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Enabling Christians to serve their communities.

Our Mission

We provide a conduit for resources to flow from our communities to needy recipients.

With these resources we support local programs in education, health, and community building, with a primary focus on children and youth in Africa.

We are passionate about sustaining local ownership of projects and programs and mitigating unnecessary dependencies.

Our desire is that all activities facilitate the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.

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BOARD REPORT

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Eph 6:12

I am writing this from the country of Ghana where a group of LMI members are conducting site visits with the programs we are supporting here. One of the administrators of an organization here where we fund some projects, is a very dedicated Pastor who runs evangelistic crusades reaching young people for Christ in Ghana. We were listening to some of the stories from one of these events and he told us how they helped a number of young people that were demon possessed. The one case that caught my attention was a young girl who required multiple men to hold her down because she was so strong. It sounded so much like the man who lived in the tombs and whom they couldn't even bind with chains because he tore them off. It has apparently become a much bigger problem recently in the schools here in Ghana. I was humbled because first; I don't know that I would be able to even identify a case of demon possession, and secondly; if there ever was a case like this in our midst, I won't know anyone that has experience in dealing with it. This is in many ways a blessing for us, as I believe it is an indication of the environment that we live in,

not the measurement of the quality of Christians that I know. It is also such a beautiful picture of how God provides the necessary Power and Grace for the spiritual needs that we encounter in our world.

The verse quoted above is apprising us that what we are encountering in these uncertain times in the political realm, is not just a battle between mere mortals who are making decisions on their own. The real contest is between God and Satan and at times the great war we see in the book of the Revelation spills out in different ways down here on the earth. May we NEVER believe that the solutions are to be found by joining forces with the wrong army; the one that we see battling it out in world that we live in. We will be no more successful and have any real accomplishment, than the men holding down the young demon possessed girl would have had if they had successfully tied her up.

May God richly bless each one as you work in your corner of the Kingdom.

Arnold Frey





A special thanks to Rhoda Brubacher for her 13 years of service as bookkeeper for LMI.

BURIED ALIVE

Emmanuel and Gloria, and some friends loved the peaceful shores of Ghana. Winneba Beach was a favourite retreat after a busy week. Many of the other beaches collected garbage from the ocean, but Winneba... ahh! The water rolled in so rhythmically and broke with a crash over the rocks.

Emmanuel indulged himself with the rest of the guys, splashing in the refreshing water. Gloria and the other ladies went walking down the beach, enjoying the palm trees and the salty, ocean air. Chatting, laughing, and enjoying themselves, it was relaxing time for each one.

Gloria stopped and listened. "Wait! What's that I hear?"

There was silence among the crew, and silence on the beach. A little boy lurking behind the tree ran to the ladies. "Money?" he asked.

Gloria shook her head. "No free money," she responded. "You bring us drinks, two cedis."

The boy ran off, pleased with the chance to make some money.

The ladies kept going, but Gloria's mind churned, convinced that she really had heard something earlier.

Suddenly she stopped. The others looked at her wondering what she was waiting on, until they heard

it, too.

"Wa-aa-ah!"

"A baby!" Gloria gasped.

Straining their ears to the direction of the sound, the ladies turned with one accord to the east. "We just passed it," the one said.

"Look, there! What's that, further up the bank?"

Gloria rushed to the dirty pile of rags and started pulling. The corners were stuck in the sand, and Gloria fell to her knees, digging desperately to get it loose. "Go get the men," she gasped. "This is a real baby!"

"Ma'am," a voice at her elbow demanded her attention. "Ma'am." The boy with the drinks was back.

"Give them to her," Gloria directed the boy with a nod. "And give him an extra cedi," She fell back to trying to get the baby loose.

The men showed up at this point. Emmanuel took over carefully



scraping the sand away. The baby's weak cry tugged at everyone's hearts. "The poor thing," he murmured as a thin leg was revealed.

Gloria gasped, "Is it crippled?" Her eyes filled with tears. The small knot of observers looked at each other in dismay. Abandoning a baby! It looked as if the family could not see their way through to raise this child and had buried it in desperation. Possibly they were too poor to take it to the doctor. Possibly they believed it was infected with an evil spirit... The group exchanged glances, they weren't entirely convinced either that there weren't evil spirits connected with the situation and they had no desire to get involved if there was.

At Emmanuel's suggestion, one of them placed a phone call to the Police and Social Welfare team. A professional team soon arrived, dug the baby out of the sand and whisked it off to the hospital.

On arrival at the hospital, the nurses took the baby. The story was told, told, and retold, as more staff appeared from various rooms.

Speculations among the group back at the beach flew left and right as the situation of poverty and darkness was discussed. The future for this baby was very bleak. Where was its family?

Not all trips to the beach were this memorable. "Oh, yes, we bought drinks for everyone," Gloria grinned sheepishly as the bag was passed around. Lids opened with a fizz

and the conversation continued. Something would come out of this, that it would!



Based on real events, details have been added for the sake of this story

The baby girl was diagnosed with disabilities but after spending some time in the hospital and with proper nutrition and physiotherapy, she has made improvements. She has been named Grace Esi Nyamekye (meaning the gift of God). Because her family's whereabouts are unknown, social welfare has placed her in an orphanage while CCC is responsible for her medicals and Colin Weber takes her to physiotherapy appointments.

Cover Photo: Winneba Beach

LIFE IN GHANA WITH CCC

While there is no Bible verse to my knowledge which states that God works in mysterious ways in exactly those words, there is a familiar song that does. "God works in His mysterious ways, His wonders to perform..." My wife and I have been blessed to see just a fraction of a percent of the ways our Lord and Saviour works in Ghana. Ghana is a very spiritual country, and you don't need to look very far to know that there is a spiritual battle raging. Let us not forget that we are a part of that battle whether we realize it or not. While there are many events of the devil and his angels demonstrating their power, we need never be afraid because God has revealed and will continue to reveal His superior power.

Since arriving in Ghana in November of 2024 it has been a learning experience for us to fit into the Ghanaian culture and assist Reverend Sylvester Dzokoto with whatever we are capable of helping with. Sylvester is the founder and administrator of CCC (Christian Care and Outreach Consult), a non-governmental organization. Some of his programs include: school evangelism, goodnews clubs for children, supporting children to go to school, supporting young teenage mothers, supporting under-cared-for aged people, providing treatment for children with cerebral palsy,

and anything the organization can possibly help with from the constant requests and needs of those around. Sometimes there are difficult decisions to make, as funds always seem to be a limiting factor. Sylvester also organizes campaigns for spreading the gospel and screening the people's physical and spiritual needs. In this way they can also plant churches in villages to keep growing the kingdom of God and nurturing the souls who are already won for Christ. Sylvester is very responsive to God leading him and always wishes he could do more for God's Kingdom. He once quoted, "Satan has a plan and people working for him so we must also have a plan to counter-act the destruction the devil is bringing to many souls". This has challenged me; and I strive to be open to be part of God's plan to counter-act the plans of the devil. Sometimes I wonder, have we become so materialistic in North America that we are not receptive to God's call and forget about the needs around us? When we answer God on judgement day, will He respond with, "Inasmuch as ye did it NOT unto the least of these"? Or will He respond with, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."?

The teenage young mothers' program (TEYOMO) is designed to help put young mothers on a good path to help support their baby.

It also is a program designed to help prevent the cycle of teenage pregnancy from happening. Some girls are encouraged to abort their baby. Others lack the finances to take care of the baby. Still others are forced out of the home by angry parents because they are pregnant. Baby Colin Kweku (Kweku is the name for a Wednesday born male) was born in August of 2024 and has been staying with us since the end of November. Colin's mother wanted Sylvester to name the child since he was responsible for making a healthy delivery possible. Thankfully through CCC his mother was able to buy the necessary sewing equipment and is in an apprenticeship to become a seamstress. Hopefully she can take her son back into her care and be self-supportive after her apprenticeship. Sadly, many of the fathers of the unfortunate teenage mothers and children refuse to take any responsibility.

Through Sylvester's friend being the director of social welfare, CCC receives referrals of various cases; some of them being children with cerebral palsy. Many people in Ghana believe that if their child has a physical ailment, it must be the result of an evil spirit possessing that child. Sometimes these children are abandoned or, believe it or not, buried alive. They will do just about anything to avoid a believed evil possession. Many have grown up

seeing the results of the power of the devil and do not believe or understand the gospel so I think we can come a little closer to understanding their logic. Just as the western world is quick to explain something away with scientific explanation, traditional African religion will also be quick to blame the spirits. Truly many people without Christ are affected by curses. Some die. Some go insane. Some are healed by appealing to the local spiritual master to help them. I usually take children with cerebral palsy to the hospital twice a week. The cases vary in severity and some cases seem rather hopeless to the mothers. Let us lift them up in prayer to encourage them to keep on pressing on! I believe it is encouraging for the mothers to talk with each other. We hope to create a program where they can receive strength from God's Word, share their stories with each other and get physiotherapy guidance where it is needed.

The aged care program is young and waiting to ramp up. I have taken a cheerful elderly lady for eye doctor visits. She was complaining of itchy and teary eyes before her first visit. She did not have enough money to get a taxi to the nearest eye clinic. Unfortunately, her small food (chop) shop to feed school children is no more because a new politician tore down her building due to some legal issues. Some tests revealed she was

in the early stages of glaucoma. Without medical intervention she would have gone completely blind. Thanks be to God her eye pressure has lowered, and optic nerves have stopped dying with the help of medication.

I much appreciate the relationships I have made with strong Christians here in Ghana. One of them handled very calmly the seizure of a patient in the back seat of the Ford Escape on the 4-hr. drive to Accra. I appreciate how Ghanaians are open to starting conversation about just about anything with a stranger. I feel challenged to improve on weaving the gospel into our conversations with fellow Christians, or maybe more importantly, strangers who might be non-believers. Ghanaians have done a wonderful job of making us feel at home here. They love to have us try their local meals such as, palm nut soup, groundnut soup, fufu, and banku to name a few. Life in Ghana has certainly been a personal stretching experience for both Kayla and I. Although not every moment has been easy or enjoyable, we are certainly grateful for the experience and do not regret any part of being here.

Thank-you to each one of you who have prayed for us. It really does mean a lot to know we have many prayer warriors. Thank-you on behalf of Lighthouse Ministries

International for financial support to make some of the physical and spiritual needs met for the people in Ghana. Please pray for Sylvester in his administration and other challenges. Let us continue to pray for the Kingdom work through LMI, CCC and the other organizations and Kingdom workers in Ghana.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15b

Colin Weber

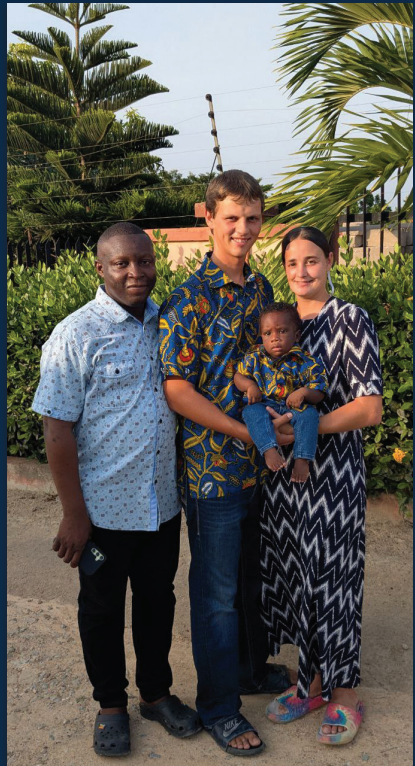


Photo: Sylvester with Colin & Kayla Weber and baby Colin, who is in their care.