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## A Day in the Life — Reporting from Texas — Part I

Dear Friends,

In this December article, I'd like to review what the Lord has done in our mission village, Ak-rampa, and in my own life. I'd like to begin by saying that this article is coming to you from New Braunfels, Texas where I am now because of the issues with my health. I arrived in Texas on November 6<sup>th</sup> and am staying with Dr. David Templin, an orthopedic surgeon, and his wife Amy, who is the daughter of Bob and Gloria Johnson. Dr. Templin is running tests to determine the cause of my pain. I had hip replacement surgery in 1993 and again in 2009. But since the middle of 2010 I have been suffering unbearable pain.

Once again, this trip to the USA has become possible due to your continued interest in me and the support I have received over all these years as your missionary. The congregation of FLC has continued to show Faith, LOVE, and Support in every way—both for the mission, and for my personal health. THANK YOU! I pray for the blessings of God to fill your lives and replenish all that you have given, and continue to give!

Akrampa continues because of your faithful giving, and your prayers that sustain the work of God among the people. The Word of God continues to be preached in the village and people's lives, especially those of the children, are being positively impacted by it. When I look back over the years to when the people lived in fear because of the influence of the fetish in their community and personal lives, to now, when they are experiencing liberation in the Truth of the Gospel, I can only praise God!

The school building has been renovated, and the breakfast program continues to be a significant factor affecting the health of the children, attendance to school, and higher productivity levels in the children. In 2013 the sixth group of students graduated from the Akrampa mission school and will go on to junior high! Thanks to you, Akrampa school is enjoying 'phenomenal growth'. The students excel in academics, sports and other community events. In keeping with Ghana's national curriculum of implementing computer training and education to children in elementary school, the FLC Endowment Fund will provide computers for the mission school upon my return to Ghana. Now that the government has run the electric poles and wires into Akrampa, the children are excited to have the electricity installed into the school.

The availability of clean drinking water continues to be a huge blessing to the people of Ak-rampa. Infectious diseases, infant mortality, and deaths among children, which were previously related to drinking infected water, have gone down! I am praying to be relieved of my pain, and looking forward to returning to my work in Ghana. I am excited to see what 2014 will bring for Akrampa!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Ben*