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Here I Am!

A Celebration of God and You

At the close of 2024, WAMM found itself in an uncomfortable financial situation. For the last six months of the year our expenses exceeded our income. We had reserves to draw from, but after six months, those reserves were getting pretty low. I felt a bit like Israel facing the Red Sea with the Egyptians closing in quickly.

But God! Aren't those two great words? Take some time to search out those two words in scripture and you will be amazed at the contexts they show up in.

Our coffers were low, but God showed up and he did it through many of you. One of my spiritual heroes is George Muller who ran an

orphanage in Bristol, England back in the 19th century. I so admire his faith as it was demonstrated in how he prayed—his professed fundraising strategy.

Muller's prayers often went something like this: "God, would you touch the hearts of your people to support this ministry?" That is what I believe God did in December and early January. God touched the hearts of his people (that's you) to generously provide the necessary funds to not only meet our needs but to bring our reserves back up to a more comfortable level.



Thank you Jesus for your care for WAMM and HOME and the churches we are involved with in Ghana. And thank you too! Thank you for hearing and for responding to God's prompting of you to provide for the needs of this ministry, especially the needs of our children.

I truly do celebrate our God and I celebrate you as well for all your support over these past twenty years.,

February 2025 Prayer Requests

- *Thank the Lord with us for the Christmas gifts for the Dekus and for Debbie and me which came through many of you.*
- *Please pray with us concerning the educational needs of our special needs kids.*
- *Praise the Lord for his provision re WAMM's Finances (see above).*
- *Praise the Lord for the positive influence Brainfield School has had on our four children who now attend there.*

2025 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*

Meet Chris Baker

Hello, my name is Chris Baker. I pastor a church in rural NW Wisconsin. Recently I visited HOME on my first missions trip to Ghana. Before becoming a pastor I had worked in a variety of schools and positions within special education, so my goal for this trip was to survey the education options for the children of HOME. Should WAMM develop its own educational program or utilize existing resources? These are the issues I was asked to help assess.

We visited five schools ranging from public, private, private Christian, and one alternative program that works with children with autism. We also had the great blessing of being able to meet with special education administrators at the Department of Education for Ghana, to talk about our program and to hear their suggestions. WAMM's goal is not only to extend mercy through education

for our children but also to those in need of Special Education Services in the community around us.

I also had the very special blessing of interacting with Church Planting Director Paul Adin and some young men he is training up for planting churches. I was very impressed with Paul's heart for the community, and how he works with his men to prepare them for their respective fields of harvest.

There is great opportunity for partnering churches to help plant new works in unchurched areas of Ghana since Paul has men ready to go. If an American church "adopts" one of these church plants, I can assure you, these will be fruitful churches that transform their communities and hold to our conservative faith and practices.

I would encourage anyone reading, to reach out to Brian and talk with



him about planning a missions trip. It is a life changing experience and can be tailored to your area of interest or expertise. Brian and Debbie are extraordinary, faithful people who will encourage you and help you deepen your walk with Christ as you serve the least of these. Ghana needs your love, compassion, and sacrifice so I hope you will consider this ministry as how you might fulfill the Lord's commission to take His good news to the outermost.



Pictures of one of the schools we visited which four of our children attend.

Upper Left—Elementary School

Bottom Right—Preschool



Do you Remember the Where's Waldo Books?

Can you find the Obruni (non-Ghanaian) Visitors?

\$22.00 Worth of Produce



Although inflation has caused financial hardship in almost every area of

Ghanaian life, local produce is still quite a bargain.

This picture is the cornucopia of fruit I was able to buy on the way back from visiting Pastor Paul in Nsawam.

The picture does not do justice to this bounty. That is seven cantaloupe-sized mangoes, five pineapple, a watermelon, a bunch of plantain bananas

and eight grapefruit-sized avocados.

And this cornucopia of deliciousness truly did cost right around \$22.00 USD (the envy of any western vegan/vegetarian, I am sure).

So if you're a fruit lover, please take Pastor Chris' advice from his article on page 2, hop a plane and be our guest in Ghana. We'd love to feed you well and, oh yeah, introduce you to our wonderful coworkers and beautiful kids.

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

Communion with HCBC



Pastor Chris shared that one of the best parts of his trip was getting a chance to meet Pastor Paul at

Hope Community Baptist Church in Nsawam (see pg. 2). Our trip to HCBC was also a highpoint for me.

This was the first time we were able to celebrate Communion with Pastor Paul's church family. (see picture to the left). What a joy to see this man lead his congregation in this remembrance of our common salvation.

And as a bonus their children's choir shared some special music with us that morning too. As much as

Debbie and I enjoyed it, I can only imagine that Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," enjoyed it even more. We rejoice in the ministry of HCBC.





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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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