



# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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## What we will be doing in Ghana

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”.*

Matt. 28:19-20

First and foremost our ministry has to be reaching the lost for Jesus. And that is what we do as the Father leads, but there are many ways to achieve that goal. We have found the best way to teach people the love of Jesus is to actually love them as He does. We build personal relationships through one-on-one interaction. We also try to find ways to meet their personal needs through education and life skills.

We certainly do not have all of the answers, life in Africa is hard to say the least. Most people scratch out a living on less than two dollars per day. All of us have seen the images of the starving African children on television. We have been there to see the hardships firsthand. Our hearts break to see the children suffer so much.



These small boys live in a village close to the mission base in Damongo. They will get one meal a day and that meal will fall very short of the nutrients they need to be healthy. So, this brings us to at least one project we will be doing in Damongo; teaching how to raise rabbits.

Unlike larger animals, rabbits provide a family with a source of high protein meat in a one-meal package. A village can have a rabbit colony that should produce more than enough meat to feed everyone. We were commercial rabbit producers in Arizona, so this is one thing we do know for sure. We have also built rabbit colonies at every overseas location the Lord has placed us. Through the years we have experimented with different ways to utilize valuable space by combining rabbits with laying hens, doves, and even sheep in one building.

We use a tier system that optimizes one building to house many types of animals. We build the rabbits nest boxes underground then pour a concrete floor. The laying hens will occupy the floor during the day and the rabbits will occupy it during the night. The third tier is doves, and they utilize the rafters. During the day they are let out to forage for their food. They return each night to the safety of the roost. We used this model in Belize and it worked great. We plan to utilize this same method as a teaching prototype at the base in Damongo. What is taught at the base can be taken back to the village.



Another aspect of this system involves a garden. We remove the manure and plant material from the pens and put it in compost piles. Once it has decomposed we use it in the vegetable garden. Both chicken and rabbit manure are great for vegetables. We plan to build a modified aquaponics system to raise Tilapia in a pond, using the water for the raised-bed vegetable garden. This system will reduce water consumption

and provide food for the fish. To sum up our agricultural project, we will be teaching how to raise chickens, doves, rabbits, fish, and vegetables in a systemic program capitalizing on each component enhancing the other.



## Spiritual Needs

Northern Ghana is predominantly non Christian. But worse than that is the absence of missionaries to minister to the large number



of people that live in the region. Ghana is only 300 miles north of the equator, but Damongo is closer to the Sahara desert and is a lot drier than southern Ghana. Water is a very valuable resource and wells are scarce. Most of the people rely on streams or man-made lakes for their water supply. It is a difficult task to get the water needed for each day. The young girls in the village may have to walk for miles to get water. These girls come daily to the mission base to get their water. While they wait their turn they hear the Gospel from a Ghanaian pastor hired by Globelink.



We have started building a girl's dorm to house and care for the girls that have accepted Jesus as their Savior. Bill will be teaching various classes on agriculture and raising animals for sale and food. Cindy will be working with the girls on life skills and academic education, along with helping them understand their new faith. Cindy has been asked to partner with Sammy and teach the weekly Bible studies that are in different villages.



These children have a hunger for the Word of God. Most of them don't have any opportunity other than these "Kid's Clubs" to worship God or hear the Gospel. The villages they live in are very remote and have no Christian church available.

As I mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we do not have all of the answers. We do however believe in a holistic approach to ministry, where we address as many conditions as we can that will help the individual with physical & spiritual needs. By doing this we feel we are truly showing who Jesus is and why someone would be interested in knowing Him. The Lord has blessed us with certain talents and gifts, and we want to use them for the Glory of God to bring as many as we can to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. You can be a part of all that God is doing in and through us by joining our team. We need fellow workers striving with us to accomplish all that God has placed before us. Please consider joining our team.

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