



## Daniel & Priscilla Webster: Serving the Lord in Ghana

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*"... everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." Numbers 21:8*

**Depravations** lead to **discouragement** leading to **denouncing** leading to **destruction** which lead to **deliverance**. It is often necessary for the Lord to bring some calamity into our lives to humble us so that we cry out for His salvation. When we are most desperate, we recognize our dependence, and seek the help we need. How graciously the Lord deals with his erring children through loving discipline, teaching us to trust and depend on Him in all circumstances.

**Dear friends in Christ:** Greetings to you from Kumasi, Ghana!

### **Emmaus Graduation:**

This past Saturday we held an Emmaus Graduation for eleven students who had completed either the first series of 12 Emmaus courses, or the second series of 12 courses. Unfortunately, a couple of graduates were not able to attend due to personal circumstances, but those who did looked great in their graduating gowns. We were blessed to have our International coordinator, along with his assistant, and our national coordinator in attendance to help us with the graduation. The Emmaus ministry is in a transitional phase, with new leadership and this we believe may help to reignite this ministry and see it expand here in Ghana. Please pray that the Lord will give us His leading and blessing as we are looking to help students learn the word of God through these courses.

### **Old Testament Studies:**

The Old Testament studies are continuing, now having completed several messages on the book of Genesis. I will introduce the book of Exodus this next Sunday, and then the elders will each have one message the following two weeks to cover "Moses" and then the "The tabernacle". It is difficult to summarize so much scripture into one message, but it will be a great exercise for us to teach in this manner and feed the flock on God's word. The teens also have been taking part, and I was glad to see one young boy report that he has completed reading Numbers in his daily readings. His father said he has been reading two chapters each morning and four each evening. This is precisely what we hoped would result from our collective efforts to read. The participation of some has been weak, but many are starting the reading program and working their way through Genesis.

### **Teen Class:**

The teen class seems to have shrunk down considerable of late. One day I had only four students in the class. Many are away boarding at school, and some may have lost interest in attending on Sundays. I was able to walk them through an overview of Genesis and then Exodus with some practical lessons appropriate to their age for the couple of Sundays which I had with them. The others who teach this class are focusing on challenging them to follow Christ.

### **Sunday School:**

My wife has recently taken over the Sunday school class teaching lessons through the Old Testament and challenging the little ones to try to read along through the scriptures, though many of them are not yet able to read. I found myself helping her on one Sunday, reading the lesson in English, while she interpreted and explained in Twi. This worked very well and helped her to hold the children's attention and teach the lesson with more fervency. We make a good Sunday school team, and I hope we can work together again in this capacity.

### **Sunday Reading Class:**

For the past couple of months, I have been meeting with several of the Sunday school children after the church meetings have closed. We are reading together through Matthew, and I have each of them try to read out loud, while I take time to explain the passage, and help them to pronounce and read the words they might find difficult. We hope to develop their reading skills and put them in a better position to enjoy and soak in God's word.

### **Christmas program:**

We had thought we might have to cancel our Christmas program this year since there were great gaps of interest in practicing to get ready. However, the past week or more the children have been coming the house most evenings while my wife teaches them to sing and dance to various Christmas songs, and I share some thoughts about Christmas and why we celebrate. We pray the Lord will be glorified through these children who desire to sing of Him and for Him.

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***'And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.'***

*John 3:14*

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