

# GHANA MISSION

## Visiting family and partners in the USA



Ruff family in Iowa

We apologize for being so late with this E-Newsletter but things have been a little hectic traveling here and there. On November 7th we flew to US to visit family, friends and partners. We were at Sherwood Oak Christian Church in Bloomington, IN for their mission fair, attended the International Conference On Missions in Cincinnati, participated in a DMM board meeting, shared with Northside Christian Church in New Albany, IN and visited family in Iowa and Ohio.

We were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with our children and then celebrated Christmas the next morning by opening presents.

We are in the Louisville, Kentucky area wrapping up our visits for this year and plan to fly back to Ghana on December 17th.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We love you!



McClary Family in Ohio

### BY THE NUMBERS:

- # September new baptisms: 368
- # YTD baptisms: 2573
- # September new groups: 123
- # YTD new groups: 610

Isaac and Moses made it safely to Niger and back and Isaac is currently in Cote d'Ivoire following up on the Disciple Making Movement (DMM) there. We will update October - December numbers in our next E-Newsletter.



Artwork by  
Linda Stepp

### **A LAMP NEEDS OIL TO GLOW**

In the Messiah's first sermon which is seen in the 5th chapter of the book of Matthew, He revealed God's plan for His followers to be like LAMPS. He said "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a LAMP and put it under a table but on a lamp stand; and it gives light unto all that are in the house" (Matthew 5:14 & 15). People who profess faith in God are designed to be LAMPS. But sadly there are many LAMPS, yet very little light in the world that leaves many groping in life especially in our religious communities. Consequently a thick darkness of evil rules lives in a seemingly religious world. What is the problem? A LAMP NEEDS OIL TO GLOW SO AS TO DISPEL DARKNESS FOR MEN TO SEE THE WAY OUT. No amount of fire can light a LAMP (a lantern) if there is no oil in it. God tells us in Jeremiah 23:29 that His word is like as a fire. John the Baptist tells us in Matthew 3:11b that believers will be baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fire. In other words they will be filled with the oil of the Spirit as LAMPS (Lanterns) and then lighted as with fire to make them glow. But the LAMP has first got to be filled with oil. When you hear great sermons preached and people running from place to place sitting under great preachers and teachers and seeing no change in life it tells you that the LAMPS have no oil in them and no amount of fire will light them up. God's word comes as fire to light up His LAMPS. So God showed the prophet Zechariah a vision in chapter 4:1-7 - a LAMP stand with seven LAMPS on top of it positioned between two olive trees with pipes connecting the branches to the LAMPS making the olive oil to flow continuously into the LAMPS. The LAMPS symbolize man and the olive trees symbolize the Spirit of God. Continuous connection with the Holy Spirit makes the living LAMPS to be filled with the golden oil and any time we get in touch with God's Word, we are lit and we glow. Right about now is when we need to call Him and say "Dear Holy Spirit, fill me." Let us see ourselves as LAMPS and let us see the Holy Spirit beside us as the oil trees filling us and always see the word of God as fire coming to light oil-filled LAMPS.

Be filled, be lighted and glow. May we finish the task with shouting of "grace, grace" not by might, nor power, but by His Spirit. God bless you.

Isaac

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:



### Idea: Ask for a Prayer Request

Recently, a Team Expansion worker told me that her only regret was that 3 years had passed since a church or individual had asked how to pray for her work. You can make a difference in the life of your favorite Team Expansion workers today. Just ask them how your church can pray for them. They might mention something about language learning, or perhaps they'll share news of a new believer being persecuted for her faith. Either way, you'll likely be able to pray more specifically about something that is mission-critical. Of course, our workers need not wait for an invitation. The Apostle Paul was very outspoken about his prayer needs while serving abroad. (To see just one example, check out Colossians 4:3-4.) Let's make it a two-way street. Together in partnership, let's determine to advance His Kingdom through prayer and action today!

Have a great month!

Doug Lucas, President

# PRAYER

*"Ask the LORD of the Harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."*

### PRAISES:

- Expansion of the movement
- Cote d'Ivoire now has a leadership team
- DMM in 7 segments of Gonjaland
- Sustainability plan launched to be fully operational by end of 2019
- Completed training in Jos, Nigeria with 90 day plan
- Completed training in Niger
- Protection for DMM'ers in many close calls
- 46 tribes impacted in Gonjaland so far this year
- Bug net houses are providing green leafy veggies
- Odle family healthy & business expanding with rice & soy along with oldest son's transition into USA
- Graham family's work at Perm Ctr, village training, 3/3rds groups & the DMM'ers under them
- Studio Team's 3rd Walking With Jesus completion
- Linda Stepp's encouraging and helpful visit
- Wonderful, prayerful, generous support team [you]
- Opportunity to be in States for ICOM, Church, family & support team visits

### REQUESTS:

- Sustainability plan for the Buipe network by end of 2019
- Appointment of new section, sub-section & community leaders
- Training new segment, section, sub-section & community leaders
- Implementation of 90 day plans in Niger
- The resources needed to complete the task in Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria & Niger
- Diallo, Fulani DMM'er to hold up under persecution
- Odle Family - business ventures, health, schooling, Anna's Ministry, language learning, first one leaving nest.
- Grahams - Perm Ctr work, home schooling, visiting team, holding down the fort
- Housing for Isaac & Moses' families in Buipe
- Expansion of studio resources
- Ruff Stateside visit

<b>ACT #</b>	<b>BALANCE AUGUST 2018</b>	<b>\$5,694.22</b>
	<b>SEPTEMBER DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$6,375.00</b>
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	\$44.44
435-7	PERM CTR	\$711.11
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$265.68
440	EVANGELISM: DMM'ERS	\$775.56
450	COMPASSION	\$88.89
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$1,602.64
661	INTERNET	\$224.77
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$219.02
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$723.88
810	TRAVEL FOOD	\$88.89
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$2.67
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$76.00
920	BANKING FEES	\$11.41
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$377.78
	<b>SEPTEMBER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,212.73</b>
	<b>BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2018</b>	<b>\$6,856.49</b>

## Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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## Financial Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible. Please make payable & mail to:

### Terry & Amy Ruff

**c/o Northside Christian Church  
4407 Charlestown Road  
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*Please provide an email address so a receipt can be emailed to you!*

### ONLINE GIFTS:

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