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Our Vision

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.

Our Programs

- Education
- Medical
- Community Care
- Child Care

For more information feel free to contact one of the board members.



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BOARD REPORT

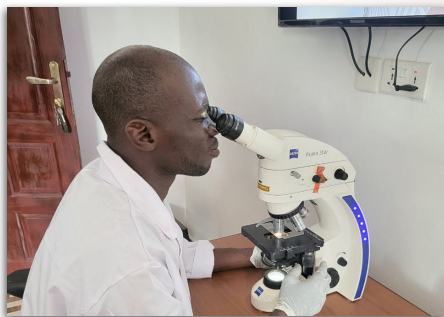
As I was observing the recent Lighthouse information and fundraising event, I noticed someone sitting beside her deaf friend and signing to her to interpret the mission stories that were being presented. Amazing! Here was a missionary conducting a mission at a local mission event for an international mission. Only God could weave all that together in one moment!

So often we scan the horizon for the big story and the real story is right before our eyes.

As a board at Lighthouse, we feel the responsibility of telling the stories. God's stories. Stories of ordinary people giving of their ordinary resources to enable other ordinary people to serve their communities. These are extraordinary stories with extraordinary impact. We try to tell these stories in newsletters and events but the truth is they cannot all be told and neither do they need to be. As believers, we know that God loves writing these stories and continues to do so and when we give of ourselves then we can be part of God's story just like the one who interpreted for her deaf friend.

May God bless all those that have supported and continue to support Lighthouse. We will continue to try to share some of the stories as God writes them, and indeed, so many are still being written.

Marv Weber



DOING GOOD

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

There is no lack of opportunities to 'do good'. There are many hurting hearts and people in need around us; in our families and local communities. As people of God, we are called to share of our resources and encouragement; first of all to the household of faith and then to



the broader community. Some of us are responsible to support needs in our close families, church and communities. Others are led to also support needs in communities and churches around the globe.

Here are stories of just a few of the people whose lives have been blessed by your support through LMI.



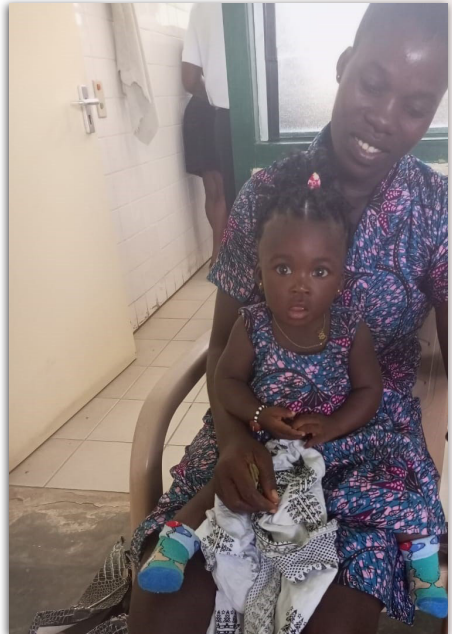
Seven-year old Peace* is the youngest of three children in her family. She attends school but was having difficulty with her studies because of her failing eyesight. Her parents had known since she was 3 months of age that there was something wrong with her vision. Peace was eventually diagnosed with glaucoma. They put forth great effort to fight the situation, but due to financial constraints they were able

to afford surgery for only one eye. She had surgery on her right eye, but risked losing sight completely in her left eye if no medical intervention took place. Her parents did not have the funds necessary for the second surgery and are grateful to LMI for funding the surgery through the medical program.

84 year-old Mr Thompson is one of many elderly folks who have increased medical needs as he ages. His blood pressure issue has been resolved with assistance from a local medical team who visits his village.

Elijah* operates a backhoe for a living. As a youth, he was enrolled in the LEAF program, (Lighthouse Educational Assistant Fund) now operating as the Education program. Who knows where this young man would be now if he had not received a decent education?

With the help of therapy, little



Nora* is now able to sit and stand on her own. With funds through the Medical program, she also received surgery to successfully correct a speech deficiency.

(*names changed for privacy reasons)



FALSE ACCUSATIONS

In Ghana, is found what are called witch camps. A witch camp is a settlement where women who are accused of witchcraft can flee to for safety. Vulnerable women who have no male authority figure in their life to protect them are most likely to reside there. This includes the single mothers, widows, poor, elderly and unmarried. Some children also live in the witch camps, either because they have been accused of sorcery or move in with their mother. These women are unjustly accused for things they are not responsible for, like bad weather, disease, or livestock death. They may have dementia

or mental illness. Greedy relatives accuse widows in order to seize her late husband's possessions. Elderly women who are no longer able to work and care for themselves depend on their families for support; and if the family is poor or has no desire to support her, she is sent to the witch camp. These women are banished from their homes and loved ones, suffer many abuses such as beatings and torture, and are often in danger of being lynched by their neighbours. Lacking electricity and adequate housing, these camps do not have the best living conditions but the inhabitants still deem it safer





than their home communities.

Simple things like providing food packages and basic medical support for the elderly allows them to remain independent when there is not sufficient support from their family or community. Poor families are more likely to abandon their elders and if the aged women are able to care for themselves they are less likely to be ostracized by their families who are trying to avoid supporting them. How sad that those elderly who should be treated with respect and honour are subjected to such injustice in the sunset years of their life.

LMI's community care program provides support for the vulnerable women in Ghana. Thank-you to each donor for the difference you have made in someone's life in Ghana!



SAVE THE DATE !

**Annual fall
fundraiser supper**

OCTOBER 9, 2025

Details to follow

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