

THE WIDENER FAMILY

GHANA, AFRICA

December 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We rejoice that "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" was born to live and die for our sins! It is for this reason we were sent to Ghana by Spring Valley Baptist Church—to proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ! We are not only declaring His First Coming as the Saviour of the World, but also His Second Coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords!

OUR MISSION CHURCH

Our attendance on Sunday mornings is averaging around 85 and the evening services about 25. Over the past month we had 13 first-time visitors in our services. On Sunday mornings the "Gospel According to Mark" is being expounded verse by verse, while in the evening services a series of messages on the Pretribulation Rapture of the saints and the Second Coming of Christ is being declared. At our Wednesday evening Bible study we are almost finished with the "Book of Acts." We had two professions of faith this past month, and it is evident to us that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of both unbelievers and believers through the preaching of the Word of God.

OUR FAMILY

All the family is doing fine and staying very busy with church, school, and planning for our camp. This past week Jonathan (12 years), and Becky (14 years) were convicted through the messages on prophesy. The Lord had shown me they were struggling with conviction of sin, but I waited until they came to talk with me. I thank the Lord that both have now settled their eternal destiny by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation! Hallelujah!

OUR BIBLE INSTITUTE

This week (December 9th) is our final exams in the Bible Institute. We are thankful that all of our students have been faithful and none have dropped out of the course. At our end of the year fellowship, the students gave testimonies about how they were thankful for the Bible teaching and training they were receiving. Of course, it was a joy to our hearts to hear how God had worked in their lives over the past semester. I am also thankful to the Lord for all the things I am learning about how to effectively teach the Ghanaians. With their cultural and educational differences, the first semester was like a trial semester. Pray for us as our second semester begins January 29th.

OUR CAMP MINISTRY

Our first camp will start on December 22-29th. So far, we have about 75 people registered to come to camp. Pray for God to do a mighty work in saving souls and transforming lives! I look forward to reporting the results in the next letter. Until then, we wish everyone a very "Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!"

Thankful for His Salvation,

Bro. Johnny Widener

Received with thanks: _____

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