



The Great Adventure

Sue Kolljeski, Serving Christ in Ghana

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Celebrating FIVE Years in Ghana!

Dear Family and Friends,

It has been FIVE years since I left my passport country! I left all that was familiar: family, language, friends, food, hot and cold running water, worship in my heart language and much, much more. I left all of it to embrace my new home in Lawra, Ghana. I have learned to embrace people who are different than me, yet the same. Many of them are family to me. I have learned to embrace the climate, which, at this time of year in Erie, PA, that isn't such a bad idea! I have learned to embrace the food—well, not THAT much! I have learned to embrace a totally different way of living. And, I have learned to embrace the opportunities and the challenges the Lord has given me.

I came to Ghana thinking that I would be working at a Children's Centre. God had other ideas! The past three years, I have been working in villages, sharing the love of Christ with others. First, I was the Caretaker (Lay Pastor) of the small, Methodist Church in the Village of Kalsagri. Now, I am in the village of Kunyukuo. God has been stretching quite a bit in this role. The first thing I needed to do was to learn how to drive a motorcycle—at the age of fifty-nine! After that, the challenge was to do with the responsibility of leading a congregation. It is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. Bringing the message on a weekly basis has made me become immersed in the Word of God for longer periods of time. And, I also need to take into consideration the culture. It becomes difficult to give examples or tell stories, when the congregation cannot relate to what I am saying. So, making the sermon culturally relevant is a must. Bible studies, English and Dagaare classes, visiting people, helping at funerals, play time and Easter Picnics have all been a part of it along the way, plus much, much more. Teaching people how to do the "business of the church" has also been one of my goals, along with discipleship. I would love to see these two village churches being run locally, both in the spiritual side and the business side.



I have been a co-founder of the group, SNAP-Special Needs Awareness Programme, which helps to educate parents of special needs children on how to deal with their child in this type of culture. (A culture that looks down on special needs children and considers them "throw-aways.") Community awareness has also been a part of this. SNAP is now run by local people and the cost of the programme is underwritten by Action Through Enterprise, a non-government organization from the UK.



Now, I am spending time with the neighborhood children, trying to make a difference in their lives. Pictured with me is Boniface. He is five years old and is in Kindergarten. He comes to my house to play once a wee with his friends. And, on Saturday mornings, he comes for Bible Study! We read Scripture and talk about it. We pray together. And, food is involved, too! Afterwards, he does schoolwork in one of the workbooks I have here.

Well, that's about all for now. To God be the glory!

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You can Teach an “Old Dog” New Tricks!

Yes, it’s true! But, I am not talking about a dog. I am talking about me. The Christmas and New Year’s holidays were quiet here in Lawra. There isn’t much to do for entertainment. So, while everyone else was celebrating with their family, I was at home, “learning new tricks.”

I have started a new web page. The address is still the same:
www.suekolljeski.com

Check it out! You will find pictures, my blog, calendar and other information. Plus, there is a link to donate in support of my ministry. I am hoping to update it every couple of months, or more often with the pictures.

Are you on Facebook? If so, check out my new ministry page: Sue Kolljeski, Serving Christ in Ghana. I am using this page to post pictures of my ministry. You will find pictures of the churches I have served, of the children with whom I work and, on Tuesdays, you will find TV-Tuesday’s Video. Stop by and see what is there. And, “like” my page!

I still have my blog at: www.thegreatadventure-sue.blogspot.com

Coming to America!

Yes, I will be coming to America. This time I am trying to avoid the Pennsylvania winters. I will depart from Accra, Ghana on July 20, 2016, just after I renew my resident permit. The main purpose of this trip will be fundraising. I have several committed churches and individuals who have faithfully supported this ministry. Some have committed to giving for five years. And, now, the five years is finished. But, my ministry here is not finished. There is so much more to do.

I am already beginning to book speaking engagements for August, September and part of October. Sundays that are available are few. So, I am asking people to “think outside the box” when it comes to inviting me to their church or community. In August and September, what about a picnic, box lunch, morning coffee, dinner or dessert with six or eight friends who may be interested in Missions and want to hear what God is doing in the Lawra area? If you are interested in setting something up, you can email me at suekolljeski@gmail.com Check my website to see what days are already booked.

Maybe your group isn’t in the position to support a missionary long term. How about a fund raising dinner? Or silent auction? Or....

I am 100% funded by donations made to my ministry through **The Mission Society**. And, support has dwindled. Won’t you consider giving to help those living in darkness...help so they may experience the Light of Christ. You can go to their website and give online. www.themissionsociety.org Make sure you put my name on the form and the four digit account number 0270. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

