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Special points of interest:

- Jesus film in villages.
- Haven of Hope update.
- Haven Academy Construction
- A woman's perspective
- Reaching the lost

Prayer Needs:

- Wisdom in leading at Haven of Hope.
- Salvation of all children here at H of H.
- School building project (safety and funding).
- Endurance for Carolyn and I.
- Boldness in witnessing and wisdom as to how to divide our time to minister where He leads.
- Safety for summer teams from U.S.
- Wa area church shelter completion.

Driscoll's Diary

Communications? What communications?

Little do we in America appreciate the tremendous advantages we have in our communications systems.

In the last eight months I have had to experience third world realities in communication.

First, my only solid link to the outside world, my laptop, failed and after numerous repair attempts I purchased a new one. The new one failed just after I got all the programs and files loaded. It ended up making a trip to Lebanon with the owner of the computer store to see if the HP shop there could replace the microprocessor. After three weeks he returned with a new laptop. However, HP still had the original "new" laptop and it took another month for them to retrieve all my files from it and to load them onto a hard drive and send it back here to Ghana. I finally sorted all that and had my

new laptop ready to use. MTN, my internet carrier had developed problems and we had no internet service for a month. Finally, the internet service returned and my brand new laptop died. It appeared to be the same problem as the previous new one had and is now at the HP repair shop and they've had it for a month and they were to call me last Friday to come pick it up and they never called. Apparently, the mother board fried. I'm now trying to re-fabricate what was on that computer to another one we have here. I've lost all my email address book and am trying to rebuild my email list from an old spreadsheet I had a couple of years ago with my email addresses.

I sincerely regret my inability to send out this letter earlier. So much has been happening for which you should be aware since you are making it all possible through your prayers and support.

Happenings at Haven of Hope Academy

The last time I wrote we were beginning our month break before the beginning of this school year. During the break we took the children to a pool in Accra, enjoyed a hike up a local mountain here and took lots of walks into the local villages. Also, the children worked hard at perfecting their football (soccer) and basketball skills. Many of the children have started crocheting. Yes even some of the boys here love crocheting. Who would have thought it?

We have hired three new teachers here at the academy and are already seeing their impact. They have a lot of energy and bring a new enthusiasm in their work. The teachers decided to divide the children into four groups throughout the school and reward the kids for those winning the weekly competition in all

their duties. This has proven to be an excellent tool in driving performance to higher levels due to the competitiveness of all the children.

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that we have a student who seems to have a strong desire to learn and a very good attitude but he still struggled to learn. Lindsey Hendrix, an American teacher, wrote on his report card last year that he seemed to struggle in hearing her. I confirmed this when sitting beside him at a soccer game and asking him a question right beside him and he didn't respond at all. We finally got his father, one of our workers to take him to the hospital. The determined that he did have a problem and referred

him to a specialist in Accra.

They ended up finding that he had no hearing in the right ear and very little in the left. The family could never have paid the money to cover the doctor and hearing aid cost. We were able to cover the cost and he is now smiling in class as he actually hears what the teacher is saying.

Since then we have had the children's eyes screened and find that several of the village children have significant vision problems. Please pray that we will be able to find a way to help them get glasses. Their families are very poor and could never afford eye glasses.

We have recently hired a teacher to replace our Primary 6 teacher who was in-effective in controlling the class. *Cont'd p.2*

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Tawnee Martin and Dana Neevel are devoting a year of their lives, teaching here at Haven of Hope Academy. They also add so much to the lives of the children of the home in off hours.

On a very positive note, God has provided us with an education director who just retired at fifty nine years old from the Ghana Education Service. He served as Eastern regional director and has a masters degree from a university in England. He authored the manual used to train school headmasters in the Ghana school system.. His name is J.B. Frank Naeroh.

Mr. Naeroh has worked in three special needs facilities one school for the blind, one deaf school and an orthopedic school for those with orthopedic special needs. Obviously,

he has a heart for needy children, which would include all of our children here at the home and academy.

Another program that we have just started is an attempt to fast track some of the older kids who are in classes below their age level. This is similar to our home school program where children are allowed to cover the material at their own accelerated pace. Our desire is to see some of them to get closer to their age level in school.

Along with this we are also attempting to spend more one on one time with slow learners to

prevent them from dropping behind their classmates.

Both of the aforementioned programs are be conducted by our two American teachers that are here for an entire school year. Next year we hope to have two additional Americans to join us.

We have broken ground on a new school building project that will house eight additional classrooms, offices, library and a computer lab. Pray that construction will go safely, expeditiously and with ample funding to keep the project going to finish.

Haven of Hope Children's Home

"Satan is angry at what we are doing!"



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"Satan is angry at what we are doing!" This is a quote from Carolyn to some folks connected with the ministry here. Why would she say that? The fact is we have experienced some very troubling times here at the home. This causes us all to wonder what is going on, thus Carolyn's cry of exasperation.

First, the two new mothers we hired recently who have been a very positive influence on the children have tested positive for a communicable disease that requires us to ask them to leave. Also, our head cook, a young man that I led to the Lord six months before he came to the home, is forced to leave for similar medical reasons.

This loss of these three great folk will be a huge loss, but we thank God that He is in control and that these folk now know about their conditions so they can better care for themselves.

Pray for the children as they

had developed strong ties to all of these workers and for the workers that are leaving. Pray that God will give us wisdom in filling these vacancies. Also, though there is little chance of it, please pray that as we screen the children and staff that none are infected. It is certain that none of the Americans serving here are infected due to our being inoculated before coming here.

On a brighter note, we have some very good news concerning one of our most troublesome boys. Stephen had just about gotten the best of all the staff here at the home. There wasn't a day that went by that we didn't have problems with him. I was ready to call his family and tell them to come and get him when God spoke to me through His own still small Pastor Sammy our chaplain here at the home. I was talking to Sammy about

Stephen and he told me about Stephen's father leaving his mother just prior to his birth. He left for another country. As Sammy was talking God spoke to me about the anger and rage that I had due to my father leaving my mother at an early age. I decided to call Stephen up to our apartment before calling his family. I told Stephen that I believe my story might help him. He agreed to listen. When I shared my story I asked Stephen what was it that made him angry and he said that it was his father leaving before he was born.

To make a long story short, I related that I was always filled with anger, bitterness and lost control until at seventeen Christ came into my life and changed me. After a presentation of the gospel Stephen said that he had said the words but never entrusted his life to Christ. His life has changed and I praise God for it.



Muslim Chief comes to Saving Faith in Christ

In April, 2009, Fred Huffman, a friend from my home church, myself and our interpreter John Seidu went into a Muslim chief's home and Fred took the lead in sharing Christ with him. He constantly referred to his pilgrimage to Mecca. When we asked if he knew when he died he would go to heaven. He said that he knew when he was in Mecca that he would but the next week when he came home he sinned so now he couldn't know.

After about an hour discussion around the good news he told us to go to his village and tell

the young people how they could know they would go to heaven. We left and as he said approached about 30-35 men sitting under a large mango tree in front of the very large mosque in the village. Though a very good visit there were no decisions for Christ.

Roll the clock forward a year. Again we visit this chief. As we entered I asked if he remembered us. He said, "yes, my friends from the U.S." I asked if he remembered what we talked about and he replied, "yes and I believe it." I said, "Do you remember what we

said about knowing that we have eternal life?" He said, "yes and I believe it!" I went further into the gospel and he said, "yes, I believe it!" I said, "it sounds as if you have received Jesus Christ as your personal savior." He replied, "Well, of course I have."

Both he and his 23 year old son confirmed that they had believed in Jesus as their savior. We were amazed at how God had worked in this man by directing him to Christian radio after we had left and that had reaffirmed his faith in Christ.

As we were leaving, John, our

interpreter said to me. If the chief still had use of his legs he could be a great witness to his village. Surprised at his statement I said, "John, you don't understand. He is just where he needs to be to be a witness to his village. God uses the foolish and weak things to confound the wise and the strong of the world. He's in a place that God will get the glory for whatever he is able to accomplish for the name of Christ. He's exactly where God wants him to be for his name-sake."

Praise God for this chief. Pray for his impact on his village.

New additions to our guard staff.



Zack and Zoe are now the proud mama and daddy of their own family. Zoe gave birth to 10 pups in her first litter. Three of the pups did not survive the first two days but the remaining seven are fine as shown in this photo. Zack tops 160 lbs. now and is still growing.

Carolyn's Corner

Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I would like to share some personal thoughts with you, our supporters, concerning family and how being a missionary really doesn't change all of what the word family implies.

All of us grandparents have learned that once our children are grown roles may change a little and how we react to fam-

ily needs may be slightly modified, but really not all that much changes. As a missionary in a foreign faraway place doesn't change that at all. As a matter of fact, the emotions during your child's difficult times may intensify greatly since you feel so helpless and perhaps even guilty due to the fact that you can't be there with your child as they experience the disappointments and crises.

Recently, I faced a situation where I felt I needed to be with a family member during the crises in her life. I was torn between the guilt of having to leave and the guilt of not being there for her. I made the decision to go due to several in the family making a commitment to pay for my ticket home. I don't regret it and hope that this little note will help you our supporters to understand.

I've had almost a month to get settled back in since my long stay in the states. What a blessing to be able to see the family and get a chance to spoil little Adi. She was only a couple of weeks old when we parted and at 16 months, WOW!, what a change. She was just beginning to say Mawmaw when it was time to leave again but I'm so thankful for the time we had together. What a shock to see

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how much all the grandchildren had grown.

Life is not easy here at the home and when the heat or the countless interruptions seem almost unbearable, God sends a breeze or a cooling rain or reminds me to just get up and get wet and in the midst of the interruptions He sends me words of encouragement and I am reminded that He desires to be the center of my life. All of the little uncomfortable things keep me looking to Him and remembering you, our precious supporters and family and the sacrifices you are making daily to allow us to be here.

There is never a dull moment here and I would like share one of the most recent escapades. The pantry was one area I had left for one of those later days, because I knew we could always have peanut butter and jelly or tuna salad. Pastor Alex came to visit bearing medicine and band aids of which we use a lot especially with 3 different street ministries not

to mention here at the home and school. His stay of "only a few minutes", turned into hours as he and Jim began discussing several passages in the Bible. The spaghetti sauce was limited and I prayed it would multiply as I invited him to join us, however, when I went to get the pasta, the only bag I could find was filled with weevils. Long story short, I figured the boiling water would kill them of which it did but I could not seem to get them all out even in rinsing them again and again. Well Adding pepper was my next idea (to disguise them) but some of the home girls saved the day by picking all the weevils from the pasta. As afterthought I don't know why I worried so much about the weevils when we have a steady diet of tiny little ants that get into everything. I do what all of those of you from America who have visited us that we have not knowingly served you either of these delightful delicacies. I promise!

Reaching the lost in unreached villages



Reaching out to villages that have not been reached or are not blessed with sound churches remains a tug on our hearts. My friend, Fred Huffman, from our home church and I are finding there are those who desire to go yet they do not have the means to go. Very few of these churches can afford the transport to the villages.

Those churches having the means to go are most often proclaiming a prosperity gospel and do not care to go outside their fine plush walls to reach the lost. Fred has a desire to begin a ministry of equipping those sound pastors who want to go with motorcycles and sound teaching to enable them to effectively reach these villages. By partnering with these local churches they are able to work from a strong base and reach out to the unreached villages.

It is hard to believe that God has allowed us to proclaim the gospel and have over 1000 souls to come to Christ in about a year and a half. One thing that we have become convinced of is the truth of John 10:16, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd." This verse speaks of Israel as being His sheep and the other fold is the Gentiles. The one flock is Jews and Gentiles all in one body, the church. Everywhere we go we find more of His sheep who hear his voice.

Early this year, a dear friend from Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton, Kenny Haines, came with the intention of building shelves for the library here. Thankfully we were able to complete that task. We asked Kenny if he would ride with us for about eleven hours

up the upper west region of Ghana to Wa. There we took him on a Saturday morning to a village where we had about 200 professions of faith a year earlier. We met with what has become the core of a church. About 130 people waited for us for over an hour as we were late getting there. All of us got to share the word with them and Kenny left with a fire in his belly to fund a structure for these people to meet in that would shelter them from the hot sun and rain. We needed about \$3000 for this. Kenny took about two months to raise \$3500 which we now have in hand to build the structure. We will begin construction this summer as soon as all the villagers get their gardens in. Since they raise nearly all their food this is priority 1.

Pray for us as we equip those willing to go with the truth of God's Word and for funding.

Carolyn and I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support in our service to the Lord. Without you none of what we are doing here would be possible. Thank you for your obedience to His call on your life. God bless you all.

Jim & Carolyn