

# My testimony

In 1993, I realized that I would never make it to heaven on my own good works and that I needed a Savior. At the age of 28, I accepted Christ and my life changed irrevocably.

Immediately, God began to use my life experiences to help others; it all began to make sense. Over the next 10 + years, God continued to work in my life -- oftentimes requiring a huge step of faith. In 2000, I adopted Isaiah 6:8 as my life verse, and I surrendered every aspect of my life to God and told Him he could use me in whatever capacity He needed.

Here I stand on the cusp of answering God's call to West Africa. I continue to hold fast to my life verse knowing that I have committed to serving a loving and compassionate God who saved me from eternal damnation.

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

*Isaiah 6:8*

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## My Call

### To The Trokosi

As Christians, we live under grace; Jesus Christ atoned for our sins. Imagine living in a world without Jesus Christ. How would our sins be forgiven?

In Ghana, there is a belief that a family can give a virgin girl to a shrine priest to atone for the sin committed by a family member. This girl

becomes a slave (both physically and sexually) for the priest. Women given to atone for sins are called Trokosi.

Life for a Trokosi is hard both inside and outside of the shrine. Often times, the women are visibly branded as Trokosi and are shunned by society. They are servants to the shrine, the priest and the elders; however, the shrine, the priest nor the elders are responsible for meeting basic life needs for the women. They do not provide clothing, food or shelter.

Every Child Ministries (ECM) is actively involved in negotiating with shrines to stop this practice and release women who have been given to the shrine. While visiting the Volta region and spending time with a liberated Trokosi, I felt God calling me to work with this people group.

My work and life experiences as well my education have equipped me to relate to this people group. My vision is to work alongside two women, Judith Nordzro and Mary Kattah, who work with liberated Trokosi. I will disciple Judith and Mary and help them as they bring the Gospel to a lost people.



### To The Street Ministry

Imagine being a preschool child and being responsible for your own needs. Your parents have abandoned you, and you are the only person that cares about your safety and needs. Or your family is struggling to survive, and your parents are not able to watch over you throughout the day. There are many children like that in Accra, the capital of Ghana. Life is treacherous for these children. There is no one to protect them or provide for them. They are young children forced to survive in an adult world.

Through street ministries, ECM is able to reach out to the unloved children of Accra and tell them that God loves them and cares about them. ECM offers hope through weekly meetings for the children. The children learn about Jesus and how much He loves them. The street workers are not afraid to hug and touch the children and show them the love of God. After the lesson, the children are served a hot meal. For some, this will be the only meal they eat that week.

The heart of the street ministry is Felecia. Felecia spends weekdays in the streets visiting the children and their families. She demonstrates God's love for the children by meeting as many practical needs of the families as she is able. She establishes relationships with the families and communities and is able to share the Gospel as a result.

In our society, Felecia would be a hard core social worker. I spent one morning in the streets with Felecia; I spent the afternoon alternating between crying and praying. God showed me that I could assist Felecia in her difficult work by helping her to establish solid social work and recordkeeping practices so that others can begin to understand the extent of her work.



### To Haven of Hope

What a wonderful name the directors of ECM chose for the home operated just outside of Accra. Haven of Hope offers not only security and safety, but hope. The home was established so that the youngest and most vulnerable children could be loved and protected.

The home is constantly changing and growing. When I left Ghana in June 2006, there were 34 children in the home. Within two months of



my return to the states, I learned that three new children had been brought to the home. Most of the children in the home were identified through the

street ministry. Several of the children are children of Trokosi and/or shrine priests.

The home compound consists of: a dormitory, a dining hall/kitchen, a school, a dwelling place for the pastor, four missionary apartments, and several utility buildings. There is another dormitory under construction as well as plans to begin construction of an activity center. The children are cared for by a committed and caring Christian staff.

The children attend school and weekly church services. Many of the children have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

We cannot even begin to imagine the lives these children have led. They need to heal from their pasts. God is leading me to work with these children in one-on-one and small groups to help them develop coping skills. My hope is to get the children to a point where they can share about their lives on the streets and how Jesus has helped them to overcome adversity.