



The Rosenbalm Family

Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa

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Dear praying friends,

Greetings to all from Kumasi, Ghana! What a blessing it is to be serving God in the very place to which he has called us. I pray that each and every one of us would strive every day to be in the place God wants us to be, doing what he wants us to do. That is many times easier to say than to do. I am thankful that God does not demand perfection of His children. However I am all too aware that I should always be striving for the highest possible mark in me service to Him.

The preparations for our upcoming furlough are underway. I am happy to say the vast majority of our meetings with supporting churches have been scheduled! Thank you to all of the churches who have worked with us so graciously to put our schedule together quickly. We are looking forward to spending time with you all during our visit to the US. It seems that anymore the days and weeks just seem to disappear before my eyes. Every time I blink, another Sunday is here and I have to wonder where the previous week has gone. With that in mind, could I ask you to pray for something? As we are nearing our departure date for America (August 5th), I am finding it difficult to be able to focus singularly on any one thing. While preparations to go are necessary, there is still so much to do here. Please pray for me that I will be able to stay mentally present here until the time we are to go. I tend to be someone who can get lost in the thoughts of future plans, and that is counterproductive to what I need to do here. God knows my weaknesses, and I hope by being transparent and sharing this with you, that you might remember this request when you pray.

I have been encouraged by the number of children that have been attending our Sunday morning services at the Bible study in Bokro. Children in Ghana are often neglected in many ways in this culture. They are seen as unimportant or even inconveniences. Many churches here will simply push the children to the side in favor of the adults. They are many times sent outside to play while the adults “worship”. I use the term “worship” loosely as there is very little true worshiping of God that goes on in most churches in Ghana. Many parents do not even care if their children attend. For this reason, it is extremely important that we find a way to reach out to these children. We have a Sunday School type class every Sunday morning to try to teach the children, many of whom have never even heard stories like “Adam and Eve” or “David and Goliath”. Kelly and one of our young men, Michael, work together to teach these children the foundational stories of the Bible that will lay a foundation in their life upon which the Gospel message can be laid. I am thankful for a wife with a heart for children, and for Michael, who is her translator and is taking on more teaching responsibilities as time goes by. Very few people in Ghana value the souls of these little ones. Please pray that we can see many of them come to put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you all for your continued support. Lord willing, we will send another update next month. Until then, God bless you.

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