

GRID Newsletter



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Come and see what the Lord is doing' was a refrain repeated by the followers of Jesus. The GRID and NEA (Ghana board) just want you to come and see what the Lord has accomplished in northern Ghana.



Along with a dedicated team of faithful Christians, David and Brenda Mensah have served the people of Ghana in the name of Jesus for twenty-five years.

From a mustard seed beginning, God has established a multi-faceted holistic ministry of humanitarian aid and evangelistic proclamation.

The NEA and GRID board members have watched this ministry grow and mature for nearly three decades. Together, they testify to the supernatural blessing of God in opening Ghanaian hearts to the Gospel and sharing God's goodness in the form of clean drinking water, medical aid, agricultural developments, economic initiatives, food coops, and peace building between the tribes and villages. Everyone who has been involved in this ministry for the last two decades is filled with gratitude for what the Lord has done. As the Lord brings this ministry to mind, please continue to pray for this important work in the rural villages of northern Ghana.

Dr. David Mensah shared the following developments at the June GRID board meetings held in Toronto: (1) Thirty-three churches have been established. There are ten full time pastors, four of whom have Bible School training. Thirty lay pastors, fishermen and farmers, faithfully serve these churches. (2) The fisheries have provided a reliable source of protein. (3) Crops, farming and a piggery, are exceeding expectation. (4) David's chieftaincy role has led to strategic opportunities for peace building. (5) Medical teams have had a great impact and have opened doors for the Gospel in new villages.



The GRID board celebrated its 25th Anniversary. God has blessed the work beyond our imagination. With the blessing of the entire board, Doug Porter

handed over the chairmanship to Jacques Lapointe. Doug and Ella Porter have made a great team, giving themselves wholeheartedly to this work, and they will continue to be deeply involved in the ministry.



Jacques and Brigitte Lapointe visited Ghana in May 2009.

We are grateful for Jacques Lapointe’s willingness to serve as the chair for the GRID board. Along with his wife Brigitte, Jacques shares a deep passion for Christ and God’s Kingdom work in Ghana. On his recent visit to Ghana, he met with the NEA board and underscored GRID’s collaboration with NEA, and the bond we have in Christ. Both boards humbly acknowledge the significant progress that has been made in meeting serious spiritual and physical needs. Much has been accomplished, but great challenges remain. We are trusting the Lord to raise up a new generation of servant leaders.

Ribbon cutting



Two new schools were commissioned during Brigitte and Jacques’ recent visit to Ghana. The primary school in Baniantwe was well attended by Government officials, including the Regional Minister and local chiefs.

Other Facts:

3,000 women growing peanuts

Body Shop continues to purchase shea butter: 200 metric tons produced by 11 women groups (about 400 women).

In Janga and Carpenter there are 365 cattle, 157 sheep, and 138 pigs!

Peace Centre



The new peace building in New Longoro is almost completed. David has taken on a new role in the traditional chieftaincy hierarchy in South Mo.

While he has been installed in a senior lifetime role second only to the paramount chief in the area, he is also the acting paramount chief. To support him in this role, the Peace Building was built to help bring resolution to tensions in the area and as far as the Ivory Coast.

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Three special girls



David and Brenda have been blessed by three special daughters: Carole, Deborah, and Elizabeth. This picture was taken at Deborah’s marriage to Henry last summer. The birth of Oleyaa this past year has been an added joy. Please pray for these girls as they continue their education.

David and Brenda have various ministry opportunities throughout the summer and plan to head back to Ghana, Lord willing, in September. Another medical team (Canadian and British) is scheduled for this fall.