



# The Great Adventure

Following Christ has put me on a great adventure which has led me to Lawra Orphanage, a home to 20 AIDs orphans.

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## Frustration or Preparation?

I truly thought I would be close to moving to Ghana by the time I wrote this newsletter. But, as you can see, I am still here in western Pennsylvania. I get so frustrated at times. I wonder, "When, God? When will it be my turn to go? Why am I not there yet?" Then, I remember that it's not all about me and my plans, it's all about God and His plans! I sometimes wish that He would clue me in some of those plans!

During this time, I finished my Teaching English to Young Learners course and have received my certificate. Now, I am taking a course called *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. I signed up for this course reluctantly, but I found out that I LOVE it! After



Pastor Brad and I during a Perspectives study session.

the initial shock of all it entailed (it's been 35 years since I graduated from college) I started

doing the readings and other work for the class. It has changed the way I think about world missions and it has challenged me in many ways. My pastor, Brad Neel, has even volunteered to walk the Perspectives road with me, bought the books and is doing the reading. We meet together every two weeks to go over assignments and to talk about each lesson. He has been a big source of encouragement to me during this class!

One thing that I have been able to do during this time of preparation is to take time for my own spiritual growth. When I am not traveling, I am involved in Sunday School at my home church. I am also a part of a small group which meets every other week. And, since I work from home when I am stateside, I have noticed I need to get out of the house & be among other people, so I have been attending the Wednesday morning Bible study at Concord UMC. I'm still involved in an inductive Bible study, too. The Lord has been increasing my desire to be close to Him. And, although it seems like I may be involved in a lot, in reality, I'm not. I know God is using this time of preparation to glorify Him, so I'll do my part and trust Him for the rest!

## Faith

Just last night I registered for two classes at Missionary Training International (MTI) in Palmer Lake, CO. These trainings might possibly be the difference between a cross cultural worker making it or not making it in their new culture. One class is called

SPLICE, which is preparation for entering a new culture, deals with spiritual, personal, lifestyle, interpersonal, cultural, enjoy/endure issues while PILATE is a program in language acquisition techniques. I will be there July 19-Aug. 20. I am trusting God that my level of support will

be at a minimum of 65% by then and I will be on my way to Ghana this fall.

### ***Faith***

*is taking the first step when you don't see the whole staircase.*

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Schedule:

Claysville UMC/UMW	April 20
Livingston Manor UMC, Livingston Manor, NY	April 25
Parksville UMC Parksville, NY	April 25
Christ UMC Franklin, PA	June 6
Clergy Spouse Brunch Grove City, PA	June 10
WPA Annual Conference, Grove City, PA	June 10-13
Missionary Training International, Palmer Lake, CO	July 19-Aug. 20

### In order to leave for the field I need:

- ~ 10 new partners in ministry giving \$100 each per month plus
- ~ 10 new partners in ministry giving \$50 each per month plus
- ~ 25 new partners in ministry giving \$25 each per month



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**Use Imaginative Ways to Give to Missions**

*As Americans, we are so blessed just because we were born in this country. The poorest of us is richer than 92 % of the world. It's hard to imagine, but it's true. I look at the food in my cupboards, the clothes in my closet and I wonder, "Why do I want more?" I don't need it. A coffee here, a pizza there, and then there are books, music, DVDs and stamping stuff. I have way more than I need! I want to give more to the furthering of the Kingdom of God and less to myself. How about you?*

*Here are some suggestions:*

- *Buy what you need, not what you want, give the difference to missions.*
- *Give a dollar a day to missions, totaling \$365 a year*
- *Sell the exercise equipment that you've been hanging clothes on and give the money to missions*
- *Resolve to eat out less, give up buying coffee on the way to work and pack your lunch instead of buying it. Give the money you saved to missions.*
- *Match the money you spend on frivolous "stuff," giving it to missions.*
- *Wear last year's spring/summer fashions, donating what you would have spent to missions.*
- *Donate frequent flier miles to provide airfare to trainings, the field, etc.*

**Prayer Request**

During the last three months I have been away at least half of the Sundays and at different times during the week, too. I have met some great people and have been blessed by them. It is always a blessing to share about the people of the Upper West Region of Ghana, to tell about their beliefs and how God is working to break the bonds of idol worship and animistic beliefs. Our God will reign in that region someday! I am looking forward to being a part of what God is doing there.

I am also anxious to be among the children of Lawra orphanage.

I want to be there to nurture them, love them, be an example to them and to teach them about their Heavenly Father. I believe that some of these children will be part of the change that needs to take place in their community. They need the Lord in their lives to do that.

I need to be 100% funded before I can leave for Ghana. I have about 52% of what I need. Even though people and churches were very open and gracious to me, I have not received many new partners who are willing to commit to partnering with

me for the long haul. I need people and groups who are willing to trust God to provide for their needs as they commit to giving to this ministry in the Upper West Region of Ghana. I have the funds to get me to Ghana, but not the needed income to sustain me there for the time I will be there.

God has called me to His work of expanding His Kingdom here on earth, but, I can't do it alone. Pray and ask God what your part is in the spreading of the Kingdom in the northern part of Ghana.



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