



November Newsletter



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By Faith (New Provisions)

As I wind down the path that God has chosen for me, I am continuously humbled by the many blessings He bestows on me and my family. God always provides our needs, but so many times He provides much more than we need as well. I began learning about faith as a young child watching my parents' prayers for God's provision answered time after time while they lived off of very meager finances. My faith continued to grow through some very lean times on the deputation trail as I watched God provide for my young family. Looking back, I realize that God was preparing me and teaching me all along for a greater journey of faith. When God asked me to start GEMS, I couldn't see – it didn't make sense - but I had learned enough to know God would provide and He has! What an awesome journey, a journey of faith, it has been! I have many recent blessings to tell you about but because of space I will just list a few.

- Brooke visited a doctor, had labs done, tests run. When we were ready to pay they informed us that they would only charge us for their cost of the labs. Total = \$20.00
- Brooke had been needing some dental work for a while, and though we didn't have the finances for it, she desperately needed the work done so we set an appointment and we began praying. Long story short, the total cost would become \$1950.00; before the work was finished we were handed a check for \$2000.00.
- One day after a particularly discouraging doctor's visit, I stopped at a fast food restaurant to get my family some food. The total came to just over \$38.00. While we were eating a man came and asked if all the children with us were ours, we replied in the affirmative. He then handed us \$40.00 and said, "God wanted you to know that lunch was on Him". Shortly after Brooke stopped crying from that gift, another man walked up, plopped \$40.00 on the table and walked out and Brooke started crying again. I guess God wanted to make sure our bill was paid!



- We received an email from a friend who told us he was sending us \$750.00 and hoped it would fill a need. At the time I didn't know of any needs that fit that amount, but I figured God had a plan. The next week I received two doctor bills that totaled \$710.00.

And the list goes on.....What an amazing God we serve!

New Leaders

I was lying on the couch in Ghana with a severely swollen ankle. The doctors had told me I could not go anywhere for one week. I complained to God, and was beside myself with worry for the churches. I messaged Pastor Bob Hooker of Calvary Baptist Church in Memphis, TN and told him my plight. He responded, "Mike, God just wants you to see that He is the one doing the work." Little did I realize God had allowed that time to show me that there were some men in the church who were ready to step up and start leading in the church. Now, several months later I see God's hand in it all. God knew what we were going to find out and that we wouldn't be returning as quickly to Ghana as I had originally thought and planned for. I am humbled yet once again at the foreknowledge, guidance and provision of God.

Please pray for John Walters, Abu Bonsor, Nicholas Amoah, and Kwabena Kyei who are leading the churches in our absence as well as Pastor Nicholas Ansa and Pastor Rexford Aning who are working with them and continuing to mentor them in my absence.

New Additions

Brooke and I are happy to announce that she is expecting child number six! As Brooke's health has not been so good, we had decided while stateside to get some medical care for. We had been seeing a few different doctors to try and get some answers and at one point we were sent to another facility to have an exploratory ultrasound done. When told we needed to see the overseeing physician right away we felt sure we were about to receive bad news and prayed and braced for this; but lo and behold, it was not a tumor but two precious babies that had been seen. What a surprise and relief to be sure! Due to complications, we have since lost one of the twins. Brooke is still experiencing some complications and we believe it to be God's will for her to remain in the U.S. with our other children until after the birth of the baby. I will travel back and forth to Ghana as God allows. In fact, I am typing this letter while on a plane to Ghana.

GEMS is very close to adding a new "gem" to its outreach. While not yet official, Gems Germany is under construction and we hope and pray that we will be introducing our missionaries for our new mission in our next update.



New Venues

The work for God has not stopped since we entered the United States. God immediately gave me opportunity to not only minister by teaching on Spiritual Warfare at Calvary Baptist Church in Memphis, TN, but also to help many people through Spiritual Warfare counseling. God never ceases to do His work whether in Ghana, Germany, or America.

Lord willing, Brooke and I will be traveling to Germany in December to do some legwork for GEMS Germany, preach, counsel, and visit with and hopefully encourage Christian friends of years past. Please pray with us and for us. The trip is scheduled for December 4th-14th.

New Prayer Camp Dates

Our Fourth Annual Prayer Camp in Ghana, West Africa will be held in **January** of 2018. The theme will be "Be Still". Unlike previous years, we will be holding our Prayer Camp in January rather than December. We are praying this change will open the door for more visitors from the U.S. Please consider coming. This is a week that will change your life! The dates of the 2018 conference will be January 16-19 with the entire trip length being 10-12 days. The total cost will be about \$1700.00 (including airfare, lodging, food and GEMS conference shirts). Please contact us ASAP for more info.

For His Glory,



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