

# THE WIDENER FAMILY

## GHANA, AFRICA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to thank all of you who prayed for our **1st Camp Meeting** at the Cape Coast School for the Deaf. In all we had about 58 campers, ages 13 to adult, for the 7-Day Camp. Many others from our church who had to work joined us for the evening preaching services. By all means, the Camp was a great success as we had **27** Deaf and **3** hearing people saved, with **1** rededication to Christ.

### **BIBLE STUDIES, SPORTS COMPETITIONS, & FIERY PREACHING!**

After the morning devotions, dorm duties and breakfast, we divided into four groups for in-depth Bible teaching on the subjects of salvation and eternal security. During the week we covered five lessons with study questions to be completed by the campers. There were 48 who received certificates for completing all of the lessons. We are thankful that God greatly used the lessons to open the eyes of 30 souls to the truth about salvation in Christ.

Following the Bible study and break time, we had our morning preaching service. Then after lunch and the rest period we divided the campers into four teams for the sports competitions: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Hur. The competition was tough all week through the following events: tug-a-war, water balloon toss, obstacle course, lemon/spoon race, and the relay races. By Friday, Hur won the crown for the sports competition. We wrapped the evenings up with strong evangelistic preaching.

On Friday afternoon we set-up counseling sessions with all those who had received Christ or who desired to be saved. In the last service on Friday evening we had a time of sharing testimonies of salvation, and giving of praise to the Lord. What a blessed service! At the end of the service we had 5 more come to trust Christ as Savior. We thank God for His wonderful works and amazing grace!

### **BAPTISM & BULLDOZING!**

Several weeks following our camp we had a baptismal service with **11** obeying Christ in believers baptism. We would have baptized more but the others who were saved went home for the holidays. Most of the deaf students who board at Cape Coast live in other regions of Ghana.

Our church members have cleared our land of bush by manual labor using machetes. That is the African way. This week we have a bulldozer coming to level the property and prepare the road. Soon we will have a ground-breaking service to dedicate the land to the Lord Jesus Christ!

Pray for us as the work is great: establishing a strong church, training preachers, the Bible Institute, the Building project, village evangelism ministry, the deaf school ministry, and our children's ministry. To view pictures of our camp and the land go to: [www.picasaweb.google.com/SignsofTruth](http://www.picasaweb.google.com/SignsofTruth).

Grateful for His Grace,

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