

Dear Friends in Christ,

May 2023

We bring you greetings from Ghana and trust that the grace of God is abounding upon you. We appreciate your partnership so much and are glad to bring to your attention what is happening on our field. This is George writing.

A BIRTHDAY IN THE FUNERAL HOMES

February 18th was my 66th birthday, but I found myself billed to attend three funerals. The first was in Tema and involved Vera's deceased cousin. At the time of his death, her cousin was not associated with any church, so there was no pastor for his family to call upon. Since I am an in-law to the family, I was called upon to help with the funeral service. The funeral was held on the hospital premises. I preached the sermon and invited those who would want to accept Christ to pray with me. Several people responded. From Tema, Vera and I drove another two hours to Somanya for another funeral, this time involving my cousin's deceased wife. We were able to get to the funeral grounds to mourn with my nephews and nieces. The third funeral involved an aunt, and it took place in Kumasi, which was five hours away, so we sent our gift through another auntie who was attending on our behalf. We left our home at 7:00 am and returned at 9:00 pm. My consolation was from Ecclesiastes 7:2, "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to heart."

MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL

On January 13th, while I was winding up my teaching at the seminary, I received a phone call from my sister informing me of my mother's death at the Nsawam government hospital. On March 31st, we held a family vigil from 9:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. About thirty people from our extended family travelled from the village to join members of SRBC, Dobro to keep this vigil with us. Rev. Emmanuel Ansah Damoah preached the evening sermon. On Saturday, April 1st, the burial service was held at SRBC, Doboro (the campus church) with about six hundred in attendance. Rev. Frank Odonkor preached for us that day. Following the service, her body was sent to her hometown of Drobonso, where she was buried. It was a very sad day, but mother had given her life to Christ in1996, when we went to the village to start our first church in the Ashanti Region. She was among the first ten to be baptized as members of the new church, and I had the privilege of baptizing her. We surely have the consolation of meeting again, so blessed be the name of the Lord. She is survived by one sister, one son (me), one daughter, twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



EASTER ACTIVITIES

On Easter Friday, church services were held in all our churches across the country. At Doboro, we brought our members from Ahodwo and Nsawam to have a joint service on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and a picnic on Easter Monday. It was a blessing and wonderful time of fellowship. I preached in all the services.

OUTREACH AT BODOMASE



From April 13th to 16th, I was in the Ashanti Region with four of our students for an outreach program to help the Bodomase Church. The team was involved with visitation during the days and three nights of open air meeting with film shows and preaching. The team also had the opportunity



to minister to young people in one of the primary schools and also a junior high school. On Saturday, we held a youth club with fifty kids attending. The Lord blessed all these activities with about fifty souls giving their lives to Christ. On Sunday, the students worshiped with the Bodomase Church while I went to preach at the Drobonso Church (about 20 miles away). At Bodomase, the outreach resulted in twenty-two first time visitors coming to the church. It was a very fruitful exercise, and we are praying we can do a follow up soon.

Please Pray for:

- 1. Our Bible College Library & Admin building funds for its completion.
- 2. Revival Services at Doboro Church in the last week of May, 2023.
- 3. Tamale Outreach, and the Basigi Family as they lead.
- 4. Pastor Evans Asamani, who has lost his wife.
- 5. Our health needs and safety as we travel to minister.
- 6. Funds for several of our young churches needing plots to build and those with building projects.
- 7. More laborers to be called into the ministry.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you.

In Christ,

George & Vera Dapaah

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