

THE KENNEY'S

MISSIONARIES TO GHANA, WEST AFRICA

July and August

Dear Pastors and Prayer Partners,

First off, I need to apologize for not getting out our May/June prayer letter. We have been so busy we forgot all about it. Time has been flying by. It is hard to believe we have been here four months already!

We just finished our Bible Day Camp last week for the children in our village. Hallelujah, we had one boy get saved, Emmanuel! Please pray for Emmanuel. He wants to come to church but his family will not let him. We are so excited to see our first Ghanaian come to the Lord!

We went canvassing to our village passing out flyers, giving the time and date of our camp, gospel tracts, and we passed out approximately 2,000 John and Romans. When you hear the word village, you think of a small little African village, but that is not the case. We have probably passed out 3,000 to 4,000 gospel tracts, and we have not reached everyone in our village. While we were out canvassing, we walked to the top of a hill and looked out and saw hundreds more houses that we have not been able to reach as of yet. Our village has four charismatic churches, one Catholic church, and a Muslim mosque somewhere nearby. We are not sure where it is located, but we hear a call to prayer around 5:30 in the morning. These are all within the first half a mile into the village. The sad thing is we are the only true Bible-believing church in our area. The charismatic movement has a strong grip on the people here. Even the Catholic churches are charismatic. The people love the drums and the dancing that goes on in these places. The music is so loud that you can hear it a quarter of a mile away. As I sit typing this letter, I can hear the music from one of those churches right now.

One day while I was out visiting in our village, I came across one guy that I believe is actually born again, and he began telling me some things that really disturbed me. He said that the "preachers" here would actually go to a witch doctor to get a spell that will give them more power in their services. It gave me chills! How can you go to a servant of Satan and ask him to give you power! They do not preach the gospel here. They only preach that God wants to bless you and make you prosper. But, really the only ones who are prospering are the pastors. They tell the people that God wants to bless them, but the pastor has his hands in their pockets trying to fleece them for all that they have. It is a shame! We have even heard of a church in our area that you have to pay just to get into the building. If you get sick and you want your pastor to come and visit you, you have to pay him to come and pray for you. But they don't want to leave their religion behind. One day a couple of weeks ago, Deborah Harrison and my two oldest children went to Takoradi to get some things.

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Tonya stayed home with the little ones. Deborah tried to give a woman a tract and witness to her, and the lady said that she would rather go to hell. Unfortunately for that lady, unless God can open her eyes and she gets saved she very well may get her wish. The people are so blinded and the supposed spiritual leaders are getting power from Satan to keep them blinded. Please pray for our village! We have such a burden to see souls saved, but it is a battle! We have some children and teenagers that come to our church, but even some of them have trouble with their families for attending the white man's church. Now the churches in our area are starting to have special events for the children to lure them in. We have a Bible club every Saturday, and now some of the churches are having one at the same time. Sometimes they will sponsor a big soccer game for the kids, but they have to attend their church on Sunday to get to play in the game on Monday. One church was giving out bags of rice if you came to their Sunday morning service. This is hard for them to resist because the majority of our village is very poor. Sometimes we feel like we are fighting a losing battle, but then we remember that the God we serve is more powerful than anything that comes against us!

We are praying that they will see the difference in us and those other religions. We are praying that they will see that we are not asking for their money and trying to see what we can get out of them. Please pray that they can see Jesus in us!

Once again thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! We could not be here without you!

Please be in prayer for a teenage boy named Raphael. He came up to me after Bible Club on Saturday and asked me to tell him more about salvation. He did not get saved, but the seed was planted.

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