

REPORT ON A STOREHOUSE FOR JESUS' 2008 MISSION TRIP TO GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Updated 9/27/08

1. **Trip Dates:** August 21 – September 3, 2008
2. **Team Members:**
 - A. Our combined mission team to Ghana, West Africa, consisted of 11 team members from North Carolina, 8 from Tennessee, and 34 from Ghana.
 - B. NC Team: Cynthia Baldwin, Marie Collins, TM Craven RPh, LaRue Marshall RN, Jean Moore RN, Bob Rauch RPh, Joyce Rea, Bill Renfroe MD, Jean Roberston RN, Herb Taylor, and Lori West RN
**Penny Whitener had planned to go with us, but due to a family emergency three days before we left, she was not able to go.*
 - C. TN team members: Martinique Asamah MD, Sam Bada MD, Chris Bratton MD, Hunter Bratton, Mary Haynes RN, Jason Hooper RN, Bonnie Taylor RN, and Vern Whitman, RN
 - D. Ghana team members (including some of the local volunteers):
Owusu Abednego, Joshua Agadza Abeko, Serlorm Aboetaka, Adelaide Addy, Angelina Adeit, Bernice Adjei, Emmanuel Anim Addo, Rev. Stephen Afreh, Kwame Ahi, Sheila Akrong, John Allassani, Esther Ankoah, Gloria Agyeiwaa Antwi, Joycelyn Asamoah MD, Samuel Kyei Asantae, Mary Asantey, Michael Asantey, Sandra Asantey, Stella Asare, Winifred Asiechia, Emmanuella Awude, Noah Atakora Baku RN, Kingsley Boakye, Frank Cardigah, Prince Coffie, Stephen Dansu, Portia Diaba, Bernard Dornoo MD, Ellen Esiedu SN, Denis Gakogo MD, Eunice Gawu SN, Anthony Kitsi-Prempeh, Rose Kwao, Irene Mayebi RN, Nimo Stephen Nkrumah, Harriet Ofori, Ayuba Osman, Maame Gyanba Quaye SN, Bright Semanu, Victor Yevo, and Alou Yits
 - E. We were again blessed to work, as in years past, with local residents, pastors, clinic staff, etc. that helped our combined team in Kadjebi, Asato, Anum, and Peki. Their support and participation is critical to the work we do. We thank God for each one!
3. **Locations Where We Ministered** (Volta Region, unless otherwise noted):
 - A. Medical Clinics: Anum (Eastern Region)
Kadjebi
 - B. Surgeries: Volta Region: Peki
 - C. Ghana Scholarship Program: Asato
 - D. Healthier Kids For Ghana Project: Asato
 - E. Evening Crusades: Asato, Kadjebi, Nsuta, Wawaso
 - F. Street Evangelism: Dzindzinso
4. **Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ:**
 - A. Each morning, Rev. Stephen Afreh, held morning devotions in Kadjebi and shared the Gospel with patients who were waiting to register for the medical clinic. In the evenings, weather permitting, crusades were held in different villages. Local pastors worked with the crusade team members to ensure new converts were followed up and disciplined.
 - B. 197 Souls won: 49 adults and 50 children in Asato, 1 adult in Dzindzinso, 12 adults and 50 children in Kadjebi, 12 adults in Nsuta, and 23 adults in Wawaso

5. Medical Clinics

- A. Medical Clinics were held in Kadjebi and Anum
- B. Dr. Bernard Dornoo was able to be with us only one day this year in Kadjebi, instead of the entire week as planned. Another Ghanaian doctor, who had planned to help us, was not able to come at all. We were not able to see all the patients who came to us for help because we were short on doctors.
- C) Breakdown on patients seen in Kadjebi:
 - 1) 400 male, 700 female
 - 2) 315 patients from 0-9 years; 165 from 10-19 years; 167 from 20-29 years; 121 from 30-39 years; 126 from 40-49 years; 76 from 50-59 years; 56 from 60-69 years; 52 from 70-79 years; 13 from 80-89 years; and 2 from 90-99 years
 - 3) Patients were from Abobonu, Accra, Ahamansu, Asato, Cement, Dapaah Amanta, Dezindzio, Dodi Papase, Dodo Amanfrom, Dodotie, Dzindziso, Freetown, Ho, Hohoe, Jasikan, Kadjebi, Kasamba, Ketsi, Konsa, Kpando, Mampari, Menuso, Manu, Nkwanta, Papase, Mempeasem, Wawaso, and the country of Togo.
 - 4) Pharmacists dispensed 2,532 medications to patients. These medicines were donated, or bought at a greatly reduced price, from Kingsway Charities, MAP International, and IMA World Health. We also purchased medications from Quest Pharmaceuticals and from pharmacies in Ghana. (After the clinics were Over, 150 medications were donated to the Free Aids Clinic in Accra.)
 - 5) *Data not in yet on the breakdown on diseases treated in Kadjebi*
- D. *Report and data on the medical clinic in Anum is not in at this time.*

6. Surgical Report – Peki:

Report and data not in at this time.

7. Ministry to Children in Kadjebi:

Upon arrival, we learned there was not a church available where we could hold VBS. Jean Moore, with the help of Herb Taylor, did an excellent job working with the children outside, all day, each day. We did not know until we got to Clinic on Monday morning that God intended for Jean to do this. In spite of having no warning, time to prepare, or supplies, Jean and Herb showered the children with God's love, taught them songs and Bible verses, and read Bible stories. Attendance grew daily, with approximately 200 children on our last day.

8. Abstinence Class in Kadjebi:

Jeanne Robertson and Stephen Dansu taught an abstinence class to 160 students. The students were told of God's love and plan for them. The talk highlighted that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we are not to defile it with sexual immorality or any other form of sin. Some of the points covered were: 1) sex is meant for marriage, 2) HIV/Aids education, 3) channeling their energy into productive ventures like studying, reading the Bible, and staying in the company of believers; 4) putting God first in their endeavors.

9. Reading Glasses Distribution in Kadjebi and Asato:

New reading glasses were distributed to 504 individuals who needed them. Each individual was personally matched with the proper strength of glasses needed. A trunk of prescription glasses were left to be freely given by a Ghanaian optometrist.

10. Ghana Scholarship Program and Healthier Kids for Ghana Project – Asato:

- A. The Ghana Scholarship Program (GSP), begun in 2000, is coordinated by Cynthia Baldwin. At the present time, we have 27 students in the program through individual sponsors and through the GSP general account. Our goal at this time is to support these students through their completion of Senior Secondary School.
- B. The Healthier Kids for Ghana Project (HK) is coordinated by LaRue Marshall and began in 2007. The first phase of this project is in Asato.
- C. Cynthia met with 12 of the GSP students and some of their parents. She also met with the Asato Circuit School Supervisor and a few teachers.
- D. Three classrooms and an office were painted at RC Junior Secondary School (JSS), and doors and shutters were primed. Some of the schools in Asato have never been painted – some have not been painted in 50 years. With no electricity in classrooms, the paint greatly brightens the room, which will, hopefully, help decrease eye strain for the students.
- E. Floors were patched with cement at RC JSS. Concrete was left for the schools to patch holes at RC JSS and EP JSS.
- F. RC JSS classrooms blackboards were re-carboned.
- G. School supplies were donated to 35 schools in the Kadjebi/Asato District.
- H. Funding was left to put electricity into 2 classrooms in RC JSS. We also hope to see, upon our return next year, the classrooms in EP JSS painted, holes patched in the floors and walls, and blackboards re-carboned. After this is done, the village hopes to see the outside of these two schools painted.
- I. A speaker system was installed as a way to inform the villagers of clinic dates, well baby and vaccination clinics, to alert of outbreaks of typhoid, measles, etc.
- J. Further investigation was done regarding distribution of malaria nets. Work is being done to get the best possible quality nets that are available and to ensure that proper training is available for the recipients. Funding for approximately 700 nets is secured! We will keep you updated!
- K. Gardening tools were donated to two schools and to the village.
- L. LaRue met with church leaders from ten local churches. Left in their care, were five crates of 500 books donated to the churches.
- M. We purchased 1,000 seedlings for the river banks to help 1) contain erosion, 2) improve the village's water system, and 3) keep the water from drying up so the villagers do not lose their source of water.
- N. 362 children and 180 adults were given medication for worms.
- O. 15 medications were given to children with ringworm.
- P. 34 home visits were made to bedridden patients, praying with the patients, and hygiene items, night gowns, and over-the-counter medicines. Three cots were given to bedridden patients.
- Q. Household goods were distributed to 260 household in Asato (dishes, hygiene items, and linens).

12. Royal Seed Home – Odupong Ofaakor:

- A. When the mission team visited Royal Seed Home in 2007, we were very concerned to find the children sleeping on filthy rags laid in the concrete floor at night, with open, bamboo walls. Team member, Joyce Rea, returned from last year's mission trip and raised funds for 82 cots for Royal Seed Home, which we shipped this past spring.
- B. When we visited the Home this year, we found a lot of changes – thanks be to God! The Home was literally on the verge of being shut down, and someone came to their rescue and donated bunk beds for each child, built a boys dorm, a girls dorm, a dining room, a playground and are now a licensed facility! Because the critical need we saw last year has been met, we left only 3 cots for the Home to use for the infirmary. We also took gifts of flour, oil, and rice with us, as well as hygiene items, clothes, toys and other items.
- C. We know the cots have a home, and that God will show Michael Asantey, the Storehouse, Ghana, Executive Director, where He wants them placed. Michael will be on the lookout in orphanages and children's wards in hospitals and see what God has planned for these cots. We'll keep you updated!

13. Totals*:

**These totals are not conclusive as there are reports from Anum and Peki that have not yet come in.*

- A. Professions of Faith: 297 (97 adults; 100 children)
- B. Patients Treated: 1,691 (Kadjebi: 1,100; Asato: 591)
Number is incomplete, due to data still not in on patients seen in Anum.
- C. Surgeries Performed: *Data not in yet*
- D. Total Medications Dispensed: 4,330
(Kadjebi: 2,532; Anum and Peki: 1,023; Asato: 625; Free Aids Clinic: 150)
- E. Reading Glasses Dispensed: 504 (Kadjebi: 327; Asato: 177)

14. DVD documentary on the 2008 Mission Trip and on work being done by A Storehouse For Jesus, Ghana

Michael Asantey, ASFJ, Ghana, Executive Director, had a very informative and enlightening documentary filmed while we were there. The DVD lasts 23 minutes. Extra copies are being made for churches, civic groups, etc. to check-out for viewing. If you are interested in checking-out a copy of the documentary, please contact Marie Collins at A Storehouse For Jesus. 336-751-1060.

15. Incoming reports from the Storehouse, Ghana are available upon request.

16. Upcoming Visit

Michael Asantey, A Storehouse For Jesus, Ghana, Executive Director, is planning a visit to the States this fall. If your church or civic group, school, etc. would like to have him speak, or if you would like to meet with him while he is here, please contact Marie Collins at 336-751-1060.

15. A Storehouse For Jesus, Ghana, Financial Needs:

*Donations for these items or work would need to be written to A Storehouse For Jesus and designated **Ghana Direct Account**.*

- A. A 2nd vehicle (the box van they currently have is worn out, to put it mildly, and will not withstand the travel that is needed to do evangelism, distribution, and mission trips.
 - 1) A used cargo van is estimated to cost \$25,000.
 - 2) A used cargo van, with passenger seats for 6-8 people, is estimated to cost \$30,000.
- B. Funding for Children's Christmas Program: estimated cost of \$850, which includes Food, drink, chair rentals, etc. for over 900 children.
- C. Funding for evangelism: It is the ministry's desire to have a crusade and show a film show every month or every two months, depending on available resources. Soul winning is the major reason why the Storehouses in Ghana and USA do all that they do.
 - 1) The cost per trip for the film show, depending on available resources and if they will be staying overnight, is \$435. Clothing, Bibles, and other items are also distributed during the crusade. Breakdown of the cost is as follows:
 - a) fuel for the vehicle: \$140 a trip
 - b) generator rental \$25 a day
 - c) sound equipment/public address system rental: \$65 a day
 - d) other logistics: \$130 per trip
 - e) lodging, depending on whether it's a return trip or whether they stay over night: \$75
 - 2) Purchasing a generator would cost \$900, loud speakers \$500, and an amplifier \$500
 - 3) Funding for Bibles to purchased in the Twi, Ewe, or Ga languages is also needed.
- D. Moringa Project, is to plant and distribute moringa plants to malnourished people in communities and orphanages. The Storehouse, Ghana, owns four plots of land in Kadjebi. The goal is to set up a moringa farm on these plots. The cost would be about \$1,500 for the moringa to be planted on the four plots of land.

16. A few of the financial needs for A Storehouse For Jesus (Mocksville), for our work in Ghana:

*Donations for these projects or needs would need to be written to A Storehouse For Jesus and designated **Ghana Account**.*

- A. Spring shipment: approximately \$7,000
- B. Medicines for the clinics and surgeries during the mission trip: \$10,000
- C. Hospital expenses where surgeries are performed: \$1,000
- D. Need 2,000 new reading glasses to take with us next year (To date, we have 240 glasses donated for the 2009 trip)

16. Trip Dates for 2009:

- A. We will depart the USA on 8/27 and return to the USA 9/9/09. Those who need to return earlier will return to USA 9/6/09.
- B. Tickets will be purchased in January 2009.
- C. Please let Marie Collins know by mid-November if you are seriously interested in going with us next year.
- D. A 2009 mission trip team meeting will be held at the Storehouse on 12/1/08 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

17. A Word of Gratitude!

We would like to thank you for your support, your prayers, your interest. You made the work being done in Ghana, in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord, possible. Thank-you!!!!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!