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Dear Friends in Christ,

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We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It has been a while since our last prayer letter, so please accept our apologies for the long delay. Thanks ever so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry here in Ghana. Thank you as well for your greeting cards for Christmas, our birthdays and anniversary. You are always such an encouragement to us. We appreciate you all so much.

When we last wrote you, we were stranded in the USA due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially want to thank you for your overwhelming support while we were stuck in lockdown in PA. We praise the Lord that we were able to fly out on September 5, 2020. We left exactly one day before our six-month visa would have expired; so, it was a blessing not to worry about seeking an extension. We arrived back home on the 6th and have been working hard to catch up with our work load ever since.

FAMILY NEWS

Vera's health became unstable during the lockdown. She had problems with high blood pressure as well as high sugar levels. She also started losing weight unexplainably. In November, she fainted one afternoon while trying to eat lunch and ended up being admitted to the hospital for three days. She has since gone through several lab tests, scans, MRI's, etc. The doctors discovered a tumor/cyst on her spine, which they suspected to be a possible cancer at the time. But following several more tests, they ruled out cancer. She is currently undergoing treatment for a spinal infection, which is expected to take six to eight months to complete. Her treatment involves going to the hospital every two weeks for monitoring and medication. She is also seeing two doctors every month for review: one is working with her to bring down her blood pressure, while the other is focusing on improving the bacterial infection on her spine. The process has been stressful, time consuming and expensive. We praise the Lord that her weight has stabilized, and the infection is gradually healing. However, her sugar levels keep fluctuating, going too low or too high. Her blood pressure is also generally high. So, we would appreciate your prayers for God's complete healing. Also, please pray for our son Gideon who recently tested positive with COVID. He is receiving treatment under quarantine.

COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON MINISTRY

In September, Ghana eased its lockdown restrictions, allowing churches, businesses, schools and colleges to reopen. So, all of our churches are now open and holding services. Some are meeting both Sunday morning and evening, while others are meeting only on Sunday morning and for their mid-week prayer meeting (depending on how their area is affected by COVID). Our evangelistic programs (family retreats, couples' rally, youth rally, and children's rally) are still on hold since these programs normally draw larger crowds from different towns and villages and are still deemed to be too risky.

Both our Christian school in Dobro and in Dromankese have reported that roughly 50% of the student population has yet to report following their reopening. Dobro school is down from nearly 400 pupils to 200, and Dromankese school is down from 145 to 76. This drastic decline in enrollment will adversely affect revenue and our ability to pay staff. Pastor Felix Andoh reported that our school at Achiachen in the north-west region is struggling to cope with social-distancing protocols and is considering shutting down. We are praying and hoping that enrollment will pick up with time.

SRBBC

Our Bible college reopened in November and was able to complete one semester successfully. Our graduate program was placed on hold since Dr. Art Sinski was not able to travel from Bremerton, WA. He was scheduled to teach a module here in September but couldn't due to COVID travel restrictions. In January, I was able to teach a course in biblical counseling with an emphasis in premarital counseling. We praise the Lord that things are gradually returning to normal.

CHURCH PLANTING

Our new outreaches in Ahodwokese and Agape Community were halted under COVID restrictions but have since resumed. The work in the Agape Community is being led by one of our young graduates. In February, we held a three-night open-air meeting where several people prayed to accept Christ as Savior. Please pray for successful follow-up with these new believers. At Ahodwokese, we are trying to secure a place of worship. Meanwhile, our Bible students are busy visiting and witnessing in the area. Once we secure a place of worship, we will resume our open-air meetings in the area and set a date to begin Sunday services. Please keep praying for these two developing outreaches.

PROJECTS:

Nkoranza Church Parsonage - We praise God for having provided for the parsonage's roof at Truth Baptist Church in Nkoranza. With the roof now complete, they need not worry about officials demanding renewal of building permits. However, there is more work to be done before the pastor and his family can move in. So, please pray with us for God to provide for them financially to fix doors and windows, electricity and plumbing, and other masonry work.

Asawinso Church Parsonage & Building - We are praising God for providing for the SRBC of Asawinso. They also received help with the work on their parsonage, which is still in progress. They have, however, raised the walls to enclose their church pavilion and fixed metal windows. Though uncompleted, they have moved out of the classroom and begun using their building for worship.

Equipment - We praise God for providing some generators, PA systems, and projectors to boost our evangelistic programs.

College Library - We are grateful to God for the progress we've been able to make on the Bible college building which will house the library, lecture rooms, and offices. We are still in need of about \$45,000 to enable us to complete the first floor. Our prayer is to complete the library project this year. Please continue to pray with us for this project.

Ministry Vehicle - We are praising God for providing a new car for our ministry, a slightly used 2017 Nissan Pathfinder. We registered it on January 4th and have since travelled over 2,000 miles with it. Its purchase, shipment, duty and handling charges cost a total of \$30,000. \$3,000 was given towards the down payment, and we have since paid off another \$3,000. That leaves us with about \$24,000 more to pay off through a payment plan of \$600/month. If the Lord would lead you to help with paying off our ministry vehicle, please send your contributions to IPM designated for "Dapaah SRBM Vehicle." Your prayer and financial support in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

MISSIONARY/EVANGELISTIC TRAVELS

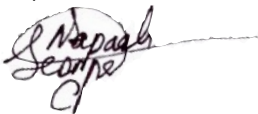
Since our return in September, I have visited and spoken in a dozen churches across the country, traveling over 2,000 miles in the last two months in addition to ministering in our campus church at Dobro and at Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tema. We praise God for safety in our travels.

BEREAVEMENT AT SRBC, TEMA

We returned from the USA to hear of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Boamah, one of the founding members of Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tema. She went home to be with the Lord on September 5th and was buried on November 15th. She had survived breast cancer but died of pneumonia. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, and four grown children (all of whom are church members). Some of you will recall helping with her cancer treatments. On behalf of the Boamah family, we thank you for your love, generosity and prayers.

Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry. May God bless you richly.

In Christ,



George & Vera Dapaah

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