

Every Child Ministries

“Serving the forgotten children of Africa”
Carolyn and Jim Driscoll Update April 30, 2007

“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” Acts 26:18

This letter comes to you as I, Jim, make final preparation to depart for Ghana later this evening. I will be joining an ECM team for about four days of preparation to go to Togo, the nation just to the East of Ghana. There is an itinerary and prayer list at the end of this letter to assist you in knowing how to pray for us in this endeavor.

Goals for the Togo Team are :

- Train teachers for children’s ministry in places considered to be strongholds of voodoo influence and important historically and spiritually
- Make contact with Togo churches in those areas for follow up of converts
- Raise the awareness level of the church as to the importance of children
- Become more familiar with the practice of child slavery in the shrines
- Make contacts that might help us in efforts to liberate slaves from the shrines
- Begin to raise the consciousness of some in the country about the problem of slavery
- Discover the next step God wants ECM to take in Togo

We will also be searching out places where children are being enslaved, attempting to determine where the large numbers are so that we can begin the process of negotiating release of these children. I just went to the CIA website at <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/to.html> and found this description which will give you a feel for the problem. It says, and I quote, “*current situation*: Togo is a source, transit, and destination country for children, women, and men trafficked for forced labor and sexual exploitation; the majority of victims are children, and trafficking within the country is more prevalent than international trafficking; children are trafficked to work as domestic servants, produce porters, roadside sellers, agricultural laborers, and for sexual exploitation; Togolese women may be trafficked to Europe for forced labor and sexual exploitation.” “Togo is placed on the Tier 2 Watch List for failure to show evidence of increased efforts to combat trafficking over the past year, particularly in the areas of prosecution and protection”

Once we complete this work we will return to Haven of Hope Home in Ghana to build an activity center for the children there. This will be a 40’x80’ pole barn structure that will be open on all sides to allow air flow and shade for the children. I’m sure this will become one of the kid’s favorite places. The kit has been shipped from Hebron, Indiana and we hope it will arrive on or about June 1st. If this happens (which is very unpredictable we should have the building complete before I return July 1st).

Carolyn will be joining me on about June 5th with Lisa Mims, a graduating senior at our home church, New Covenant Community Church. They will be working with children at the home. Carolyn looks forward to being able to establishing a relationship with the children and determining what we will need to bring with us when we move permanently to Ghana.

Carolyn and I have been tremendously blessed as we have met with individuals and churches sharing God’s call on our lives. I personally want to thank Pastor John Lewis, Alan Bigler and the rest of the members of Memorial United Methodist Church, Summit Point, WV, for their allowing us to come to share our ministry with them and their personal support and the commitments we received their of on-going support. Also, we are so thankful for Pastor Ken Watson and all the elders and congregation of Rock Hill Bible Fellowship Church, Rock Hill, SC for their commitment to support us monthly. There are also so many individuals, to numerous to list here, that we praise God for their encouragement, prayers, and financial support. Thank you for your partnership in this calling.

I have a praise regarding my knee. I had been told about six months ago that I needed a partial knee replacement to correct my problems with it. I had bone on bone where there was no meniscus cartilage.

On April 12th I met with a Christian orthopedic doctor and he took xrays and said that I was not a candidate for knee replacement because there was spacing between the bones. He said it appeared that I was growing cartilage which rarely occurs. Instead he wants to scope it to remove a few spurs. Praise God for his caring.

Togo Team Itinerary

Part 1—Training

May 2-4 (Wed-Fri)—Training in Ghana at Haven of Hope

Part 2—Lomé

May 5 (Sat)—Travel to Volta Region by truck & cross Togo border

May 6 (Sun AM)—Team will split up, speaking at 4 different churches in Lomé

(Sun PM)—Possible shrine visit, gather information on voodooosi slave children

May 7 (Mon AM)—Visits to Togo church leaders, Lomé

(Mon PM)—Visits to churches & schools, Lomé

May 8 (Tues AM)—Visit to market to see Voodooosi & street children

Part 3--Notse

(Tues PM)—Drive to Notse

May 9 (Wed)—Training at Notse all day

Eve—visit churches & pastors of Notse area

May 10 (Thurs)—Training at Notse all day

May 11 (Fri)—Training at Notse all day

Eve—visit churches & pastors of Notse area

May 12 (Sat AM)—Visit historic sites of Ewe tribe at Notse

(Sat PM)—Visit children's club, Notse

May 13 (Sun AM) Team splits up to visit 3 different churches of Notse area

Part 4—Tsevie

May 13 (Sun PM) Drive to Tsevie

May 14 (Mon AM & PM) Visit shrines of surrounding areas, gather information on voodooosi slave children

(Mon Eve) Film TV program about ECM's vision for Togo

May 15 (Tues AM) Visit churches & schools of Tsevie area

(Tues eve) Speak at Bible Institute about importance of children

May 16 (Wed) Training at Tsevie all day

Eve-visit a church of the area

May 17 (Thurs) Training at Tsevie all day

May 18 (Fri) Training at Tsevie all day

May 19 (Sat AM) REST

(Sat PM) Visit Awana club of area, back to Lomé

Part 5—Back to Lomé

May 20 (Sun AM) Team splits up to speak at 4 churches in Lomé

(Sun PM) Crossing back into Ghana

Prayer Points :

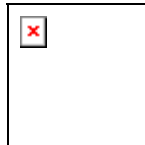
- Pray over each of the above goals
- Pray for safety on the road, physical strength, health
- Pray that the teachers we are training will really grasp & use the principles taught
- Pray that God will lead us to the right contacts
- Pray for wisdom in talking to shrine leaders
- Pray for unity & adaptability on the team

- Pray we will stay close to the Lord—loving & obeying Him
- Pray for John Rouster & the Rousters’ assistant Monica Miles as they finish getting ready for the Ghana & Uganda teams for June & July
- Pray that the influence of voodoo over the hearts & minds of the people will be broken by the power of God’s Spirit
- Pray that the team will have understanding & discernment from God in all they do & in every decision.
- Pray that the team will walk in the power of God’s Spirit every day & at every moment.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5 :16

Please also continue to pray for:

- Sale of our house
- Completion of monthly support requirements
- Lisa Mims (teen in our church planning to go to Ghana this summer)
- John and Lorella Rouster, and all Every Child Ministries staff in:
 - US
 - Republic of Congo
 - Ghana
 - Togo
 - Uganda
 - Sudan



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