

The Michael Williams Family • November 2015 Newsletter

By Faith

What an amazing God we serve! We want to take this update to simply give you a list of things that God has done for us in the last several months; He met so many needs in such amazing ways, we couldn't help but take some time to tell

of His mighty works! Well and Razor Wire

In Wisconsin, we were interviewing a young lady who was interested in coming to Ghana to help my wife with our children and their schooling. During the interview, I was being frank with her and told her she would sometimes have to go without water, electricity, etc. Her Missions Pastor stopped me and asked why we didn't have water sometimes. I explained how the city water is very unreliable and we have been days without flowing water in the house having to haul water from the village pump. To make a long story short, without our knowing, he went to his pastor and their church, and they surprised us one evening at church by announcing they had decided they would finance the digging of a well! We now have a well on our compound so that we have consistent water. Glory! As a bonus, these kind people told us to use





the leftover money from the well to buy security wire for our compound. I guess God knew we needed it because in our absence my assistant was robbed in our compound before the wire was put up.

Plane Tickets

After having been in the U.S. for some months, we were growing anxious to return home to Ghana, but we wanted God to decide for us when to return instead of leaving it up to our own human planning. We began praying that the Lord would show us His timing and will, but as time went on and the finances for seven plane tickets wasn't there, we began to grow a bit discouraged. Our annual Prayer Camp and Christmas Crusade were drawing closer and we began to realize that if God didn't supply for us all then I would have to go back to Ghana alone for the month of December and wait for my family to follow later when the money for tickets was available. Around the last week of September, we began to pray that if God wanted our whole family to return before December He would provide the finances by October 15. We told no one of our need. On October 14, Brooke received a phone call from a family in NC. They wanted to pay for our whole family to return to Ghana! Brooke cried and cried after getting off the phone. What a phenomenal answer to our prayers!

Medical Supplies

A few weeks before we left, Brooke was looking into and pricing medical supplies we needed to take back with us to Ghana. I told her to give me the total amount for everything needed and we would just pray about it and see if the Lord would provide. She gave me a total of \$1,284 and I about fainted. "All I can tell you is that I will pray hard", I said. Amazingly, about a week later, we were given a check for \$1,000.00! My wife was ecstatic that we could now get the majority of the needed supplies. Of course I was excited too, but as we prepared to begin ordering and purchasing the supplies, I kept feeling that the Lord wanted us to do something else with that money. The Lord kept bringing to mind a fellow laborer who had been praying for our ministry and the area we work in; I knew this person would love to come and visit our work in Ghana but would not have the finances to do so. I really felt burdened to bring this man over for our Prayer Camp and Christmas Crusade, but I didn't want to say anything to my wife. How could I? She would be crushed! To my utmost surprise though, when I told my wife that this person had been sending me pictures of our area letting me know specifics he was praying for, she became very quiet then replied, "Why don't we take the \$1,000.00 and use it to bring him to Ghana for Prayer Camp and Christmas Crusade?. I can't tell you how overjoyed I was! When I

told her what I had been feeling already, we knew God was leading in this so we moved forward with it immediately. Of course Satan came and started making us feel like we were never going to be able to get the medical supplies we needed; but I kept encouraging my family, that if it was truly a need, God would not let it go unsupplied since we had given our money for His cause. Again, no one but the Lord knew the circumstances and needs. Was it a test from the Lord to see if we would give or be selfish...I don't know, but, the very next church to which we traveled gave us well over DOUBLE of what we had given away! Then, a supporting church in Oregon sent word that they were going to send us \$1,000.00 specifically for medical supplies! Wow! We were completely blown away! God is so good! Not only did all this happen, but my wife's doctor bills (totaling \$750.00) were taken care of before we ever paid a dime! To top it all off, the very last church that we visited, brought boxes of medical supplies for us to take to Ghana! Incredible! Our cup was full and running over.

Car

We weren't sure of our car situation going back because we had left our two old junkers to be sold in Ghana while we were on furlough. One had sold (amazingly) and the other hadn't (not surprising)- it just was not hardly in usable condition. We really needed to upgrade to a better vehicle that would make the weekly hauls up and down



the rugged roads in and out of the villages and our church. Just before leaving the U.S., someone donated \$5,000.00 to meet any need once we got to Ghana. We were able to put that money together with the little money from the sale of our truck and purchase a much better vehicle. We now have a reliable vehicle to do our village work. Praise the

Lord! Amazingly, we drove away with the 4x4 two days after arriving in Ghana. Unbelievable!

New Generator

We have been using an ancient generator for almost three years. We are not complaining at all as God used a precious Ghanaian family to supply it upon our return in 2012, and it has been such a blessing to have; yet, we were to the point that it was having to be repaired frequently and we knew it just wouldn't hold up much



longer. We had talked about trying to save money to get a new one but really hadn't given

it a whole lot of thought. While on furlough, my father-in-law called us... the church he was preaching at had a generator and asked him if he thought we could use it. Could we use it!?! Absolutely!!! They told us we could ship it to Ghana or sell it and use the money to buy one there. I really wanted to ship it because it was good quality, but we just couldn't afford to ship it so we decided to sell it. I was a little concerned that we wouldn't be able to find as good of quality generator in Ghana, but it was all we could do and we were thankful to be able to upgrade in any sort of way. Right as we were getting ready to leave for Ghana, another church contacted my father-in-law ...they had money for us to help with getting a generator. Wow! Honestly, though we sometimes looked at this as a need, we doubted whether God would consider this a need, but here He was supplying for it. Boy did we feel loved! We returned to Ghana and within just a couple of days the old generator died completely. God's timing was impeccable! We had the joint moneys to get something else, so immediately I started looking. While on the bus travelling to Accra to pick up my brother-in-law, I decided to look on Ghana's version of Craigslist. To my complete surprise, there was a very nice, quality generator listed. Our old generator could only run lights and fans, but this one would be able to run lights, fans, fridge, hot water heater, iron! I can't tell you how elated I was when one week later I was on my way home with the new generator! No more losing our meat when the power goes out and no more having to boil water for baths and dishes.... Hallelujah!!!

More...

These are just a few of the things God has done for us in recent days! He has also paid for our Christmas Crusade (approx. \$1,000.00), Annual Prayer Camp (approx.\$2,000.00), our re-entry visas (\$600.00), our work permit (\$300.00), Foreign I.D. cards (\$480.00), residence permits (\$475.00), and so much more. God is not just the God of the Bible miracles. He is the God of modern day miracles too.... I know.... He has proved it over and over! And we stand amazed!

Our Family

To give you a glimpse into the lives of our children on the mission field, Brooke interviewed each of our boys... the ones that could talk, that is . So one at a time, you will hear from them over the next several updates.

This update will feature our Germany-born son Jon: Jon with his cheeky grin is our ever happy, ever ready to make you smile, ever dramatic, full of life child.

Brooke: What is your favorite part about living in Ghana:

Jon: "Playing soccer with the village children"

Brooke: What is your favorite thing about church time?

Jon: "Singing"

Brooke: What is your favorite Ghanaian food?

Jon: "Bo Fruit(fried muffin balls)"

Brooke: What is something you don't like about Ghana

Jon: "FuFu (Ghanaian Food)"

Brooke: What is your favorite thing to do in Ghana?

Jon: "Safari at Mole (ride to see wild animals at National Game Reserve)"

Brooke: What is your favorite animal in Ghana?

Jon: "Rabbit"





