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# Here I Am!

## Here I Am at Work in Patrick

During our recent visit to Ghana, Debbie had a great opportunity to interact with one of the children at HOME—we will call him Patrick.

Debbie and he were playing a verbal version of Guess Who. Patrick would think of a person and give Debbie hints so she could Guess Who.

When working with children with special needs, one can wonder how much is being caught cognitively. This game gave Debbie and me great encouragement. As Patrick came up with person after person.

The last one went something like this. Patrick hinted, “This man is in the Bible

and it was a man who supposed to preach but he ran away.”

I am happy to say Debbie guessed Jonah. I am happier to say that Patrick remembered this story on his own, no prompting. What it did prompt was a question from Debbie. “Partick, do you know that God loves you.”

Patrick’s response, in absolute sincerity was, “Yes, I know he does.”

Now that may seem a bit trite to some of you, but we took great delight in hearing this little one proclaiming with great assurance his confidence in God’s love for him.

As you know, this newsletter has been designed to



highlight times when we see God working in the people and ministries of WAMM. This was one of those times for Debbie and me. This young man, who has some struggles in school, not only knew his Bible stories, but was resting confidently in God’s love for him.

Can God reach children? I can say, with experiential confidence, “Yes he can!”

### February 2025 Prayer Requests

- *Thank the Lord with us for the gift of shade (top of pg. 3).*
- *Please continue to pray with us concerning the educational needs of our special needs kids.*
- *Please be in prayer for the Easter Sunday first service for the Pakro/Odeikrom.*
- *Praise the Lord for another deacon to help serve the people of Hope Community Baptist Church in Nsawam (top of pg. 2).*

### 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/Odeikrom Church Plant*

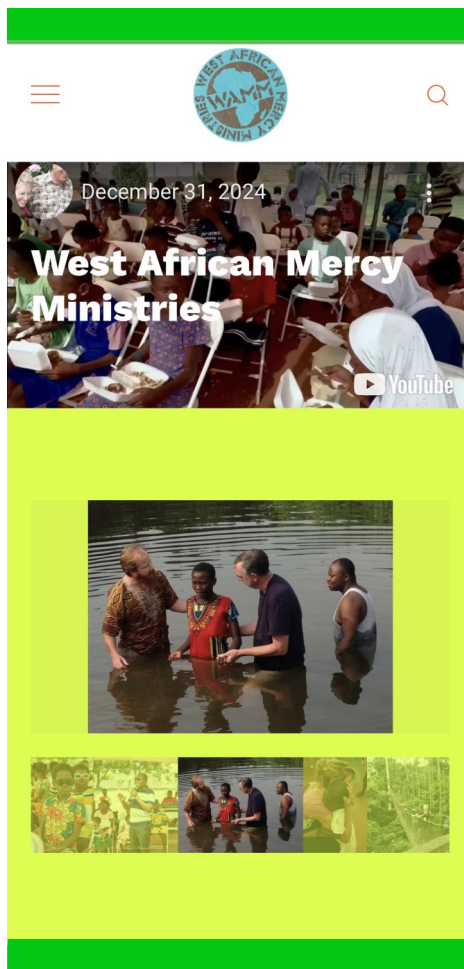
# New Testament Church Leadership

This trip to Ghana has given me an opportunity to participate in a number of celebratory events in the life of Hope Community Baptist Church, WAMM's church plant in Nsawam. Last month I shared about the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's table with HCBC for the first time.

Just one week after that event, I was asked to be part of installing a new member of their leadership team. What thrilled my heart the most is

that the leaders are "home-grown". This recent addition is no exception.

The installation of Francis brings the number of deacons up to three at HCBC. These men are actively serving the church, helping to relieve some of the burden from Pastor Paul, allowing him more time for sermon prep and prayer, just like in Acts 6. It is awesome to see this church emulating the New Testament model for church leadership.



Pastor Chris shared that one of the

## Updated Website

Last month I introduced you to Chris Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hillsdale, WI. Pastor Chris visited us in Ghana last month. One of the things that he volunteered to do was to help update our website.

And he got right to work (and put me right to work as well). Apparently he didn't know that volunteers are supposed to ease my burden, not add to it. As Chris redesigned our website, he kept asking me for just a few words for each of the pages he created. I felt like I was back in school writing term papers.

Seriously, though, he did a great job in putting together what I hope will prove to be a valuable ministry tool. Feel free to check it out at:

[westafricanmercy.org](http://westafricanmercy.org)

Chris is also helping us to get back on line with our Facebook account—an account the Department of Social Welfare asked us to close down a few years ago for fear of privacy-related issues.

Extra caution is being exercised as we relaunch this communication toll as well. Thanks Pastor Chris.

## \$22.00 Worth of Produce



One of the things that Pastor William and Priscilla have been praying for is a summer hut—a structure that would provide shade for the children

so they could enjoy the fresh air without the extreme heat.

Recently a man came by HOME and expressed the same thought. The Dekus shared this was their prayer/dream as well, but that God had not provided it yet. This man remained concerned and though he could not afford to build a permanent structure, he did agree to put up these two awnings (one for each house, as a stop gap. And he did.



We rejoice at God's provision as well as his choice to use someone from within Ghana to provide it. More of Jehovah Jireh's surprise blessings .

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with Anyone You Believe May Be Interested!**

## Communion with HCBC



Here is another first and another reason to celebrate—to rejoice in Jesus. This young man, we will call him Isaac, is one of our children with pretty severe special needs. As such he is rarely, if ever open to physical contact, especially as a means of showing affection.

So, when Isaac walked up to Debbie and initiated a full on hug and held that hug for about 30 seconds (not only once but multiple times, laying his cheek on Debbie's cheek) we were blown away.

Fortunately I was present with my

phone and was able to capture this moment in time.

After this episode, Isaac went back to being his disinterested self. What this did for Debbie and me, however, is to offer hope that somewhere inside this young man is the potential to respond as a typical child would respond—that affection is not undesired but simply very difficult for him to express.

Whatever the case, Debbie loved it and we thank God for this unsolicited and totally unexpected physical display of affection.



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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

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- 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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