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Dear Pastor and Church,

We bring you very sincere greetings from Ghana with a prayer that this meets you doing well in the Lord. The Lord has us in His hands and care and we are very grateful.

So much has happened here since our last letter, and we are very grateful that we have our gracious Lord who has us in his hands. After our tribal festival I went down health wise a little bit and just as I was getting better Gloria also went down. Whatever it was the Lord took care of it for us. The festival itself went real well. I had the privilege of drawing closer to our chief, and he gave me the opportunity to preach one night at his forecourt. It was a real good night as I shared the good news of our Saviour Jesus Christ with them. There were not any open professions of faith but I know we sowed the seed in the hearts of those who heard us.

Our Radio Broadcast seems to be reaching farther than I thought. I really get excited and encouraged when I meet people and they tell me they have been listening to the broadcast and how much a blessing it is to them. I recently got a call from a converted Muslim lady a little over a hundred miles away from the station, and she was so grateful for our messages. She became a Christian not too long ago and she is enjoying the messages, very especially those that ended in October when I was speaking on the life of Jacob. In November I started a series on our Lord Himself. I have compiled the series on our Lord into a small booklet of some twenty pages which should be out before the end of the year. I love to write those booklets because they are easy reading and people can put them in their pockets when travelling. In Ghana most people go by public transport, and I want them to use the idle time reading.

One morning in early November as I was driving out of my house I met this twelve year old girl hiding behind a house in the neighborhood. She was in a school uniform. I stopped to ask what the problem was. She embarrassingly told me she had been sacked from school because the parents could not pay the rest of her fees, and they were about to start their end of term examinations. I asked how much and found out it was not much. It was something I could afford so after a little more chat, I gave her the money to pay. Of course, I added one of my small booklets on salvation. We parted and in the evening the uncle called to thank me. The next day she came to say thank you. Three days later she came with two friends who wanted copies of the book. A week later they came so we could discuss what was in the book. I explained the gospel to them. They left with a promise that they will be back. I am waiting for them to know what they did with the message.

Our leadership classes at Asesewa and at my place are going on well. Some of the students have gotten jobs that have taken them out of town but others are coming. I am sure next year will find us ordaining some of them for the missions. Do be praying for us. Some of the missions are having real spiritual challenges.

Brother Ekow Ansah's wife had not been having real good health for some time. She was battling with hypertension and diabetes with other attendant ailments. For some six months she could not get out of her room. In the first week of November she went to be with the Lord. Gloria and I went to see Brother Ekow and the children. The chief of the town had placed a ban on all public gatherings for the whole of November so it was only in the second week of December before the larger family and friends could meet to discuss the funeral plan. In Ghana funerals are planned by the larger family and sometimes the whole clan. And especially if it involves a spouse, you must tread cautiously. Brother Ekow and his wife belong to the Akan tribe. They normally have a big pre-burial meeting. It is almost like the burial itself. Here anyone who wants to help with the burial will bring his or her donation or make a pledge. A funeral committee will also be formed. This was the meeting that was held. There were over five hundred present. The wife's head of family in consultation with Brother Ekow decided that the burial should be the second week of March 2023 because other funerals were already lined up. After this, there are two more meetings which will be held by the selected funeral committee.

PLEASE DO BE IN PRAYER FOR BROTHER EKOW AND THE CHILDREN. He tries to smile but I notice he is hurting. I try to call as often as I can to see how he is holding up. The mission Toyota pickup is with him so he could move around a bit easier. I have asked him not to write his newsletter. The missions are, however, doing well. He is replaying some of his recorded radio broadcasts.

Remember some time ago I mentioned going to a funeral at one of our mission points to bury one of the members and I met a boy called Israel? Israel is a nephew to the late brother. Israel was weeping so much I decided to get around him and we became friends. Three months later Israel's father also died and I went for the funeral. Our friendship got more cemented. Well, Israel's mother wants me to foster him for her. Please pray about this for me. I will love to, but I want to be sure that is what the Lord wants. The GOOD NEWS on the other hand is Israel's big brother (about 34 years old) who heard me preach at the funeral has come to see me. He is involved in a cult that calls itself a church and wants out of it and to be trained to be a preacher. I shared a lot with him and gave him some of my booklets. We have scheduled to start our real studies from the middle of January. Please pray for me and him too. He has some fears and yet wants TRUTH. He is called Joshua.

We are doing well by God's grace. We wish you God's grace and strength in these turbulent times. Our God has promised to keep His eyes on us and we know he is doing just that. He is the Promise-Keeper.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Brother Samuel, Gloria and children.