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December, 2017 we had an exciting trip to Brazil. Our first stop was to Mato Grosso State where we were invited to take part in “*Desperta Discipulados para a missão*” in Sinop. It was three days of intense prayers, worship and teaching. We were all challenged to remember and to obey our Lord’s commandment to go into all the world and make disciples.



We met with several ophthalmologists in Londrina who have committed to coming to West and North Africa to perform eye surgeries.



King ministering at the Central Methodist Church in Londrina, Brazil.



In Sinop many made commitments to take the gospel to those who have not heard.



During this trip we also visited Londrina in the Parana State. We were hosted by Pastor Fernando of the Central Methodist Church of Londrina (*picture on the left*). This dynamic church is very active in their community and has the desire to take the gospel to unreached people groups.

We had a great time of fellowship with our dear brother, Breno, who visited Bethany village last summer along with Pastor Fernando. They both have a passion to reach the unreached people groups in the 10/40 window. We are grateful to the Lord for allowing us to serve together using sustainable agricultural and medical programs as a tool to present the gospel.

God continues to open doors for us to join our brothers and sisters in Central and South America in advancing the Kingdom of God. Truly this is their time to answer the call of our Lord to take the gospel to unreached peoples of West and North Africa. Amen.

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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

The year 2017 will be long remembered as a year of celebration. This year we celebrated the homegoing of many of our fellow workers here in Ghana and we rejoiced to see them finish the race that has been set for all of us. It has been a sobering time as we reflect on our own lives and consider how brief it truly is. In the book of 2 Peter chapter 3 (NKJV), we are admonished to remember that the temporary things of this world will be dissolved. This fact should influence our conduct and cause us to live godly lives.

So, having celebrated with the families of believers, we refocused our thoughts and actions to be found in Him faithful, fully pleasing our Father as we run this race to the end.

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?” 2 Peter 3:10-12, Psalm 46:6; Isaiah 34:4

BARNABAS



We were blessed to have our brother, Joseph Koram, to come and encourage us last December. He truly refreshed us with his presence. He joyfully participated in all our daily activities including the preparation for our annual Christmas celebration. Joseph’s contribution to our weekly discipleship meeting in Limo was just the sort of help we have been praying and petitioning God to provide for many years. Generally, we discuss many valid and thought-provoking questions from new believers. To answer these questions requires someone who is grounded and abounding in the word of God. Joseph gave sound Biblical answers which the new believer could understand and apply to their lives.

Christmas 2017



The joy of Christmas is sharing. The sharing of the gospel of Christ Jesus, followed by love exemplified through giving, is one of the great joys of Christmas that makes this celebration so special. We invited the widows and orphans to Bethany Village to celebrate the birth of our Lord. This day, we call “Christmas” is a time they look forward to with great anticipation every year. Indeed, our time together means a lot to us as well, but this year the Lord opened our eyes to see the extent of the gratitude of our guests. It is not just a time of receiving but a time of belonging to a family that loves and accepts one another knowing that we have the same heavenly Father.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who have faithfully prayed for our son and daughter, Benton and Elyse, throughout the years. Lord willing, Benton will be completing his masters this year in film production and Elyse is completing her third year of undergrad, majoring in English. By the grace of God, they are both doing well and actively serving the Lord. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. We ask for your continued prayers as God guides them along the path that He has purposed for them.



MEDICAL OUTREACH

The young men whom God has given us- Ayuba, Thomas, Joseph, John and Peter- are growing in the Lord. They recently planned and executed a dental and eye care outreach in a village that had no Christian witness. This was their second such medical outreach. Ayuba gave the message of salvation and quite a few people prayed to receive Jesus Christ as the savior. Hundreds of men, women and children were treated for their dental and eye care needs.

