



God has continued to stay true to His Word in answer to steps of faith that He has enabled us to take. However, we have been swamped for the last few months with all the transition, from Techiman, to our temporary home and office in Kumasi, and now to our new home and office. Therefore, we have gotten behind in letting everyone know what great things God has been doing, but we assure you He is still doing them. Let me give you one example:

We have a house in Michigan which we have tried to sell, but up till now it hasn't sold. Therefore, we are renting it in order to be able to pay for our mortgage. However, we had gotten behind on our land taxes as it seemed we just couldn't get the money to care for them. We were notified, by my parents, that our land taxes were overdue and if we didn't pay a large sum of money by the end of February we were going to have to pay an additional sum, and also risk losing our property. I told my parents that I didn't have the money, and God would have to provide it if we were going to pay the taxes on time. A few days later we received a personal gift from a Church in Colorado that had never supported us or sent money to us before. Do you want to guess how much it was? Yes, it was about five dollars more than what we needed to pay the taxes, and before the deadline. WHAT AN AWESOME GOD WE SERVE!

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It was Saturday morning and we were going to pray over an area to which God seemed to be leading.

We had been asked several times by the people of Apewu, where we conducted the Christmas Crusade, to come and start a church there, and we did not feel God was leading us to start a church right in Kumasi; so, I was praying about starting a church in this small village outside of Kumasi. I felt God was moving us in this direction, but I had to be sure this was where God wanted me. I love the villages around Lake Bosomtwe and I love the “bush”. However, it defied logic to start churches out where the people are poor, generally not as well educated, and less populated. The logical pattern is to start in the big cities and then train men to reach the villages. I told God I would be fine, in fact ecstatic, with giving my life to reaching the many villages around the lake, but I had to know that this was His will and not my country boy heart.

Leading up to this, what would turn out to be, very special Saturday morning, I had spent many weeks in prayer and fasting and had just finished several days in seclusion praying around the lake. I had felt strongly during this intimate time with God that Apewu and the lake area (Bosomtwe district) was where God wanted us. Yet, like Gideon I needed to have one more confirmation. On Saturday, February 8, 2014 God gave the confirmation...

We (Abraham, Grant, Brett, and I), stopped the car on the North side of the Lake to pray. There was a man sitting by a building, and there was an old sign that said there was a Guest House. So, I told Abraham, whom we

call our Ghanaian son, to go and ask the man how much it would cost to stay there, then come back and we would all pray together. Abraham went and soon began calling me to come. I walked over and he introduced me to the man. The man's name is Afful Opuku and we discovered he was the Deputy Director of the Bosomtwe District. This means that he and the Head Director represent the Bosomtwe district to the President of Ghana. We found that the place we were at was where all the Assemblymen in the Bosomtwe district meet with the Directors. It is like the Parliament for that district.

While I didn't recognize Mr. Opoku, he recognized me because he had been saved and baptized at the First Baptist Church of Kumasi, where I had pastored from 2008-2009. Mr. Opoku showed us around the government buildings and let us spend time in prayer in the Parliament building overlooking Lake Bosomtwe.

He invited me to come and pray for the Assembly the next time it gathers, and has promised to personally take me to the Assembly men in the Bosomtwe District so that we can meet them and Lord willing one day, start churches in all their villages. Needless to say, this all was plenty of confirmation for me to move forward in faith that God wants us to reach the Bosomtwe District with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There were so many more things that happened on that day as we prayed over the North, South, East, and West sides of Lake Bosomtwe, but I could never fit them all here. Suffice it to say, "...a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. And "...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."



Since late November, 2013, we have been in a state of transition once again, as we moved from Techiman to Kumasi to search for a house and the area to start our church. God has been so good in that He provided a temporary place in Kumasi for us to rent by the month while we looked for a permanent location. God in His matchless wisdom has led us to the place to start Faith Independent Baptist Church and has given us a house that we have been able to lease for almost four years.

We are excited to say we started the church on March 2, 2014. We plan to highlight that event in our next letter with more details and pictures. It is about one and a half hours from where we currently live, so we have been going to the village on either Friday or Saturday and staying in a hotel until the Sunday services are over. We are now in the process of moving everything to our house and GEMS GHANA MISSION offices to our new location. Lord willing, we will be finished and be somewhat settled by May.



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