



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Ghana!



We have most definitely arrived in Ghana, West Africa. After 21 hours of travel with one stop in Amsterdam we landed in Accra, the capital city of Ghana. We claimed our bags, booked a taxi, and made it to the Baptist Guest House where we stayed four days. It was a time for us to rest, get accustomed to Ghana, and purchase some supplies that we would not be able to get in Damongo.

Accra is a sprawling metropolis who's size is equal to many cities in the US. We were able to purchase two recliners, a microwave, and a fan. On the 23rd of Nov. we traveled with "Big Man" to Kumasi, another large city about 7 hours north. There we rested for the night and proceeded to Damongo the next day. The trip was hot and long but without any problems. It is the dry season now and the temperature during the day is usually around 100, with some humidity.

Once in Damongo we started setting up our home and learning where things are. A quick trip to the local market for eggs, vegetables, fruit, some canned meat, and a loaf of bread.

The staff



Sammy, on the right, has been with Globelink for many years. He is the "everything" on the base; manager, teacher, builder, organizer, & leader of the Kid's Clubs. He mentors the young men that live and work on the base by teaching them his construction skills, along with morals, ethics, and responsibilities. He is a man that truly loves the Lord. Every week there are 13 Kid's Clubs being done in the local villages.

The young man on the left is Devine. He is one of Sammy's apprentices. In addition to the work he does on the base, he is currently driving many miles on a motorcycle everyday to teach school in the Jafaro village where Globelink is ministering. On the weekend he teaches several of the Kid's Clubs, spending many hours getting to each location and then teaching the children that come all about Jesus.

This young man on the motorcycle is Barnabas, another of Sammy's apprentices. He also teaches the Kid's Clubs every week along with doing the construction work here on the base.



In this photo he is on his way to the local fender shop to repair the truck's bumper before Sammy drives us to Tamale, the next big town 2 1/2 hours north of us. We are there to start the process of getting our work permits and to get some more supplies. We need to stock up with a month's worth of supplies since most of what we need is not available in Damongo.

We meet with the person responsible for our work permits and she informs us that Bill has to fly back to Accra to get a health exam for the permit. It can only be done in the Immigration Headquarters in Accra. So, back on the plane and two more days in Accra. With all that done we are now ready to submit the documents for our permit. We have until Jan. 19th before our temporary visa expires.

On the Base

The mission base is 2 acres just outside of Damongo. Currently there is one large house, a chapel-training facility, a large garage, a security tower, and a multi-use building. It is designed to accommodate mission teams that come here to help out. It has four studio apartments off of a central common room. It also has a large kitchen.

We are setting up our home in one of the apartments. It is 16'x24' with a bathroom and a walk-in closet. We use the kitchen to cook our meals. We have electricity and even AC, but due to the high cost of power we are not using the AC. In the kitchen we have a fridge, and propane oven/stove. We are blessed.

In addition to the current buildings there is a girls dorm being built. It will eventually house up to 12 girls and a house mom. The girls will live, work, and attend school in this new building.



Girls' Dorm



Kid's Club



These are a couple of photos of a Kid's Club being done in the village of Canteen. Sammy is leading the class, while Bill & Cindy watch and learn. Every week the kids come to learn about the Bible and Jesus. Some attend while risking hardships at home, and still they desire to know all about Jesus.

Jafaro School

Some time ago Globelink built a Christian school in the Jafaro village. Since then they have supplied not only the school building but also a full-time teacher. The children started coming and the school was a success. Unfortunately the building was made out of mud bricks and the annual rains eventually eroded the blocks until the building collapsed. Globelink, in cooperation with the villagers & students, are in the process of constructing a new building out of cement blocks.



For those of you who are our supporters, either prayer or financial, we are very blessed and thank the Lord daily for you being a part of our team. If it were not for your desire to be on mission with us we would not be here in Ghana right now.

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