

Every Child Ministries

“Serving the forgotten children of Africa”
Carolyn and Jim Driscoll Update **March 15, 2007**

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:33-36)

The above passage is the doxology of praise that the apostle is led by the Spirit to pen at the close of Romans 9-11 where Paul begins with the statement that he could wish himself accursed from Christ if his brethren the Jews would be saved, at the beginning of chapter 9. He then commences with his dissertation on God’s mercy and grace in His “irrevocable” gifts and calling and then breaks forth with this doxology of praise.

How long has it been since you have been moved to an outburst of praise and adoration of our Lord? Carolyn and I have been in constant awe of our Lord and how he is providing for our daily needs and as we see the list of those of you who have committed to our support in prayer and material resources. We praise Him for our provision through many of you. We are so thankful especially for you who have committed to our on-going support.

Amazingly, 79% of our on-going support so far is from our own local church. This is an awesome testimony to our church’s commitment to missions. This year alone our church’s giving to missions was increased by 50% over last year, due to the increased giving of our people. And this excludes individual giving to missions. It is no wonder that God has called out five couples to ministry in other areas from our congregation in the last three years.

Since our last newsletter we have been working our new strategy of meeting with small groups in our own home and the homes of some of our friends. This seems to be a much more effective approach since it is much more intimate and allows those present the opportunity to ask more questions. We’ve also seen a much higher percentage of commitments to support us from these meetings than in the larger setting of local churches, both in prayer and financially. As I mentioned last month, many missionaries currently on the field suggested this approach.

Please pray about whether God would have you host such a meeting with Christians in your circle of friends and church. We’re confident God knows those He will be calling to partner with us. Our need now is to get in front of as many people as possible to present His ministry and He will do His work in those He is calling.

An exciting opportunity has come to us with Every Child Ministries. From May 1-19 there will be a push into Togo, the nation just east of Ghana. This is the least evangelized non-Muslim country in Africa. Seventy percent of the people worship idols and voodoo is commonly practiced. I am being led by the Spirit to participate in this outreach. Also, a pole barn kit to be built at Haven of Hope Home is arriving in Ghana on about May 15th and I will help get that project underway before returning to the US. They do not have the training on pole barn construction in Ghana. I expect to be gone about six weeks all together. This will cost me about \$4200 which for us is a lot of money. We’re funding this trip ourselves by cashing in a small 401K that I had from my last employer. Carolyn and I feel we don’t want to use anything given to date. That is reserved for our permanent move to Ghana. Carolyn will have to stay here for this trip due to activity on the house and, if it sells while I’m gone, she will have to take care of all of that. We’re praying it will sell before then so we can make final preparation for leaving. Please pray for a friend of mine who is praying for God’s direction on whether to go with me on the Togo trip.

In Togo we will be teaching churches how to teach children and hopefully will have the opportunity to encourage believers in several churches and reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This experience will better prepare me for the ministry in Ghana when we move there.

We believe that we have discovered why God didn’t allow us to be ready to go in February. I (Jim) have been constantly troubled by my right knee which has had meniscus cartilage removed twice during the early 1990s. I believe I will require a partial knee replacement. I see an orthopedic surgeon on April 12th and if

necessary I will schedule the surgery for mid to late June when I will be back at home. Our prayer is that, God willing, in July we will be able to move to Ghana.

We are attending a missions fair at Rock Hill Bible church in Rock Hill, SC this weekend. Please pray that God would be glorified in this event. Rock Hill Bible church is attempting to work with other churches in the area to teach them the obligation to take the gospel to their community and beyond through missions.

Please continue to pray for:

- Sale of our house
- Completion of monthly support requirements
- Togo trip and Gods direction for entire team and those considering going.
- Lisa Mims (teen in our church planning to go to Ghana this summer)
- Jim's knee surgery and quick recovery
- John and Lorella Rouster, and all Every Child Ministries staff in:
 - US
 - Republic of Congo
 - Ghana
 - Togo
 - Uganda
 - Sudan



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