

JERNIGAN NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the mission team who have highjacked Juliana and Andrews Newsletter. While here on mission the Jernigans have graciously yielded their computer to us so that we might share the joy and the blessings of being here. Our team comes from Alabama and we represent two faith communities. First United Methodist Church, Sylacauga and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Birmingham.

The five of us came to Ghana last week to bring medical supplies, hands on labor and prayerful support to Andrew and Juliana. For some on this team this is their first time to Lake Bosomtwe Methodist Clinic, for others it is a chance to help dear friends. The team is composed of a physician, two registered nurses, a pharmacist and pastor. All of us came here to be a blessing, but what is abundantly clear in the first five days are the blessings we are receiving from those whom God has called us to serve. Our first day was orientation and recovery after 17 hours of flying. A great part of the ministry being provided to us is our chaplain Steve Buchele who guided and loved us last year as well.

Celebrating the Sabbath in Dompaa Methodist Church put all of what we were to do here in perspective. The common task of all of us who call ourselves believers is to proclaim boldly the transforming message of Jesus Christ. We heard and saw it in the worship. The joy was so clear and authentic. We who live and worship in the west would do well to give the Holy Spirit ample room in our lives to testify to the greatness of God. For those in Dompaa it is neither muted nor somber. It is joy filled and spirit led. A wonderful tradition of the church in Ghana is to bring the tithes and offering in spirited procession to the Lords table. WOW! Just seeing their smiles and the movement of their bodies will challenge even the most staid of person, to consider taping their feet, raising their hands and clapping for the joy of knowing our Risen Savior.

Our work has begun. A primary task was to clean and equip the delivery room for the delivery of Andrew and Julianas third child who is to be called Nicholas. It is ready and yes we are praying that Gods gift might join us while we are here on mission. At the clinic construction continues as inpatient wards are being added, an operating theatre is planned and a well baby center will be built. Patients are being seen and as we look at the clinic today a good crowd waits for the required medical attention. They wait patiently for the gift of being seen. Each morning before the clinic opens those of the staff and patients who are present sing and pray together. A teaching is given, hands are laid on those who request healing, prayer is offered, and we focus on the purpose of the day.

What is so clear is that the mission we have come to serve is about being the body of Christ. What happens at home as you read these thoughts and respond determines how much more can be done for Gods kingdom in this place. The rugged mountain community which is truly off the beaten path (the beaten path being exactly that with more pot holes than one can fathom) is a light shining in the world for our Lord. We believe you are able to support this work with your time, talent and treasure.

Whether you join a mission team or support the work at home, all of it is essential. You have requested news of the community. It deserves and seeks your prayerful support. Before you move to the next page on the eNewsletter, take some

time right now to write a word of encouragement to Andrew and Juliana. If called, which we hope you are, write a check TODAY so the work here can be strengthened. What we want to say to all of you is that we are on fire for God and his work in this place.

Join us in our joy and know that in serving Jesus we receive the greatest blessings.

Thanks for reading our thoughts and sharing our enthusiasm.

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