

ghana rural integrated development GRID newsletter

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Dear GRID Support Team,

Paul the Apostle always wanted to hear of the work his fellow laborers were engaged in. We know that you, our "fellow laborers" want to hear of the work that is being accomplished in Northern Ghana. Thank you for the little notes of encouragement that we receive.

David and Brenda continue their labor of love in the many, many villages they work in and these villages are changed as many people feel the "touch of Christ" and as programs are designed and put in place to educate and relieve physical suffering. The last part of August, outreach services were held in a village called Asantekwa and about 20 people came to know the Lord. An older cousin of David lives in that village. He is the one that holds the "family knife" of the assassin clan, (David's family) and he was one of the people who accepted Christ. More and more the Chiefs are becoming Christians and several came to the outreach in this community. God is at work in the lives of these people for whom Jesus died.

This past summer the MacMurchy family, long time supporters of GRID, left the comfort of their Ontario home to go and work on our site at Carpenter. Father and son did a lot of plumbing work, taking the waterline from the new well to the cassava processing plant and the piggery, which is across the road from our compound. Mother and daughters worked in the school part time and then for a full week helped sort the clothes that were sent over as part of our container shipment.

In October the Mensahs were in the Deg area where they met with eleven Christian Chiefs. Special church services were held at Buswema and Baniantwe. Following the Buswema service, David and his brother Peter, who is a Pastor, had the joy of baptizing 20 men and women. One of these men was their Aunt's son. She used to "walk on coals" to foretell the future. This man had inherited all of his mother's idols and tools of witchcraft. That day, he brought everything to be burned. God is bringing freedom to so many lives in these villages.

David and Brenda also visited the Janga site in October. They are so encouraged by the continued progress there. At the time of the visit Janga was experiencing their best year financially and this was even before they had harvested the rice and corn. We now have a full time Pastor and his wife at Janga. Just as the trees that have been planted around this site and have grown to give shade and beauty, so too, as the Word of God enters the hearts of the people, they come to know His encompassing love and tell others. Please remember these new Christians in your times of prayer.

Even as I write, a Medical Team, totalling 25, from Uxbridge, Ontario (4 Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacist, Technologists, Child Life Specialists, etc) are preparing to leave our Carpenter site after spending 2 weeks working at our Bamboi Clinic, Wenchi Hospital, Yaara and various other locations. We are always so thankful for the Medical Teams who are willing to go and help. They had an interesting incident occur as they were travelling to our site in the North. They encountered a young boy lying on the road who had been thrown from a motorcycle and was in need of medical assistance. In a country where it would be very hard to receive medical assistance at once or maybe at all, can you imagine his surprise when suddenly he was surrounded by doctors and nurses with everything on hand to help!!!! God is good.

One housekeeping item-Receipts will now be issued at the end of each year, not quarterly as previously done. Also, we apologize to those who have been unable to access our website. Our Webmaster Steve is working to develop a more "user friendly" website and this is still "a work in progress".

Christmas, the celebration of our Saviour's birth is once again here. As the retelling of that birth, the carols, and many sights and sounds of Christmas cause us to be in awe of God's great love for us, let us hear the Macedonia call to "Come over and help us" as a call from the widows and orphans and all of the poor and needy in Northern Ghana. We are blessed to have opportunity to be the hands and feet and heart of Christ to these people that He loves.

On behalf of our Director David and Brenda, GRID Board Chairman Doug, and all of the GRID Board members and their families, we want to pray for you a Christmas Season of real joy and a New Year that fills us with the determination to spend our lives in service to Christ.

Ella J. Porter
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Prayer Requests

- ❖ Our Director David and Brenda and their 3 daughters.
- ❖ Our sister Board, NEA—for wisdom and discernment assessing the needs by which they are surrounded and for their strength, health and safety.
- ❖ Our GRID Board specially Brigitte Lapointe who has undergone serious cancer surgery and is recovering.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Brenda's parents, Eugene and Laura Paisley that they will be physically strengthened.
- ❖ Pray for each of our Board Members that we might continue to be fully committed to this work the Lord has allowed us to become a part of.
- ❖ Please pray for Murray Stovell and for the health of his wife Karen.

We will remember in our prayers those who pray for us, support financially and help in any way.

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” – Romans 8:32

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