



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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With our feet firmly planted in Damongo, Ghana we start the new year in full service to the work the Lord, Jesus Christ has called us to. It did take us a little while to get our feet under us, but that is settled and we are moving forward. We joined the work that was already in progress here in Damongo. Globelink has been in the process of building a ministry campus; two acres of land dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Christ to all. Currently there is a staff house, a mission team house which includes the room we are staying in, and a mostly-completed chapel. There is also the girls dorm/classroom that is being built.

And of course there is the Rabbit Rondavel. In our last newsletter we showed you the start of the Rondavel. Well, we have made great progress over the last two months and the building is almost complete. In fact, by the time you get this newsletter the first rabbits and pullets will have already moved in.



In this series of photographs you can see all that is involved in the construction of the Rabbit Rondavel. The center photo of Bill shows him building the underground nest box. Bill designed this style of nest boxes based on a rabbit's natural desire to tunnel underground to birth her babies. There are many reasons for her to do this, but for our purposes cooling in this hot climate and space are the primary factors. So we capitalize on her natural desire and form her a concrete nest box that will prevent her from continuing to dig and eventually finding a way out. Bill uses a balloon to form the inner cavity that will eventually be where the babies are born. The wooden boxes hanging on the wall are nest boxes for the laying hens that will share this building with the rabbits.

Shay House

Globelink has partnered with the Shay Meckenstock Foundation to build a vocational girls school and dorm. When it is completed it will house young girls and we will teach them a vocation. We will also teach the Bible and Christian classes. The dorm/school is designed to take in 12-14 girls to start with, but will accommodate more as the school grows. There will be a house mom to care for the girls and she has a private room within the building. There is also a kitchen that the girls will use to prepare meals for themselves and also the other staff on campus. Cindy will be involved with the day to day operations of the dorm.



Sammy, Devine, and Barnabas forming the doorways and windows for the concrete lintels.



The construction of this building is quite involved and requires many man hours and many resources. We are currently in a race against the coming rainy season. We are trying to get the roof completed before it starts. The roof trusses will be made with steel tubing and will need to be welded in place. So the rains will definitely cause us some problems, and they are due to start in April. We are ready to build the trusses but are having a hard time finding the correct steel for the job.



Janfaro School

Globelink started this village school some time ago. Before they did there was no school for the children to attend, now there is. Heavy rains last year collapsed the mud brick building that was being used for a classroom. Again, we are racing the clock. Once the rains start we will not be able to get building supplies into the village. There are too many rivers that will be running without a way to cross with heavy trucks. This week Sammy and the guys are planning to pour the concrete foundations and start on the walls.

Campus Perimeter Fence

The construction of the fence is very important for our safety, but two acres is a lot to fence in.



Kid's Club



We have recently completed all 15 Kid's Club quizzes and are getting ready for the final quiz. These 150 children have been waiting a long time for this and their excitement is running high.

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