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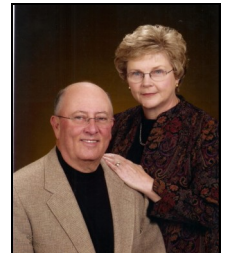
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From Mack and Dottie

Dear Friends:

I thought I would feature the Ghana teams this month and share with you some of the things that they deal with as they see around 10,000 people a month come to Christ. They are indeed dedicated, hard working soldiers of the Cross. We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers", but they are the genuine article, the ones we are singing about; so please continue to read on and be blessed. Thanks for standing with us with your prayers and financial gifts. It wouldn't be happening apart from your standing with us in the battle.



Godfried Tei and his team were in the Central Region for the month of April in 19 different venues, preaching to 16,000 people and many had never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. There were 4,567 recorded first time decisions handed over to the local participating churches. Godfried is gearing up for a big summer push by getting all his equipment in good shape. Please pray for the needs there to replace a lot of old, non functioning equipment. We need \$400 for a new 120/240 volt LCD DVD player; \$700 for a new generator; and \$500 for a new amplifier and speakers. Here is another recent testimony that came from one of his film crusades:

I took advantage of my position in the church as a financial controller to make a lot of money for myself. I inflated prices of goods purchased and also monies released as payments for projects undertaken. My lifestyle was so costly that I had to make more money to support it.

A friend introduced me to a spiritualist who promised to double whatever money I present to him. I managed to cash a forged check and handed it over to him expecting to refund the money before the deal was found out. Unfortunately, the spiritualist bolted away with the money and so I could not carry out my plan and so the case was handed over to the police and after a period, I was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

It was in prison that I repented of my sins and rededicated my life to the Lord. Deep in my heart, I am sorry for the wrongs I did and though I believe that the Lord has forgiven me, I find it difficult to convince my church leadership that I have repented.

After watching this film, I have decided to leave town and settle somewhere else and try to raise enough money to pay back my debt to the church." Kwesi Mensah

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Eugene Narh and his team have just returned last week from their time in Derma in the Ashanti Region. Here is an excerpt from his report. You cannot imagine what they sometimes encounter in completing the work and staying the course to spread the Gospel...read on, PLEASE!

NOT AN EASY ROAD

It is not an easy road we are traveling to reach out to the unreached peoples. We got to Subru Agya, a remote village about seven miles away from our base at Derma. It rained so hard that we could not have our film crusade. Our journey back from Subru Agya started about 6:30 pm traveling back to Derma. The non-motoring road surface is clay and we find it difficult to drive on it. Our vehicle skidded from the road several times in the jungle. The distance that should normally take us about 40 minutes, on a good road, took us five and half hours to drive to Derma. Our truck got stuck three times in the rough muddy road. We got some village folks who followed to help us push the truck any time it got stuck in the mud.

One method by which we were successful to push the truck was spreading fiber sacks under the tires to enable the tires to gain some friction to move little by little. Everyone removed his shoes and sandals because one could not walk on the grounds with shoes on.

After the second stage of our struggle to push the truck back on the road, some of the village folks returned in the dark without a help of a search light. We were left with only six volunteers plus our team with only one search light.

It was more serious and challenging at the 3rd stage than the previous two stages. That was the time we needed more hands to push the truck back from the bush to the muddy road but we were few. The ground was slippery so the people pushing the truck were falling and getting up on the ground. All the sacks we were using got soaked with mud and were no longer helpful for the exercise. The six volunteers went into the bush to cut tree branches which we used as substitute to the sacks. We had it tough before we got the truck back on the road. All of us were smeared with the red mud from head to toe. Fortunately for us, after driving for another 20 minutes, we found stagnant water that was used by each of us to wash down and also had the sacks washed. The remaining helpers returned at that point to their various villages. We thanked them and proclaimed God's blessing over their lives.

Finally we got to our base at 11:30 pm very exhausted and we all washed down again with clean water before going to bed around 12 midnight. This is one of the bad experiences we had in our recent travels to the remote villages for ministry.

In spite of all these, we thanked the Lord for leading us. We were encouraged by Psalm 23:4 that says, *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."* God is good all the time.

We had 3 seminars; visited 17 schools; with 12 film crusades for a total of 32 venues with 9,104 in attendance and 3,698 first time decisions for Christ. We are grateful for what God is achieving through all of us and may his name be praised forever!

**Endure hardship
with us like a good
soldier of Christ
Jesus...
Therefore I endure
everything for the
sake of the elect,
that they too may
obtain the salvation
that is in Christ
Jesus, with
eternal glory.
II Timothy 2:3,10**

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From Mack...

After reading and thanking God for the reports for the previous month, I was reminded of Paul and Timothy's friendship and especially - *"As I urged you when I went into Macedonia - remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine."* (1Timothy 1:3)

Timothy was the young protégé of Paul the Apostle; Paul was his mentor and their warm relationship is illustrated throughout the two letters Paul wrote to him. He deeply cared for him and from this verse we can see that Paul left Timothy in the city of Ephesus, where they had been serving together. It wasn't easy to serve the Lord and lead the church in Ephesus. It was one of the great cities of that day, and was noted as a religious and economic center. Ephesus had the famous temple to the goddess Diana and a thriving banking industry. There were many things, both spiritual and material, that would make it difficult for Timothy to stand strong for the true message of God as expressed in the gospel.

In spite of his youth, he was handed a tough assignment and Paul wanted him to "remain in Ephesus" and not give up. Paul would not have said this to Timothy if there were not some kind of pressure for him to leave. Something pulled on Timothy to give up, to resign, perhaps to back off from the calling of spiritual leadership God gave him. Paul had to tell Timothy in straight terms not to give into that pull, and to pursue what God had for him instead. Is God placing you in difficult situations? We must set our minds to meet the challenge, or we will surely give up.

Many years ago, this ad appeared in a newspaper: "Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success should you return." The ad, signed by a famous Arctic explorer, appeared in a London newspaper and thousands of men responded. They were willing to give their lives to a big, difficult mission if a great leader called them.

Timothy had a tough job, as do we; but who has called us? Who is our 'great' Leader? The Bible tells us: "the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." (Daniel 11:32)

Perhaps God has called you to stay faithful through a difficult situation when you would prefer to escape. Perhaps you have found yourselves in a similar situation. You can find the strength to remain where God wants you to remain, if you look for the strength not in yourself, but in your God. Our teams are staying faithful in spite of the unpleasant, arduous circumstances they find themselves in. This is why I want to continue to honor their sacrifice and stay with them.

Prayerfully,

Mack

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for some close friends who are facing some challenges about where they should be ministering.
- *Pray for the \$28,000 balance of the orphanage budget to be supplied.
- *Pray for the upcoming project in England. Mack will be ministering there for 3-4 weeks helping with Sedge Fen Baptist Church in the absence of their pastor because of family health issues.
- *Pray for equipment needs for Godfried's team in Ghana.