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Here I Am!

God Meant It For God

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

(Genesis 50:20)

The book of Genesis closes with a record of an account between Joseph and his brothers who had wronged him so terribly. Joseph had every right to be angry with his brothers and the authority in Egypt to even the score. But Joseph responded with the words above.

It is obvious that Joseph trusted the God who would later say,

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

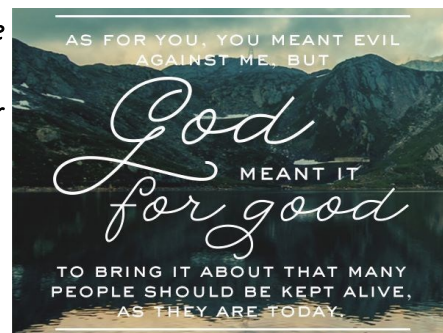
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

(Isaiah 58:8-9)

God has been reminding us lately that this remains true today and for our ministry. Take a look at the two articles on page 2.

The first has to do with some “bad news” we received at the end of last school year. But God showed us that what we see as bad news isn’t always bad.

The second has to do with our hope to plant a church in Pakro, a plan that had to be reconsidered due to im-



possible roads to that community. So a new location was considered and now the people of Pakro have a church they can walk to and the people of Odeikrom have a church that wasn’t even on our radar. And the way things are developing, it seems like this arrangement may work out for the best.

May God continue to direct this ministry as only he can, using even what we might consider bad for good.

April 2025 Prayer Requests

- Odeikrom Church Plant—First Sunday Service—Easter Sunday (bottom of pg. 2).
- Praise the Lord we are back on social media (Facebook and Instagram)—pg. 3.
- Praise the Lord for the new Christian School for Abby (top of pg. 2), Patrick, Charity and Hope.
- Please continue to pray with us concerning the educational needs of our special needs kids.

2025 Annual Prayer Requests

- Full Missionary Support for Dekus.
- Opening of Building 2 including staff.
- 20% of WAMM-Ghana Support from within Ghana.
- Expansion of Our Solar Power System.
- Pockets of Prayer (Hosts and “Homes”).
- Pakro/Odeikrom Church Plant

God Used It For Good

At the end of last school year, we received what we thought was some very bad news. Two of our children were no longer going to be able to remain at their school. They just couldn't keep up.

But in keeping with the lead article of this issue of **Here I Am!** (pg. 1), God showed us that his ways and our ways are often dissimilar.

This was especially true concerning Abby. This little girl had become a very solemn, withdrawn young lady. And when she learned she was not

going to be able to remain at her school, she was heartbroken.

But God, had other things in mind for her. The picture to the right shows Abby as she has become. The new Christian School she attends is such an encouraging environment for her and it seems as if a weight has been lifted. Abby smiles regularly and is thrilled with her new school, friends, and teachers.

God reminded us that he remains the God of Genesis 50:20. What seems to be evil, God uses for good.



Church-Planting Update From Pastor Paul



I am excited to share a wonderful update about the church planting work in Odekrom. By God's grace, the chiefs and elders of the community have warmly accepted us and have shown great support for our mission. As a remarkable gesture of their goodwill, they have offered us an abandoned pavilion within the community to renovate and use as a

temporary place of worship. This provides us with an immediate gathering place while we prepare to purchase land they have shown us for a permanent church building.

Even more encouraging is that children from some of the chiefs' families have already started attending our Bible studies and prayer meetings. One of the chiefs' wives has also been faithfully attending. This is a powerful testimony of how God is opening doors and drawing people to Himself. The community is eager for us to begin Sunday morning services on Easter Sunday, and there is a deep hunger for the Word of God. Many are ready to commit their lives to Christ.

Will you pray with us that. . .

- The work will be completed efficiently and without delay.
- The new church location will be a beacon of light, drawing many to Christ in Odekrom.
- The chiefs, their families, and the entire community will fully surrender their lives to Christ.
- The hearts of those waiting for the Sunday services will remain open and ready to receive the gospel.
- God will make a way for us to acquire the land for a permanent church building in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and love for the work of God in Ghana. May the Lord bless you abundantly as we labor together for His kingdom.

We're Back



We thank Jesus that we are finally back on social media. Due to some complications, we had to shut things down for a while, but we are again able to have a presence on both Instagram (to the left) and Facebook (to the right).

Thank you to Pastor Chris for setting up these two pages. We trust that they will be informative, encouraging and helpful. Please share them with your friends.



**Please Feel Free to Share this Newsletter
with Anyone You Believe May Be Interested!**

Cost-Free Ways to Support/Promote WAMM



In February, I introduced you to Chris Baker, a pastor from Hillsdale, Wisconsin who visited us in Ghana

this year. Now I want to introduce you to Chris Baker, WAMM's newest board member.

Among other things, Chris has agreed to help us with the promotional, fund-raising part of our ministry. As stated above, he is the one who got us back on social media.

He asked that we share the following cost-free ways that you can help WAMM:

1. "Like", "Share", "Follow", and Comment on WAMM social media accounts (Facebook at [West African Mercy Ministries](#) and Instagram at [@WAMM_Ghana](#).

2. Give a positive Google review.
3. Share this newsletter on your social media.
4. Speak to your pastor about having Pastor Brian speak at your church and/or missions conference.
5. Be a WAMM ambassador for your church. Print copies of the newsletter for your church.
6. Ask friends if they would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email.
7. Publicize fundraising efforts.
8. Above all, Please Pray!

Thank You and Thanks Chris!



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The Mission of Our Mission

Glorifying God by Loving Jesus through Mercy Ministry is the mission of West African Mercy Ministries. Glorifying God should be every believer's mission. The Bible tells us that everything we do should be done for this purpose (1 Corinthians 10:31). And God told Moses that his glory would be seen as his mercy was displayed (Exodus 33:19). That is why "Glorifying God" is an essential part of our mission.

The Bible also tells us that when we show mercy to the marginalized of society we are showing love to Jesus (Matthew 25:40). In some supernatural way, our acts of love demonstrated to the "least of these" are actually acts of love being experienced by Jesus. That is why we have included "Loving Jesus" as part of our mission.

"Mercy Ministry", then, is the practical way we accomplish our goals of "Glorifying God" and "Loving Jesus". It is what brings these two theoretical desires into the realm of practical reality. We really can glorify God and we really can love Jesus by extending mercy to the orphaned and oppressed in Ghana. And you can too!

Support Opportunities

If you would like to . . .

- ☐ Sponsor a Baby Bed at HOME (see <https://youtu.be/ZpHik3mG0CI>).
- ☐ Help Support the McIntyre's—insuring their continued involvement in WAMM
- ☐ Help Support the Dekus—our Ghanaian Missionary Partners
- ☐ Partner with WAMM in planting mercy-ministering churches in Ghana

With a . . .

- ☐ One-Time Gift of \$ _____
- ☐ Monthly Gift of \$ _____
- ☐ Annual Gift of \$ _____

Please fill out this form and mail it with your name and address to

West African Mercy Ministries, P.O. Box 2028, Waukesha, WI 53187 or to Brian@WAMMGhana.com

Or Check out our PayPal option on the Website: WestAfricanMercy.org