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Here I Am!

Isaiah 58--My Ultimate Goal

This past November marked the 20th anniversary of our (the McIntyres) full time ministry with WAMM. And though many things have changed in our lives and ministry during that time, one thing has remained the same. Our goal in starting this ministry has been to give you an opportunity to live out Isaiah 58.

This was the passage of Scripture that God used to direct my heart into mercy ministry. God insists in this chapter that those involved in extending mercy to those in need would benefit in their Worship, their Witness and their Walk with Christ. I wanted that for me, but I also wanted that for other children of God—people like you.

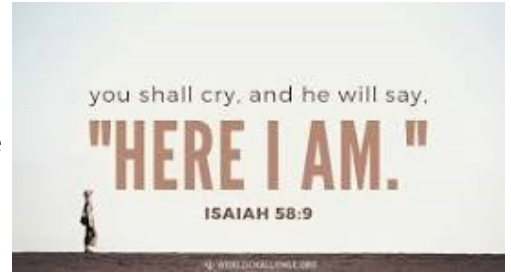
Now it may seem strange to hear that this was my ultimate goal in establishing

this ministry. I suspect that many would assume my ultimate goal was extending mercy to the orphaned and at-risk children in West Africa as our name might suggest. But in reality, mercy ministry has always been a means to enhancing my relationship with Jesus and affording others the same opportunity.

One might say that extending mercy was my penultimate goal while growing in relationship with Jesus was my ultimate one.

And isn't it just like God to develop a system where both of these lofty goals can be met in one "scheme" (that is the word Ghanaians use to speak of a plan, system or strategy).

While we work to extend



God's mercy to those in need, we are also working to enhance our worship of, our testimony for, and our intimacy with Jesus. Talk about a Win/Win!

WAMM started 20 years ago with this goal in mind. I want it to motivate our next 20 years as well.

I want to worship God purely. I want to witness for God effectively and I want to hear God say, Here I Am! (to live in his presence continuously). And I want the same for you. Will you join me in seeking to live out Isaiah 58 by becoming mercy ministers with WAMM in the 20 years ahead?

January 2025 Prayer Requests

- For Joy and Encouragement to be poured out on Pastor William and Priscilla as they face the funeral of William's nephew this month.
- Please pray for our Bookkeeper whose mother's funeral is January 11..
- Full Sponsorship for Hope, Charity and all our children (bottom of page 2).
- WAMM's Finances.
- For ministry effectiveness in 2025.

20256 Annual Prayer Requests

- Full Missionary Support for Dekus.
- Opening of Building 2 including staff.
- 20% of WAMM-Ghana Support from within Ghana.
- Expansion of Our Solar Power System.
- Pockets of Prayer (Hosts and "Homes").
- Pakro Church Plant

... And Here I Am!

In the lead article I shared God's promise that we could hear him say, "Here I Am!" if we involve ourselves in mercy ministry. But just how does that work?

I believe that Matthew 25:40 explains one way that this happens. Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me." Have you ever asked yourself, "How can I minister love to Jesus?" If so, perhaps you might consider that every time you see the face of a little one in need of mercy, Jesus

is saying, Here I am—show your love to me.

Emily Plaggemeyer, our board chairman/sponsorship coordinator, has asked for monthly newsletter space to highlight one of the children in our care so you can an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these children and vicariously through them right back to Jesus himself.

So please, make it a point each month to look at the articles like the



one below and consider taking the opportunity to personally and tangibly express your love to Jesus. I am sure that both he and the children will dearly appreciate it.



This is Charity. She is 3 years old and has just begun going to school! She absolutely loves it!

Charity was abandoned at the hospital as an infant. She was born with only 1 leg and with her intestines on the outside of her body.

At 2 weeks of age, Ghana Social Welfare asked us to help with her hospital bills and care. We agreed. After 6 months in the hospital, they asked us to take her into our care at HOME. Priscilla shares that Charity is quite independent. She wants to do everything by herself. The girl can cruise around on that 1 leg without her artificial limb and crutches like nobody's business. It is quite something to see!

At this time, Charity is ½ sponsored by 3 faithful sponsors. We need and additional \$150.00/month for her to be fully sponsored. Sponsorship allows us to give loving care to each child at HOME physically, spiritually, medically and educationally.

Meet Charity

We are looking for more donors willing to help us meet this need. For as low as \$25 a month, you can be a part of providing for Charity's ongoing basic needs. Please follow the link below to our sponsorship page where you can begin to make an impact on Charity's life.

westafricanmercy.org/sponsorships

Questions? Please feel free to e-mail me (Emily) at:

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By the way, a special thanks to the 2 of you who responded to last month's invitation to help sponsor Hope. You are helping to bring her support level up to our goal of \$300.00/child/ month.

Meeting Halfway



I have shared with you in the past that we are looking for a church or team of churches to partner with Pastor Paul Adin in planting a church

in Pakro, Ghana. This has not happened yet, though we continue to pray toward that end.

In the meantime, my friend has become “impatient” so he and a couple of leaders from their church in Nsawam have begun meeting with a group of people for a Bible study on Tuesday Evenings. Currently 8 adults attend faithfully and about 15 children also come. Their goal is to begin Sunday Services this Easter.

But one thing has changed. The roads, as I have shared with you be-

fore, are terrible for traveling to Pakro. Since my last update, the roads have worsened, making travel almost impossible. So They have begun meeting in the village of Odeikrom, one village closer to Nsawam. Hence the title of this article. Paul and the team from HCBC travel to Odeikrom where people from Pakro meet them, having traveled on foot.

Please keep praying for this new church plant. Let me know if you are interested in partnering with them. Contact information is on pg. 4.

**Please Feel Free to Share this Newsletter
with Anyone You Believe May Be Interested!**

Christmas Party 2024

Each Year the Dekus and HOME host a Christmas party for the children at HOME, the children from the Yam Market Street Ministry and Neighborhood children. As usual the party took place on December 26 and this year more than

400 children were in attendance. If you would like to see a video that was taken at the party, click on the link at the bottom of the picture.



often special needs children are seen as cursed. Their presence, then, brings danger of that curse affecting the families in the community. This party seems to have eased those fears.

But more importantly, over 400 children heard the gospel once

The party has two major benefits. First, it gets neighborhood traffic on the premise which has lessened the fear factor re our ministry. Too

again. This is what the Dekus do and this is why WAMM and HOME exist.

Please pray for gospel effectiveness.



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The Mission of Our Mission

Glorifying God by Loving Jesus through Mercy Ministry is the mission of West African Mercy Ministries. Glorifying God should be every believer's mission. The Bible tells us that everything we do should be done for this purpose (1 Corinthians 10:31). And God told Moses that his glory would be seen as his mercy was displayed (Exodus 33:19). That is why "Glorifying God" is an essential part of our mission.

The Bible also tells us that when we show mercy to the marginalized of society we are showing love to Jesus (Matthew 25:40). In some supernatural way, our acts of love demonstrated to the "least of these" are actually acts of love being experienced by Jesus. That is why we have included "Loving Jesus" as part of our mission.

"Mercy Ministry", then, is the practical way we accomplish our goals of "Glorifying God" and "Loving Jesus". It is what brings these two theoretical desires into the realm of practical reality. We really can glorify God and we really can love Jesus by extending mercy to the orphaned and oppressed in Ghana. And you can too!

Support Opportunities

If you would like to . . .

- Sponsor a Baby Bed at HOME (see <https://youtu.be/ZpHik3mG0CI>).
- Help Support the McIntyre's—insuring their continued involvement in WAMM
- Help Support the Dekus—our Ghanaian Missionary Partners
- Partner with WAMM in planting mercy-ministering churches in Ghana

With a . . .

- One-Time Gift of \$ _____
- Monthly Gift of \$ _____
- Annual Gift of \$ _____

Please fill out this form and mail it with your name and address to

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