

The Kenney's Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa



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Dear Pastors and Prayer Partners,

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. This is the theme of our prayer letter. As you well know, the coronavirus has turned the whole world upside down, and it has completely changed our ministry here for the time being.

On March 17, the President of Ghana announced that all churches, schools, sporting events, and public gatherings of more than 25 people would no longer be allowed to meet. He closed Ghana's borders a few weeks later. All of this is still in effect. We were supposed to fly out today, but in April, the airlines canceled our tickets. We were able to reschedule for the end of June, but just last week, the airline canceled our flights again. We have decided to wait to see when the President is going to open the borders before we try to reschedule again. He is supposed to make an announcement on May 31. We were disappointed, but we trust that God will get us home when He sees fit.

The week after all church services were canceled, we were able to get on the radio station every morning from 5:30 to 6:00 every weekday. We still are preaching every Friday evening, as we have before. Dwayne Harrison, the missionary we have been working with during our first term, called the radio station where we were already preaching on Friday evenings and asked if they had any slots available that we could take. He also asked if they had something available on Sunday mornings. The station manager said that Sundays were absolutely out of the question; nothing was open. He did not think that they had anything at any time for us. Well, he called back the next day, and said that their partner station could have us Monday through Friday at 5:30 am, did we want it? You do not need to ask two missionaries if they want to preach, because we jumped at the chance! Then, the next day the manager called back and said, "I can give you a spot on Sunday mornings at 8:30." The same manager that had told us just a few days before that Sundays were impossible. So now, despite not having a church to preach in, we are preaching to literally thousands every weekday, twice on Fridays, and every Sunday morning.

You may remember in one of the previous letters we had mentioned that we have a hard time being able to reach the adults here. They have a lot of prejudices and resentments that we have to overcome. Since we have been on the radio station, those very adults we can't talk to in person are listening on the radio. We are getting calls every week, asking questions about salvation. Last week, a lady called and said, "I have been going to church my whole life and have listened to many pastors, and I have never heard that I needed to get saved." She called to ask some questions about the message and told us that she has been listening to us in the mornings. Many of them have asked us to call when our services start back because they want to visit our church.

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So, when our skin color became a problem, God just removed the problem. Our skin color has not changed, but the people cannot see us on the radio. We are given a chance to share with them that God loves them and has made a way for them to go to heaven through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and all they have to do is turn from their sin and self-righteousness and turn to Jesus and put their faith and trust in Him. We are praising God for this opportunity. While we do not rejoice in the millions that are sick, we are thanking God that He has worked all things together for good to them that love Him.

Even when the world has been turned upside down, God has made a way for His message to reach the world.

Please keep us in your prayers. We are so thankful for your continued prayers and support.

In His Service, The Jeremy Kenney Family Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa