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Isaiah 58:9 insists that those who involve themselves in extending God's mercy will here hear him say, "Here I Am!" That is where this newsletter got its name. But Isaiah 58 is not the only place in the Bible that God's presence has been promised and realized.

Do you remember the story of the Exodus, how God freed the Israelites from captivity in Egypt and brought them to the promised land. He did this with a visible demonstration of his presence (in the pillars of cloud and fire) and also through his provision for the people of Israel throughout their journey.

I could not help but think of this story as God responded to our prayer over the past

two months. It reminded me that he has

not just been providing for WAMM during our prayer campaign but he has been doing so for the past 20 years.

The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt reminds me of a number of different ways God has shown himself present to us through his provision for this ministry. The articles inside are meant as reminders of what he has done for WAMM as well as encouragements of what he can do for you.

I didn't have time to mention all of you who have allowed God to provide



through you. We are so thankful for those who helped us buy property, build buildings in Teiman, renovate the children's home in Adenta, purchase vehicles, as well as providing for our family over the years. God has been present and he has used your presence to provide. I have dedicated this issue of "Here I Am!" to thank God and to thank all of you too. It may be a bit repetitive, but I just don't think we can thank Jehovah Jireh and all of you often enough. You are truly appreciated.

January 2026 Prayer of Thanks

God's Promise:

*Do not be deceived:
God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows.
(Galatians 6:7)*

My Prayer:

*May All Who Have Sown Generously
to this Ministry Reap Abundantly!*

2026 Annual Prayer Requests

- *Opening/Use of Building 2 including staff.*
- *Faith and Dignity Building Support for WAMM-Ghana from within Ghana (pg. 4).*
- *Forever Families for the Children at HOME.*
- *Pockets of Prayer (Hosts and "Homes").*
- *Evangelistic & Edificational Growth in the HCBC (Hope Community Baptist Church) Churches in Oparekrom & Odeikrom.*

The "Looting" of Egypt

The first instance of God providing for Israel during the Exodus is recorded in Exodus 12:35-36.

The people . . . had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

I look at this as God's means of providing the start-up funds for the nation of Israel.

Though looting was not involved in WAMM's start-up funding, God did provide resources more than 20 years ago through two unexpected

gifts.

The first came from a couple who were visiting the church I pastored when I announced my resignation. They invited my wife and I to go out for lunch with them and then "blew us out of the water" by handing us a \$20,000.00 check. They did not know about our intentions ahead of time and did not know us all that well either, but God . . .

Later that week a widow lady from a former church had somehow heard of our plans and she presented us with a check for \$10,000.00, all



within a week of my making known our intentions to move to Ghana to begin working with the orphaned and oppressed of that nation.

Thanks be to God for his amazing grace. And to that first couple (you know who you are) thank you again for enabling WAMM to get started. I'll have to thank that dear widow when I see her again in heaven.



The second means of God's provision for the people of Israel during the Exodus that comes to mind has to do with his daily provision of manna. If you think about it, Israel would never have experienced the amazing things God did for him on their journey and as they entered the Promised Land had they not had food to eat to guarantee their survival.

rocks or the crossing of the Jordan or the victory over Jericho had they not been sustained every day.

I don't want that to be true for WAMM. God has used many of you to support WAMM on a monthly/quarterly/annual basis over the past 20 years and that has ensured that we are still "alive". Last month I shared some pretty amazing things

Daily Manna

God has done of late, but that could not have happened had WAMM not survived this long.

So, lest I fall into the trap of getting over excited about more "flashy" gifts, I want to thank each and every one of you who have cared enough for Debbie and me and have had compassion for the hurting ones in Ghana but mostly for being available to the Lord throughout the years to provide the necessary resources for this ministry to extend God's love/mercy to those in need. You are our manna and we can't thank you enough.

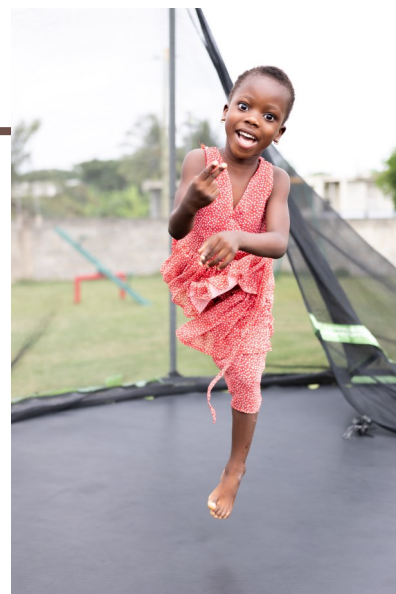
Water From the Rocks

A third way God provided for the people of Israel is exemplified in the two instances in which he provided water from two different rocks. These are two of the more remarkable miracles, the ones I referred to earlier as “flashy” miracles. And they too were necessary for the survival of the nation of Israel on the journey God had designed for them.

Last month I shared with you, how, that within the first week of our 2025 Prayer Campaign God provided over \$120,000.00 of unusual donations (in addition to providing Debbie and I with a new-to-us vehicle).

2025 was the most challenging year we have faced in our 20 years of existence, brought on largely by a decrease in the Dollar/Cedi exchange rate. That devaluation increased our needs by 33%, something we had no way of anticipating and therefore no way for which to budget as we entered the year.

But God, in answer to prayer, prompted the heart of some of his children to come to our aid and that has allowed us to not only end the year in the black, but to have a larger cash reserve than we had at the beginning of the year.



Again, we thank God and we thank those of you who gave so generously and sacrificially to make this possible. Your availability to God’s prompting truly amazed us.



A fourth way that God provided for the people of Israel was in a way that we don’t think about so often.

Deuteronomy 29:5 tells us:

I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not

worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.

Think about it for forty years the Israelites did not need new clothes or shoes. So how does this apply to God’s provision for WAMM.

Bear with me, and understand that I am not calling Pastor William and Priscilla and old pair of shoes, but this dear couple has demonstrated tremendous resilience since they started ministry with us in 2010.

For 15 years these two children of our Lord have worked 24/7 without any vacation. God has given them

the strength and willingness to continue working simply because it is what God has called them to do.

We really have tried to find a way to relieve them, even for a time, but they are insistent that this is the work God has called them to and that God will give the strength they require (obviously not Americans).

We thank God for William and Priscilla and we thank the two of them for their tireless work (or tired work). God has blessed WAMM with them and we pray he will bless them in return many times over.

A Good Pair of Shoes



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Building Faith and Dignity

Thenty Years ago I was challenged by a Ghanaian Doctor of Education to work hard at helping to give his people their dignity back. This was a startling request which prompted me to ask for an explanation.

He explained that one down side to missionary activity in Ghana had been an unintentional belief that God could not provide for the needs of Ghanaians except through expats. His request was that we do whatever we can to demonstrate that God can and will provide for Ghanaian ministries "immediately" rather than intermediately. He wanted to see his people believe that God loves Ghanaians directly, He didn't have to use "the whites" to show his love and care.

My prayer in 2026 is that God would accomplish this 20-year old dream. Would you please pray with me that God would amaze our brothers and sisters in Ghana (as well as those of us here) with not only his ability but his willingness to do this. May God use this to restore the dignity and grow the faith of believers across Ghana as He works amazingly to provide for WAMM-Ghana and HOME.

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 \$ _____

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