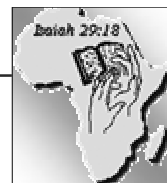




# THE WIDENER FAMILY

## GHANA, AFRICA

*“Taking the Gospel to the Gold Coast”*



**October 2007**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Words cannot express our thanks to all of you that have fervently prayed for our ministry in Cape Coast. This past month we have seen our faithful God answer many prayers that have been offered up before His throne. We want to dedicate this month’s report to glorifying the Lord for giving us **“SHOWERS OF BLESSING.”**

In our last report we asked you to pray for *rain* in the Northern Regions of Ghana to raise the water level of the Akosombo Dam which supplies Ghana with electricity. The *rain showers* have come in abundance raising the water level significantly. Most of the time now we have electricity. While most of Ghana is rejoicing, some of the peoples in the North are suffering from severe flooding. Several villages have been destroyed by floods along with about 50% of the food crops. Pray for these people’s hearts to be opened to the Gospel. Islam and Catholicism are the predominant beliefs in the North.

**“THE BLESSING OF SOULS SAVED!”**

Last April we asked you to pray for the children of Regina Mensah, a deaf member of our church. Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of leading her 17 year old son, Anthony, to faith in Jesus Christ. He has been coming to church faithfully for about five months, even going with us for evangelism on Saturdays. I saw the Lord had been working in his heart for some time. So, I started taking him through some of our Bible lessons on salvation. The day he was converted to Christ his mother had been sick and unable to attend church. After she was well and came back to church, I asked her if she knew about her son. She signed to me, “Yes! there has been a change in his life!” Before conversion he did not help his mother with cleaning around the house; but now he will not allow his mother to sweep, for he insists on doing it himself. Anthony also has begun witnessing to his sisters and his friends. The week following his conversion he brought his friend Kweku to me, confessing that he was ready to be saved. That day Kweku received Christ as his Savior! Glory to God!

**“THE BLESSING OF LAND DONATED!”**

In August we began the paperwork for purchasing two plots of land for the church. During the process I received an email from the land owner that the Lord put it on his heart to donate the land to the church! Glory to God! Now we will be able to put our funds for the land into our future building project.

**“THE BLESSING OF PREACHING OPPORTUNITIES”**

This month I had the unique opportunity to preach a funeral service for the uncle of two of our church members. Funerals are a big part of Ghana’s culture. They last for three days— usually Friday through Sunday. On Friday they open the casket for viewing of the body. The memorial service and burial occurs on Saturday. Then on Sunday they will have a Thanksgiving service at the church. I preached to about 150 people at the funeral, and we had 49 family members come to our services on Sunday to hear the Gospel. Glory to God!

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) Our **“Camp Meeting”** in December.  
 2) Our **Bible Institute**— 6 full-time, and 4 part-time.  
 3) Our **Deaf School chapel ministry**.

**PRAISES:** 1) Generator Provided!  
 2) Visas Approved!  
 3) Three more baptized!

Thankful for His Blessings,

*Bro. Johnny Widener*

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