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“Go ye into all the world”

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## To the River

A song by Brian Doerksen “To the River”, has really blessed me recently. I had this song sung after I preached a message for the baptismal service in Bawjiase, one of our churches. Baptism is a special time, a time signifying total surrender to Jesus. It was wonderful to have 21 baptized that Sunday! The song is more about a salvation experience, but since baptism is an essential part of one’s salvation experience, I used it and it was a time where we met God “in the river”. Hearing the testimony of these individuals that they have confessed Jesus as their Lord and Savior gives energy to the ongoing aspects of ministry here.

There is also a story that comes out of our church in Terno, a small village near our land site. I believe this story is a demonstration of the power of God at work, in which “their sins were more than they could bear” and were willing to “surrender” it to Jesus.

There were 2 ladies who began attending the church at Terno, who had a misunderstanding between them, which eventually resulted in a police case and 1 of the women was arrested. When Isaac, the Pastor heard this, he called a meeting with the 2 ladies along with the church elders and there was reconciliation that happened between them! The ladies then became friends during a time in which both of their husbands had traveled for



work reasons. When the 1 husband come home and realized there was reconciliation between the 2 women, he became very angry. He asked others and his wife “who has led them to be reconciled together?” The wife told him it was the pastor, that the Bible says there should not be hatred between one another.

He then became very angry with Isaac and threatened to have him arrested by the police. When Isaac heard this, he then decided to talk with the husband and explain to him what really happened. Isaac informed the wife of his plans to speak to her husband so she could inform him that the pastor is coming. She cautioned Isaac, telling him that her husband is a very angry man. Isaac also called a friend of the husband to go with him. When they arrived at the house, they called for him 3 times but he refused to come out. Finally, the husband’s friend called for him to come out and he then came, but was very angry. He demanded for the reasons Isaac helped to bring reconciliation to the 2 women. As Isaac began to answer him and give “his side of the story”, the husband began insulting Isaac and saying “all manner of evil against him”! His friend then stopped him and asked why he is not allowing someone to help bring peace to his family. He stopped the insulting, but asked why Isaac, the pastor, began evangelizing his wife so she would attend his church. Isaac informed him that the women came by her choice, not by choice of the pastor. He (Isaac) was only sharing the love of

Jesus with others and that there should be love between one another. He then became quiet and told his friend he now realizes that the pastor has come to talk sense, but the other family has hurt him so deeply that he would not allow peace to come between them. Isaac apologized to the husband that he made peace with the 2 women in his absence. Fortunately, the husband accepted his apology. Unfortunately though, because Isaac did not inform the husband first, he would no longer allow his wife to come back to the church until he has settled the case himself with the other family. He also threatened Isaac not to be pressing his wife to come to the church, but he would allow his small children to come to the church. Isaac also shared that he himself wants peace with he and his family and requested that he not harbor any grudge against himself, the pastor. Then when the Oct. team came, during the evangelism in the afternoon, they reached out to him and invited him to the evening crusade. Surprisingly, he came with his wife and children! This was a turning point in the relationship struggle between them all! He even apologized to the pastor for the insults that he gave on that awful evening! The husband and his wife bath the children every Sunday morning and bring their children to the church! Pray with us that this man and his wife will become part of the church! We are the salt and light of the world and it is our responsibility to live in obedience to God’s Word! That is what Pastor Isaac is trying to live out in his ministry to build the Kingdom of God, so many would come “to the river”, to be washed clean of their sins and receive baptism!

Ron Bontrager

# CFCI Church Planting

There were 2 new churches planted in Oct. when the mission team was here. Pas. Joseph in Asamankese and Pas. Frank in Adawukwao have been giving instruction to new believers and are seeing the power of the Gospel of Jesus demonstrated and changing lives of people! We now have 7 churches under the direction of CFCI. We see many people coming to know Jesus and the churches grow. The pastors have a difficult task in many ways. Providing for their financial needs is a constant struggle. We have a pastor support program in place and if you would consider sponsoring a pastor on a monthly basis, we would be grateful for your effort to help build the Kingdom of God in Ghana!

## Land Development

Construction has been moving along for the new Bible Institute building! All of the foundation and 1st concrete floor has been completed! A portion of the building is being completed to enable classes to begin in Jan. 2011! We were blessed to have funds given for a well to be drilled last February! This has been a tremendous blessing for all the water needed during the construction phase. Currently, we are in need of a large transformer to be purchased. This is needed for electricity at the new site. The total estimated cost to get electric to the building is \$19,000. Pray with us concerning this need! We have entrusted this aspect to God, He knows our need and we also know His timing is perfect! Not having electricity when the Bible Institute is in session will make it much more difficult but it won't

stop us from beginning! Prayerfully consider how you may help contribute to this need. A perimeter wall has been completed around the whole property, iron gates have been installed and we are awaiting the final sections of iron to be installed on the front entrance wall! Much work has been accomplished and we give Honor to God for supplying funds for all these necessary aspects of the development!



## VS'er News

### Ron & Audrey Bontrager

November marks a year & a half since our arrival in Ghana! We have been blessed in so many ways and God has been so faithful to us. It has been a growing time for all, Carter is 6 and is in 1st grade; Arielle 5, is in K; Kalli 3, loves to color and play house; Savannah 22 mo., loves to play with her siblings and "help" mommy in the kitchen!



### Jon & Sara Sauder

Jon's will be joining the mission in Feb. 2011! Jon's have 3 children and are excited about moving to Ghana! Jon will be serving as assistant administrator at CFCBI and filling other various areas of ministry opportunities. Pray for them as they prepare to leave "home" and move to Africa!



## Welcome

### Gary & Joy Butikofer

Gary's came to Ghana in July from Richland Center, WI. He will be serving as administrator/teacher of our bible institute, CFCBI. We welcome them as they serve God in this way.



## CFCBI

Plans to start school in Sept. 2010 have been delayed to Jan. 2011. We are looking forward to beginning a new year at a new facility! Gary Butikofer will be the administrator and we also have additional new staff members who are not familiar with our program. Pray that there would be good relations between the staff members and also the students. CFCBI has an intense 1 yr. program in biblical studies, having classes for 42 wks out of the year. Our curriculum comes from Agape Association of Bible Schools of which we are a member and receive our diplomas. Students are required a certain amount of hours of evangelism, reading through the Bible in 1 year and participation in Jesus film evangelism. The students must be dedicated in order to complete the necessary requirements for graduation with a diploma. Pray that God would give the increase from our efforts to "teach all nations...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"!

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