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**God's Plan for  
the Redemption  
of Man**



## Michael Williams Family



# God's Plan for the Redemption of Man



## Germany

With the departure of the Ndjaboues for Germany drawing closer (they plan to leave in March 2020), Patrick decided to take a trip in September to make any preparations possible; I was to join him. Well, as it often happens, the preparations we were hoping for and that we felt we needed to make were set aside and we were redirected to God's plan for us to be in Germany at this time. We saw clearly God is preparing

Germany for the Gospel in a mighty way. I was awed by all the opportunities and open doors we found. I always said there's more opportunities in Africa than one can possibly take advantage of, but when thinking about Germany, I never had that thought cross my mind. Yet, that is exactly what we found. We found three open doors for church planting, we found multitudes willing to listen to the Gospel from countries all around the world, and we found many German people open to listening to the Gospel. As I walked the streets of Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Furth, Hanau, etc., I was constantly thinking...."say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." God opened the door for me to witness both in German and English. Here are a few lines from my journal:

**[9/21]** I had an invitation by a military pastor yesterday to start a German church in his church. We can use their facilities for free to have an independent German church. He also said that he's praying for someone to start an English-speaking church in another particular city.

**[9/22]** Patrick witnessed to a girl whose dad had died one day earlier so she was very open to think about preparing for life after death.

**[9/23]** A young was lady saved today when Bro. Patrick spoke to her. I witnessed to many. I had the opportunity to witness to six Muslims today. Some started out very strong to tell me Allah is.... but by the end, a man from Afghanistan named Sam said he would read the tract. I witnessed, albeit somewhat rustily, to several people in German today.

**[9/24]** Patrick won the man he spoke to on the sidewalk. When the man finished praying, he jumped back and said, "You are shining." As we walked back by him a few minutes later, he said to his two friends, "They are shining."

Hallelujah! I met a man from Congo today. I told him hello ("mbote") in Lingala. You should have seen his eyes! He is living in the city where Bro. Falkenberg's church is.



Witnessing in Frankfurt

**Below and to the right:** Bible Study with Independent Baptist Church of Nidderau church members.

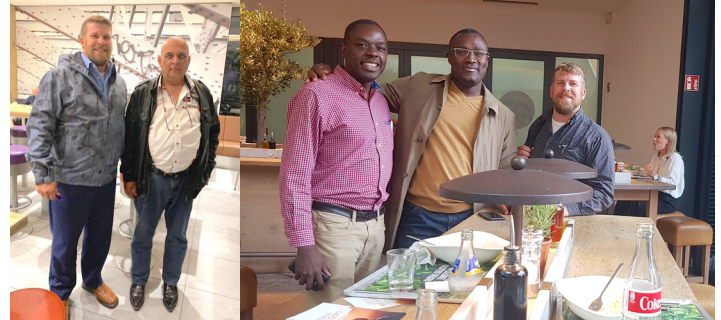
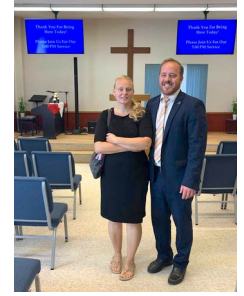


In Hanau





[9/25] Today, we went to two universities to pass out tracts. About 15 minutes in, I asked God to direct my path and to give me the opportunity to witness to someone in English. About 10 minutes later, I met three students from India. When I handed them the German tract, they said, "We can only read English." I was able to give them the Gospel. Just a few minutes later, I approached a group of 4 young men, which is not usually the best opportunity. When I handed them German tracts, they said the same thing. I asked where they were from, and they replied that three of them were from Brazil and one was from Jordan. They all listened to the entire Gospel. In fact, while I was talking, a young lady from Italy came up to our group, and I thought she would distract them; instead, she also listened. Next I spoke in English to a Nigerian Believer, followed by a Ghanaian Believer to whom I spoke in Twi. Then lastly, I gave the Gospel in English to two young men from Iran. What an answer to prayer!!! At the second university, I had a good talk in German with a young lady who was a Believer and who wondered out loud why I was not doing this (preaching the Gospel) in my own country. I told her I did. I was able to use the opportunity to encourage her to see the need in her own country and to also be a witness. I really believe God is preparing this place for a revival. The Spirit of God moved with amazing power.



Patrick talked to a young man from Vietnam who told Patrick straight up that they are taught in their country to hate all religion; yet, he listened to the entire Gospel. Patrick also witnessed to two young men from Eritrea, as well as others. Patrick and I spent much time praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.



## Ghana

In January, we (my wife and I along with Grant and Brett) will, Lord willing, take a trip to Ghana, West Africa, with

about a dozen others to be a part of our Annual Prayer Camp. Grant and I hope to stay longer and take a trip to the North to pass out audio Bibles to a people group known as the Hausa. I will let Grant tell you more about this people group of Northern Ghana:

The Hausa are an ethnical group rather than a geologically-oriented people, but don't let the word "group" fool you; the Hausa are the largest ethnic group in Africa, numbering over 70 million people. They have significant indigenized populations in fifteen different African nations. The native language of these people is their name, Hausa. Hausa is the second largest of the African language groupings. We soon hope to attempt Bible distribution among these people. There are approximately 287,000 Hausa living in Ghana. We are planning and preparing to give out audio Bibles which will not be an easy job as 99% of all Hausa are Sunni Muslim. Only 1% claims any form of Christianity which includes Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, etc. Northern Ghana is a region I have long prayed for and hope you will, too. Consider praying for these people who are blinded by the religion of Mohammed. Perhaps even consider reaching out to these people, as many reside in the U.S.A., or maybe God would place it on your heart to aid us in purchasing materials for distribution in Ghana.

**The old blind man below was saved after listening to an audio Bible.**



For His Kingdom,  
Grant Williams

Please contact me at [gems4Christ@ymail.com](mailto:gems4Christ@ymail.com) if you would like to have a part in sending audio Bibles to these people.



## D. R. Congo

YES, CONGO! Early upon our return to the U.S. in 2017, God began to whisper Congo in my ear. It started when I found an old Bible with a map of Congo that I had pasted in the back pages around 2002. It caught my attention then, and I prayed about it. In 2018, a missionary and I talked about the Congo and potential plans to reach a remote group of Pygmies. Once again, my attention was caught, but this time in a much larger way. However, I didn't want to make a decision out of desire or a spirit of adventure, so I decided to pray and let God bring it around again if so be His desire.

Then many, many more small things happened, but I will not take time to rehearse them here. Suffice it to say that when I received messages from a person in the D.R. Congo, whom I have never met nor previously had contact with, God had my full attention.

When they told me they were up praying at 3:00 AM and when they sent me the same verse that God had used before I left Ghana to tell me that He would spread our mission work to new countries, I knew Congo was in God's plan for GEMS somehow.



Later I received a phone call, "Pastor, we are waiting for you all over the Congo. The door is open for you!" My mind went immediately to the Macedonian Vision. I started to read the text..."immediately we endeavored to go." (Acts 16:10)... I immediately planned to go to Congo, but I prayed for God to continue to guide in His time.

Then on my recent trip to Germany, whom do Patrick and I meet on a train? A man from Congo! When at a meeting at a German church later, whose contact does a German Pastor give me? A man who has gone to the pygmy villages! What is given to me by the same German pastor on my way to the airport to fly home? The first \$300.00 towards a trip to the D. R. Congo! I will let Grant now share with you what God is doing in his heart concerning the Congo!



**Congo:** the heart of Africa, the epitome of the Dark Continent, the white man's grave. It is a place where men cry in darkness, and none hear; for how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they know of a God Who loves them except someone tells them. For they live in darkness with no light. They live in despair, having no hope. They seek peace, where there is no peace.

God has burdened my heart for these people and has called me to them. It is my prayer that, by His grace, light will again shine in Darkest Africa, God's light. And if God permits, perhaps I, or you, could be the candle to carry light to a world without hope. They live in poverty, but money is not the final answer. Yes, they go hungry, but it's not food that will ultimately satisfy. Many are naked, yet clothing is not what will change their destiny. We can and should supply temporal needs, but these things won't last and a man without hope is already dead. We can give them hope! We can give them

life, not as the world gives, but hope beyond death and life after the grave. Can you and I deny ourselves that they might be freed? Are we willing to give up our dreams and our desires to give them light? It's a high price to pay, but think of Him Who paid it all for you. I ask you to pray: pray for the Congo and its people; pray for laborers in this harvest. "For the works were finished before the foundation of the world." Pray for those who will take the light to these people, and, finally, pray as to what God would have you to do in regards to these people, that light may once again shine in Darkest Africa.

For His Kingdom,  
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***"I don't want to live within the sound of the church bell, I want to run a rescue mission within a yard of Hell."***

**- C.T.Studd, Missionary to Belgian Congo -**



**"Lord, send me anywhere, only go with me! Lay any burden on me, only sustain me! Sever any tie, save the tie that binds me to thine heart! Lord Jesus my King, I consecrate my life, Lord to thee!"**

**-David Livingstone-**

**Would you join us in His harvest?!**

Michael Williams



**"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide." (Psalm 48:14)**



As we reflect over the past few weeks, we thank the Lord for being our Guide in setting up meetings, supplying our needs, and saving sinners. Thanks for your faithful prayers and financial support for the cause of Christ.

With the Lord's grace, while traveling 1,500 miles during June and July, we attended ten meetings in three states and two countries. In August and September, we met churches in Nebraska, Illinois, and Michigan and had the opportunity to speak in a Spanish church service as well as to Christian school students. It is always a special blessing to our hearts to meet young men who are sensing the Lord's call on their lives to carry the Gospel to Germany. I met such a young man in Nebraska, and I am confident that He Who has begun a good work in him will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for the funds that you have sent our way toward upcoming moving expenses and the purchase of a piano.





**Special Meeting (above)** - It was such a blessing to meet and preach for Missionary Campbell in Quebec, Canada. We presented our ministry to the church and enjoyed a wonderful fellowship with the people. The service was also special in that my parents attended the meeting and that I was able to preach in French. I found out my French was a little rusty, but the good Lord helped me!



**German Jewel (left)** - Our hearts are always stirred to meet Germans on the deputation trail. We met Gertrud in Massachusetts. She came to the service because she heard we were going to Europe to reach her people. Gertrud was a very young woman when she moved to the U.S.; she shared with us her concern for relatives who have never heard the gospel. The most memorable statement she made was this: "I grew up in church; I loved church; but I never heard the Gospel until I got to America. I am so happy that people are taking the Gospel to Germany."

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**"You are shining!"**

**Foreign Fruit (below)** – As we were walking toward our car, we noticed a group of Canadian teenagers sitting in the parking lot just beside our car. The Lord Who had brought them to us gave us thereby a wonderful opportunity to witness to them in French. Alexandre, Chloe, and Arian were so hungry to hear about Jesus that they gladly received Him as their Savior. The openness of these young people to the Gospel reminded us of the words of our Savior: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."



**Praises** - Let's join the songwriter in crying out, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" We would like to thank all the churches that have gone to great lengths to meet many of our personal and ministry needs. We know that our Lord will continue to meet your need as you allow Him to use you for the furtherance of the Gospel. This time the support came exclusively from churches we visited many months ago. We are thankful that the Lord continues to work in the hearts of His people long after our meetings.

**Looking Ahead** - We are gearing up for a departure to Germany by the end of March, 2020. We have been on the trail for over eighteen months, and we praise the Lord for all the things He has already done. We covet your prayers for travel mercies and the blessing of God upon our labors. May the Lord give us souls for our labors and make us a blessing to Believers. In the upcoming months, we will visit churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Georgia.



**Bro. Patrick with Missionary Bob Radank**



**Passing out tracts at a university in Frankfurt**

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Josh and Emily Brown

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.” (Philippians 3:3)

As we look back on the past three months, we are reminded again of how blessed we are to serve the Lord in Ghana. We are able to serve Him with all confidence knowing that He will perform the work that He began so long ago. We would like to share with you what God has been doing:

**Pastors and Workers Conference** - Each year in August, our churches have the opportunity to attend a Pastors and Workers Conference at Fundamental Baptist Church International in the city of Kumasi. This year we crammed 66 of our members in two trotros (vans) to attend the four-day conference that focused on the Great Commission. This was a wonderful time for our people to get away from the daily life of the village and to be immersed in Biblical preaching and teaching. By the end of the conference, many of our people made decisions to become a better witness in their communities. Please pray that God will use these dear people in a great way to proclaim the Good News and that many will be turned from death unto life.



**Villages** - Please continue to pray for the churches in the villages of Apewu, Domba, and Ankaase. We have had several new people who were brought by our members. It has been encouraging to see them reaching others. Please pray as we disciple new converts. Our members live in a culture given to idolatry. The mindset of idolatry is ingrained in the mind of many of the people. In idolatry, service to the idol is usually motivated by fear. They will serve the idol in order to appease it so that no harm will come to them or to their family. Just this past month, they sacrificed a bull by the Lake because they feared that the idol would not provide enough fish.



This mindset of fear can be difficult to overcome even once a person gets saved. God has nothing in common with the “god of this world.” Christ tells us that we should keep His commandments in love and abide in His love. This is a stark contrast to what they have known. Please pray that the people in the villages will continue to learn of and understand the love of Christ and will be open to the truth of God’s Word.



“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” I John 4:18



**Banso Water Project** - Banso is a village of around 600 people that has no clean source of water. One reason for this is that there has never been a road to the town. Over the past several months, we were able to join with another NGO (non-government organization) as well as government officials to help build a road to and make arrangements to drill a well for the people of Banso. The road was completed on September 23rd, and I was able to drive into the town the first time on the 24th. It was humbling to see the celebration as the people were rejoicing over a road and the opportunity to get clean water; both are things that we Americans usually take for granted. Plans are set for drilling of the well to begin on October 2nd. Please pray for this town because idolatry is especially strong here. We are praying that God will use this new road and clean drinking water to help show them God's love, the Way to true life, and for them to drink of Living Water.



**Thursday Night Bible Study in Kokofu** - Kofi, one of the men from our new church in Ankaase, has family in the town of Kokofu where my family and I also live. He expressed that his family desired to come to one of our churches but was unable to travel the distance regularly (one hour each way by car). Together, we decided to begin holding a weekly Bible study on Thursday evenings in Kokofu. Our first meeting was held this past Thursday, September 26. It was a very special time as we met at his family's home and shared the Gospel with his family. It was extra special since Kofi was able to interpret as his wife and two daughters learned the wonderful news of salvation by grace. All three gave a testimony of placing their faith in Christ. Please pray for Kofi and his family as they grow in knowledge and grace.



**Family Blessing** - My wife and I have a wonderful blessing we would like to share. Our daughter Amaris was struggling with her salvation. She remembered praying the "sinner's prayer" as a young child, but she didn't have peace within. We were able to talk with her and she realized that she was trusting in a prayer rather than the Savior. She now has a testimony of trusting Christ alone and was baptized on her birthday, September 22. We are so grateful to the Lord for what He has done for Amaris and our family.



**Possible New Field Office** - In our last update, we mentioned a possible location to establish a field office near Bosomtwe Lake. The building mentioned was formerly an office for the Ghana Agricultural Department. It has been virtually unused over the past two years and will require a decent amount of repairs before we can begin using it. It is in a great location that is much closer to all three churches. This will allow more people to be a part of our men's prayer meetings, and we will be able to begin having more prayer meetings and Bible studies. The building has a conference room that would be used for our meetings. We have met with the appropriate government officials and should hear their conditions to us leasing the property in the coming days. Please pray that God will give guidance and provision.

#### Prayer requests

- That the church members of Apewu, Dompaa, and Ankaase will be a light in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.
- That new converts will grow grace and knowledge.
- That the people of Bonso will be open to the Gospel.
- That the people around the Lake will turn from idolatry.
- Please pray that God will give guidance and provision regarding the potential field office.

We thank you for your support, words of encouragement, and especially your prayers.



*In Christ,  
The Brown Family*

**A neighbor recently killed this python.**





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We are anticipating the arrival of a young couple to begin a deaf ministry at the church. Government bureaucracy is hindering Emil and Liza from returning to their hometown of Ploiesti from Chisinau, Moldova. We don't know for certain if and how they will integrate into our services, but we are eager to engage as the Lord wills. Meanwhile, we have changed the format of our Sunday morning service and use an interactive Bible study format with a half circle of chairs, presenting the message in Romanian. As we prepare to visit in the U.S., we look back on our first year of ministry with a heart of thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done and is doing in our lives and hearts. This year has been a steep learning curve as we find the right level of engagement in service to Lois' family and in church ministry. We look forward to what He will do in and through us in the years ahead.

**Thanksgiving:**

1. Established weekly care for Lois' father in cooperation with his wife and her family.
2. A new format for Sunday sermons, interactive and in Romanian.
3. Continued thanksgiving for God's mercy and grace, with continuing good health and strength for us all.

**Prayer needs:**

1. Continuing wisdom with our most important ministry in the training of our children.
2. A sign language translator as well as wisdom and guidance to support a deaf ministry.
3. Continuing progress in understanding the Romanian language and culture.