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Here I Am!

He, Not We!

In Numbers 20 we read about the second time God provided water from a rock for the Israelites. True to form they were quarreling with Moses, blaming him for bringing them into the wilderness away from Egypt where they had it so good.

Moses and Aaron went to speak to God about the situation and were told, *"Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water"* (vs. 8).

Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" (vs. 10).

At this point Moses struck the rock and water came

forth. All seems to be right with the world again.

But that was not so. This incident cost Moses his entrance to the promised land and God explained why:

Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.

Most of us grew up believing that Moses forfeited his entrance into the promised land because he hit the rock instead of speaking to it. But that is not what God said.

God said, *"You did not be-*



lieve in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel." And that was demonstrated through Moses use of the word "we" instead of "he". One little word (only one letter in English) cost Moses dearly.

AT WAMM we are in the middle of a two-month long prayer campaign (see pg. 4). God has already begun answering our prayers (see inside). But, please, as you read these reports, remember, I am sharing with you what He has done, not what we have done.

To God be the Glory!

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2025 Annual Prayer Requests

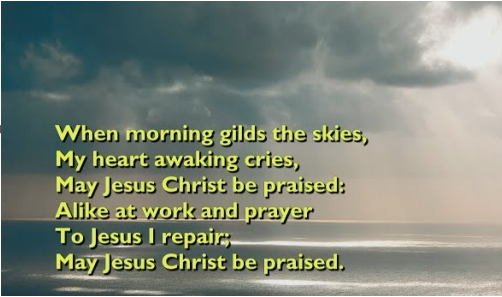
- Full Missionary Support for Dekus.
- Opening/Use of Building 2 including staff.
- 20% of WAMM-Ghana Support from within Ghana.
- Expansion of Our Solar Power System.
- Pockets of Prayer (Hosts and "Homes").
- Financial partners for the Odeikrom Church Plant.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

On October 30, I invited you all to join us on a prayer campaign for the finances of WAMM (see details on page 4). It didn't take long for God to begin answering our prayers. The very next Sunday we were invited to have dinner with some dear friends of ours. These friends regularly support HOME by sponsoring two of the children in our care. As we were leaving that evening, one of their daughters handed us an envelope. When we returned home we found, to our amazement, a check for in excess of

\$5,000.00. This was the day before our prayer campaign was scheduled to begin.

That following week we received a number of donations from people who had given in the past, but were not monthly supporters. It seems these folks were all prompted to give as we began to pray. It included two \$2,000 gifts and one for \$1,200. Another donor added \$300 to their regular support. A lady who had visited Ghana years ago sent a check for \$440. Someone else agreed to



When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised;
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised.

become a regular child sponsor. And we gained another supporting church. All within the first two weeks of our prayer campaign.

As Debbie and I were talking about all of this, a hymn from my childhood came to mind (it is pictured above). Truly, as we consider what God has done in the first two weeks:

May Jesus Christ Be Praised!

**Please Feel Free to Share this Newsletter as a Way to
Encourage Others that God Still Provides!**

Two Delayed Gifts

Before I share these two stories, let me make sure I express my thanks to Jehovah Jireh (Our Provider) and to those of you who give on a regular (usually monthly) basis. Were it not for you, we wouldn't have even seen 2025 as a ministry. Yes, we appreciate what God has done in November, but we deeply appreciate what all of you have allowed him to do through you for 20 years.

But God has also provided through some amazing one-time gifts. The first came to our attention on the Wednesday after we began to pray. A gentleman who agreed to pray with us went to work after that first

day of prayer to find his boss asking the employees if anyone knew of a non-profit who could use some help right now. It seems they had some money to give away before the year ended. And so he shared about WAMM. His boss responded with a \$50,000.00 check. We received the check three weeks later thanks to USPS.

The second delayed gift came from a pastor who received our call to prayer as his church was going through a series on prayer and as he was preparing to conduct a Bible study on prayer that night. He and his wife had been wondering what

God might have them do with some money they had at their disposal for ministry. So, this dear friend (whom I met in Ghana) sent a donation of \$45,000.00 that very day. However, PayPal apparently thought I needed some stress over this, resulting in our hearing of the donation four weeks later.

Imagine, totaling the \$5,000.00 gift I mentioned above and these two gifts, God provided over \$100,000.00 within two days of our beginning to pray.

**Thanks be Unto God
For His Unspeakable Gift!**

A George Muller Thing!

This story involves two dinners Debbie and I attended. The first was on a Sunday evening with the Mission Team from our sending church (Kettle Moraine Community Church). It was at that meeting that Debbie and I shared what God had already begun to do in answer to our prayer. Of special interest to one of the team members was the story of the \$50,000 gift I shared with you at the bottom of page 2.

Fast forward to the following Sunday. Debbie and I were visiting another supporting church who was having a pre-Thanksgiving celebration (if you

feed me, I will come).

Between the church service and the dinner, a member of the church family pulled me aside. I had no idea that this man even knew about our prayer campaign or our needs. But he was tremendously excited to share with me that a co-worker of his (one of the KMCC Mission Team members) had shared with him about this unsolicited gift that had come in just days after we began to pray. His comment was, Wow, that's a George Muller thing.

George Muller is a huge part of the crowd Hebrews 12:1 talks about to

"My eye is not on the density of the fog, but on the living God who controls every circumstance of my life."



me. God's provision solely in answer to prayer bolstered this man's faith in Jehovah Jireh, just like Muller hoped it would do for people in his day.

My God is an Awesome God!

Watch for More Pictures of Adoptable Children Future Newsletter Editions.

Exceeding Abundantly

Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
²¹unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Sometimes I have to go back to my King James' roots. This is one of those times because I like the phrase "exceeding abundantly".

In the first month of our prayer campaign God has done amazing things

in providing for the deficit that we experienced this year. And I thank the Lord for that more than you can know. But we still have a month to go in this campaign. What next?

I am asking you to join with me in asking God to go well beyond what we were asking. He has granted our requests for funds to cover our 2025 shortfall. That is what we asked.

But dare we pray that he might do exceeding abundantly beyond that as we look forward to the year to come? Would you continue to pray with me, asking God to provide for

our needs to not only continue this ministry in 2026, but perhaps to expand it? I know it is a bit cliché, but I am asking God that WAMM would not just survive, but to thrive. We still have house #2 to fill. We still have churches to plant and to support. We still have children to sponsor. Would you pray with me for God to "bless our socks off" as he is able and I pray he is willing.

And then will you watch with me to see how God might respond to such prayer? I know this is a big ask, but...

We Serve a Big God!

Will You Fast and Pray With Us?

When: Each Monday Until 2025 Ends

For What: An Increase in God's Provision for WAMMM

Why: So Our Eyes Are On Him When He Provides



At the beginning of 2025, using as much due diligence as we could muster, West African Mercy Ministries developed a budget that we believed would meet the needs of our children's home, House of Mercy (HOMe). We were feeling pretty good about that until February came around. It was then that the Government of Ghana decreased the Cedi/Dollar exchange rate from 15/1 to 10/1. That meant each dollar we sent to HOMe instantly became 33% less valuable.

As a result, 2025 became the most challenging year in our 20-year history when it came to financing. What has been God's response? Instead of increasing our income he recently chose to increase the number of children in our care to 19, the most we have ever had.

Why would he choose to respond like this? I believe it was to focus our attention directly on him through prayer. That way we will not miss it when he provides.

Will you join us in a weekly time of fasting and prayer? I am not sure why it matters to God that I don't eat when I pray, but I cannot deny that fasting and prayer is something he calls us to do. So, in obedience and anticipation we are setting aside each Mondy through the end of the year to call out to God for his provision for the children at HOMe and we would appreciate you joining with us. If you can't fit every Monday into your schedule, please join us when you can.