our mission church in Cape Coast. We stand in awe as we consider what the Lord has allowed us to accomplish over the past year. In this letter we are happy to report to you about some new developments in the mission work at Cape Coast.

SPRING VALLEY BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

By God's grace we will open our first semester of classes on August 28th with five students- 3 hearing and 2 deaf. We are offering Bible Doctrine I, Bible Survey I, The Gospel of John, Personal Evangelism, and Ghana Sign Language. Our theme is "Training Faithful Men" (2 Timothy 2:2). Please pray for our students to be faithful and diligent learners- Thomas Ewur, Emmanuel Ewur, Michael Anafo, Remy Kayang, and Edward Akuffo. Pray for God to give me grace to teach all the classes along with bearing the pastoral responsibilities of the mission church.

LAND FOR THE CHURCH

There are two plots of land about 100 yards from the school where we are meeting that were offered to us to buy. The owner is a former member of our mission church who is now residing in Ireland. The Lord has provided the funds for this property through a gift from an individual and from the offerings of the mission church. We are starting the legal process to obtain this land for the church. To God be the glory, great things He hath done! Pray for the church members to give sacrificially towards a building project in the future.

SPRING VALLEY BAPTIST CAMP

The Lord has opened a door of opportunity for us to host a camp in December at the Cape Coast School for the Deaf. At that time the students that board there will be on holiday, and we have been granted permission to use the dorms and other facilities at the school for our camp. It will be a camp for the hearing and the deaf with specialized Bible study groups and evangelistic preaching services. There is much training and preparation that needs to be done in the next five months. Our theme is "Lift up A Standard for the People" (Isa. 62:10). Pray for us as we train dorm leaders, group leaders, and other workers for the camp.

We have recently received some important documents that qualifies us to apply for our Permanent Residence Visa. Please keep it a matter of prayer that all will work out smoothly. Pray for Ghana! We need rain in the Northern region. The water level at the Akosombo Dam is very low and it supplies the electric power for the whole country. Because of this, we are on power sharing and are without electricity on a regular basis. We may have to invest in a generator (\$1350), so the children's DVD home-school can continue uninterrupted.

Grateful for His Grace,

Bro. Johnny Widener

Received with thanks: _____

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