






BOY NUMBER 5

On June 14th, Noah Matthew Elhanan Williams was born in Anwian Kwanta, Ghana, West Africa. His name means “because of God’s grace, we have the gift of rest”. Having a child in Africa was an experience we will not soon forget! Let me just say, God Bless Brooke! If not for staying to have the baby, we wouldn’t have started our church yet and all those precious souls may have never found Christ. Jon may not be serving God today, but might be in Hell instead! Only eternity will adequately reward dedicated missionary wives like my wife! Please continue to pray for Brooke and Noah!

HOME & OFFICES

We were able to move into our home at the end of April, but there was much still to be done and we have been working nonstop on it and the out buildings (offices) to try to get all completed and in good order. We are nearly there, but will probably need another month, maybe more, to feel like everything is fully functional. Things just don’t move fast here in Ghana.

Note: Our power and internet are not reliable at this time, and often I must travel the the large city of Kumasi in order to do my work/correspondence on-line. We ask that you please be understanding and patient with us as we are working to solve this problem.

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God has been so powerful in the founding of Faith Independent Baptist Church, Apewu. As we have mentioned before, we were led to the village of Apewu during our Christmas Crusade in 2013. In our last letter we mentioned that we started the church in Apewu on March 2, 2014. We baptized seven adults in our first baptism service and have some amazing stories about what God has done since the founding of His church in Apewu. That is not to say that there haven't been setbacks, discouragements, and even defeats; Satan is a very formidable foe, but Jesus has once again triumphed.

We found out early on that our church is close to an idol that many still follow today! The chief of the whole region comes every year to sacrifice to this idol. There is also an active priestess of the idol. Of course, we know that the idol is nothing in and of itself, but we do believe there is a powerful spiritual force that it represents which has kept the people in bondage for many generations.

One example of this bondage came from a man named Jon Walter. Jon came to the Crusade that preceded the starting of our church, heard the gospel and accepted Christ as His Saviour. Jon's search for Truth had led him to many religions including: Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, and Islam. They all had a similar message: Do enough good and God will accept you. In contrast, when Jon heard that Christ "did" all that was necessary and that the righteousness of God comes by faith (Philippians 3:9, Romans 3, etc.), he repented of his dead works and put his faith in the living God. Jon immediately set out to tell others of his new found faith. On the third Saturday after his conversion, he told me that he

had gone to some people who claimed to be Christians and told them to stop their idolatry as they were still involved with the idol. Afterwards, quite suddenly, Jon disappeared for many weeks. I thought maybe it was that we were just another church added to his repertoire. One Saturday I asked another man where Jon was and he said that Jon was going crazy and that he had wandered out into the bush. I prayed earnestly for Jon to come back. On that same Saturday night Mr. Opoku



(the government official we talked about in our last update) called and said he wanted to go to church with us on Sunday morning. I picked Mr. Opoku up on Sunday morning and we had travelled about half of the twenty five kilometers through the bush when Abraham, my assistant, smelled something hot. I pressed the clutch to downshift and there was no clutch. We came to a quick stop; I opened the hood and saw that the clutch line was glowing red. Mr. Opoku yelled at me to get the fire extinguisher which I did

just in time to put out the fire that had started. We were in the middle of nowhere; I had no money, and no phone credit to call anyone. Mr. Opoku called one of the church members and then called a mechanic he knew well and in a couple hours we were on the road again. We arrived at church just as it was about time to close and who was there, Jon. After we closed I went to talk with him and he said, "Pastor, I said to myself yesterday that if I didn't see you today it was over. When they said you might not make it because of car trouble I lost all hope". Sadly, Jon had planned on committing suicide. You see, when Jon was a child, his father, who worshiped the idol, gave him to the idol. This and some other doors he had opened in his life allowed him to actually communicate with the spirit that the idol represents. He had even wandered about as a mad man for three years of his life as a result. When he had begun to speak out against the idol, the demon of the idol had spiritually attacked him and had begun to tell him lies. That day I gave

Jon some verses and scheduled to come and see him later in the week. I prayed and fasted and met Jon later that week with a good missionary friend of mine. Jon told us so many things that night. He told us that the idol told him that he, the idol, controls all of the Ashanti Region in which we live. To make a long story short, through spiritual warfare counseling and prayer Jon was delivered from the bondage of the idol. That night the oppressed was set free! Since then many people have testified that Jon is a changed man! Jon has since started doing Bible Institute courses with me. I believe he is one of the major reasons God sent us to Apewu. Please pray for Jon!

VILLAGE EVANGELISM DAY

It was a great encouragement to me personally to have our young church involved in reaching out to other villages. The men in our church went to a neighboring village and received permission for us to come and show the Jesus film and preach! Fundamental Baptist Church of Kumasi lent us their Power Pack- a total system that has everything you need for such an occasion completely packed in a backpack. With this equipment available, on a scheduled Friday night, nearly our whole church walked through the bush to spread the good news. Souls were saved and we returned singing praises to God as we walked down the footpath in the night. What an exhilarating event!



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