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Building a New Team

Many Hands Make Light Work!

As the old saying goes, “Many hands make light work”. This is so true for the Ghana Initiative (GI) mission teams. One might also say, “Many hands help to shine God’s light brighter.” Our team members make a point of introducing Jesus and the Word of God to every person who comes to them for care. We don’t want to miss the opportunity to share Christ with those who don’t already know Him, thus bringing light into otherwise dark places.

In early November, GI hosted an information meeting for everyone interested in learning about and perhaps joining our next mission team. **Our next team will serve in Ghana from August 5 to August 19, 2016.** We expect to have a 15 member team consisting of doctors, nurses, teachers, opticians, interns and other volunteers. If you wish to apply for and join our 2016 mission team or would like information, please contact Troy Pfoutz at tpfoutz@dejazzd.com. We are excited to see what God has instore for GI in the coming year.

The team will once again head to Pokrom Nsaba in the Eastern Region of Ghana, to examine and treat anyone with a physical need and conduct follow-up visits with those that were treated back in April 2015. There will be a teaching staff to offer a Bible School for the children in the village. This year we hope to have an eye care specialist on staff to provide examinations and prescribe glasses to all in need.

This year GI will have the opportunity to share in “Children’s Day” with Compassion International. This will be a year for new opportunities and celebration for all involved with GI!



Planning for the Future

Base of Operations

The Ghana Initiative vision includes building a permanent Base of Operations/Pastoral & Missionary Training Center in Pokrom Nsaba. In April of 2015 GI was blessed with a donation of 2 acres of prime land by the chief of the region. This land is located only a few hundred yards away from the local school and Presbyterian Church, the place where our mission teams set-up their clinics. Ownership of this land has been legally transferred to Ghana Initiative and will soon be excavated and prepared for building to begin. Todd Good at Goody’s Home Design, Inc. of Manheim donated his time and services to draw up the plans for the base. (See related photos) The base will be a place for missionaries to find lodging and used as a training center for church planters and local missionaries. It will also be used to store optical supplies and equipment for our mobile optical clinic in the future.

The base will also function as a warehouse for medical supplies and equipment and a place to park the mobile medical clinic. The facility will be managed by an onsite staff member 24 hours per day and provide jobs for members of the community. We look forward to operating a church planting school at this base several times per year and providing housing for missionaries. **GI is seeking financial support to bring life to this worthy project.**



On The Move

Ready to Roll!

Change at a local private school, turns into a blessing for Ghana Initiative. In August, 2015, GI director, Seth Pobe, learned that a local Christian school was looking to sell some of their older school busses. After some consultation with the GI board and a bit of deal making with the school, GI was able to purchase a bus at a very reasonable price. The bus is in great condition and will eventually be shipped to Ghana to serve as the means of transportation for GI mission teams well into the future. We would like to thank **Cassel Signs of Lititz** for agreeing to print the Ghana Initiative name and logo on both sides of the bus at no cost to GI! It is an honor to partner with Cassel Signs in this unique way to help further the vision of Ghana Initiative. Below is a photo of the freshly printed school bus. We thank God for opening this door that will keep Ghana Initiative on the move!



Ways you can Support GI

Here's how you might be able to help!

Immediate GI Ministry Needs

➤ Base of Operations/Missionary Training Center (Building Fund)	\$165,000.00
➤ Health and Hygiene Educational Materials for Children	\$450.00
➤ Multi-Vitamins for Pregnant and Nursing Mothers	\$500.00
➤ Water Purification Systems for a Family of up to 10 People	\$79.00
➤ Shipping Costs for the Team Bus	\$5000.00
➤ Medications to Treat Multiple Illnesses While Serving in Ghana	\$2000.00
➤ Bible School Materials for Mission Trip in August 2016	\$500.00

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Things Are Looking Bright

Old Glasses Bring New Sight



Those living in the United States tend to take quality vision care for granted. We have easy access to both prescription and reading glasses, and often regard eyeglasses as a fashion statement. In Ghana, things are quite different. Good vision comes at a premium. Many people have no way of having their vision checked, and most do not have access to, nor could they afford glasses. In an effort to make a real difference and bring better sight to the people of Ghana, GI is partnering with **ModernEYES Optical of Lancaster**. Together we will be providing free eye examinations for the people who come to the GI medical clinic and make available free eyeglasses for those found to have vision problems.

The glasses to be distributed to patients in August have been collected by students at **Donegal Junior High School** and patrons of ModernEYES Optical. In the future we are planning to provide ongoing eye care for residents in and around Pokrom Nsaba. We will train a local man/woman to perform in home eye examinations and glasses fitting. They will travel throughout the region on a moped and be paid according to the number of patients they have cared for. More to come in future newsletters.



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