

Ghana prays for healing during the pandemic

Dear Friends,

During these difficult times in our world, I wanted to reach out to all of you and share some of the updates from Ghana and from our mission. I pray that all of you are doing well, that you are safe from this terrible pandemic that has overtaken the world. This pandemic has affected homes, families, communities, and nations such that for many life has come to a halt. For some, the economic and social circumstances prevailing now are such that it might take some time before full recovery.

End of April update:

On April 24th through April 27th, Ghanaian Christians took part in multiple days of fasting and prayer, to seek the face of our Lord Jesus to Heal our land and all the people of the world. The Muslim community was also asked to plan their own time of prayer for the world. These prayer times were live streamed over Facebook - for those who have the facility - and in the privacy of homes, at appointed times that covered a six-hour period each day (6am to 12 midday).

Social-distancing orders are still in force since our president announced it on March 15. Those who have disobeyed the presidential order have been arrested and prosecuted with various fines, with some being incarcerated.

It had been close to a month since we were forced to stop all work on the new Kitchen Building in Akrampa. Before the lockdown was put into place the new kitchen was only built up to the windows level, where the roof will be placed over. The reason for this was the lockdown that was put in place by the government on two of the biggest towns in Ghana (Accra, the capital - and Kumasi) to fight COVID-19. My family and I were locked down in Accra, and I was unable to go to Akrampa for awhile. As I write this, we have 1,154 cases with 9 dead.

In the last week of April, I was finally able to go with the contractor to buy the materials to finish the building of the new kitchen. This will finish our new Kitchen Building to the point of walls and roof, leaving only plaster, paint and appliances/furnishings.

I cannot stop saying 'thank you' for the resources that have been provided and all of the support. I'd especially like to thank the special lady who gave a tremendous gift to help her 'little lambs'. Her gift led us to undertake this auspicious project and has been a source of great motivation. God bless you!

I pray that God will keep you all safe and healthy until the day that we can celebrate together the completed Kitchen Building and have it commissioned to the glory of God. Please keep our Ghana Mission in your prayers!

Early May update:

As this article will be posted to you in early May, let me fill you in on where we are at this time. Again I must repeat that I pray all of you are all safe and well. This pandemic is stressful in so many different ways, to so many of us. May we all turn to Jesus with our fears and sadness.

Starting on May 1st the whole nation of Ghana is beginning another prayer marathon. We are beseeching God to save Ghana, and the world. The deaths and confirmed cases of illness around the world are heartbreaking.

By the grace of God, in spite of challenges due to restrictions put in place because of COVID-19, the roof is now on our new Kitchen Building. The next major phase is plastering. The plastering will start next week and once completed, it will be allowed to harden for a month before we start the painting. We still need to furnish the new Kitchen, and provide appliances (like a stove) and other needed kitchen utensils and equipment. These will be the next steps.

Thank you for continued prayer support. I need the prayers so that I will be safe and protected from any issues with COVID-19. Thank you also for your ongoing financial support of our mission. Your gifts make all of these things possible.

May God be with us all. Blessings, Pastor Ben