



GHANA - TOGO MISSION



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1000 NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED AT KETE KRACHI



PASSENGERS DISEMBARKING THE YARPEI QUEEN



NEW WBS BANNER



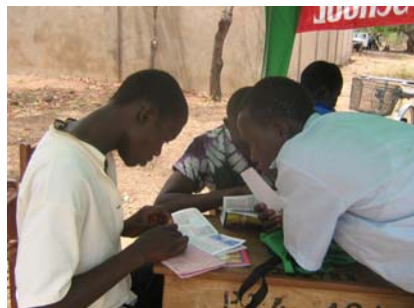
ENROLLMENT AT KRACHI HOSPITAL

The WBS team made up of four men left Accra on the 12th of March for Kete Krachi in the Northern part of the Volta Region. We drove from Accra to Akosombo where we boarded the Yarpei Queen to embark upon a fourteen hour journey on the Lake. The queen left the Akosombo port at 6:30pm and arrived at Kete Krachi at 9:30 a.m.

The preacher of the Kete Krachi Church was at the port to welcome the WBS team. Upon our arrival at his residence where we were going to spend the next ten days, we quickly arranged for a vehicle to survey the town. The welcome news was that twelve high schools were also in town for inter- schools sporting competition.

This already gave us a lot of work do. The enrolment exercise started on the 13th of March. We decided to use the introduction lesson to enrol students just to see how they would respond. The result was very encouraging.

It may interest you to know that some of the serious students did not waste any time, but got to work immediately. Several of the lessons were therefore returned the next day. Since we had a couple of the “Knowing Jesus” and “Born of Water and Spirit,” we gave them out. Some of the serious ones again completed these two lessons and handed them over prior to our departure.



STUDENTS READING INTRODUCTION LESSONS



BIBLE STUDY

During the evenings, we organized open air preaching and showed "Searching for truth" by John Moore. This was done at the city center. We took advantage of such a gathering to advertise WBS and the Kete Krachi Church of Christ which was only two years old in town.



WBS BOOTH ON KRACHI SEC. CAMPUS

After three days on the campus of the Krachi Secondary School, we moved the enrolment exercise to the city centre. We took some time to visit all the government agencies and private companies in town.

A brother who is also a senior officer at the Krachi prison invited us on Saturday morning to say a word to the prison inmates. We were privileged to meet with about one hundred inmates who had gathered for their morning devotion. At the close of the service we had given out ninety of the introduction lessons to both the officers and the inmates.



TWO STUDENTS RECEIVE BIBLES

On Saturday at about 10:00 a.m. leaders from three of the local congregations including the Krachi Church met for a leadership seminar, during which I took them through topics such as the practice of church management, Policies are Guidelines, solving church problems, the need of delegation, the art of communication, the importance of job assignments, and how to induce change.



PARTICIPANTS AT THE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

On Sunday morning, two members of the WBS team were taken to visit and also preach at the two congregations outside the Krachi town. I stayed with the Krachi congregation, taught the Bible class and preached the sermon.



YOUNG MAN ENROLLS

The rest of the days left were spent visiting homes of members who had stopped attending service, sick or were confronted with problems. I was privileged to visit a very poor widow in the church who was left alone to take care of seven children. In spite of her condition, she is regular at the services of the church.

We left Kete Krachi at 3:15 a.m. on Thursday and arrived at Akosombo port at 10:00 p.m. This was about 20 hours.



WILLIE STUDYING WITH A STUDENT

OVER 5,000 NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE TRADE FAIR CENTRE

The seventeen days of activities at the Trade Fair Centre finally came to an end on the 11th of March. According to our records, we have enrolled more than five thousand (5,000) new students.

This year's fair was special because it coincided with the 50th year independence celebration of Ghana. Over 2000 businesses from different parts of the world participated in the fair. This year's fair experienced the largest human traffic ever. In all, I can say that God has used us to accomplish the goal we have set to enrol 5,000 students.



STUDENTS AT THE WBS BOOTH FOR BIBLE LESSONS

The interesting thing is that, WBS was the only outfit present to distribute tracts and enrol students for a Bible correspondence course. Over 8,000

pieces of tracts were handed out to visitors at the fair.



WBS BOOTH AT FAIR

RELIEF ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH IN KPALIME TOGO

The second phase of the relief project took place at the church in Kpalime. Several items were presented to the Nyiveme Church to organize the distribution to the other local congregations. The items included Bags of rice, maize, beans, gallons of oil, cartoons of spaghetti and soap. The next phase of the relief project will be in the Volta Region. The precise congregation is to be determined later.



RELIEF ITEMS FOR KPALIME CHURCHES

RURAL WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROVIDES DRINKING WATER FOR THREE COMMUNITIES

Rural Water Development Project is a ministry of the church of Christ specialized in the drilling of Bore Holes for rural communities. This

project started in the Northern part of the country a couple of years ago to help eradicate Guinea Worms. As a result of this project, many churches have been established in predominantly Muslim communities.

A day after our arrival in Kete Krachi, I had a call from the project director Nathaniel Adams enquiring of my where about. During the conversation I informed him I was in Kete Krachi. It was at this point that I was informed the Drilling team was very close by. I went to the site the following day in a village about six kilometres away to meet the work in progress. Fortunately, the two villages selected to benefit from this project have the church of Christ meeting there. We are confident that these bore holes will help advertise the church and even win more souls.



DRILLING MACHINE

KRACHI CHURCHES NEED BICYCLES

The greatest difficulty we faced in Krachi had to do with transport. There were no taxis in town. You either walked, rode a bicycle or a motor bike.

I was humbled to meet one of the church leaders who had walked 15 kilometres to attend the leadership seminar I organized on Saturday. He never had an access to a bicycle, he tried hiring one but that also did not work. Such a person put us to

shame when we refuse to attend meetings even though we have the means of getting there.

Bicycle is the only means of transport available to most of the inhabitants of Krachi area. Members have to walk long distances from different parts of the city to attend worship services. I was very sad when the leaders made this request after the service.

“Brother Willie, can you get us some used bicycles? Our people are suffering”. The bicycle is used by both men and women at times with a baby on their back.



Let me know if you can help take care of this need. \$50.00 can get a good used bicycle.

KRACHI CHURCH OF CHRIST



The lady on the right is a member of the Krachi church and a widow who has been neglected by the late husband’s family to take care of seven kids. The good news is that all the four children who live with her now are Christians. In spite of her deep poverty she is committed, dedicated and loyal to Christ and His church. At the time of this visit two younger ones had gone to the river to fetch water.

This is the house in which our Christian sister lives. This structure is her kitchen. The small room at the far end is the bedroom used by the entire family. Can we assist her? She needs funds to start a fish trade.



WIDOW (RIGHT) WITH TWO OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN IN FRONT OF THEIR HUMBLE ABODE



FAMILY'S KITCHEN

MEDICAL MISSION

For this first quarter, our activities had been in three villages on three different Islands. They had one thing in common. Their occupations were the same- fishing and farming. The villages visited included Klave, katakpo and Catapila Tornu. The diseases dealt with included: Fever, anaemia, diarrhoea, infected wounds, helminthiasis, giardiasis,

waist pains and measles. Malnutrition is very common also in these areas too.

Looking at the rate at which the lake is getting dried, the Islanders may soon have to resettle somewhere else in order to continue with the fishing and farming.

Once more we are moving activities to the clinic in Dafonu in order to serve over 12 villages in the area.



DAFONU CLINIC (RHCS)

**WBS SERVICE CENTRE
FACTS & FIGURES**

Names enrolled..... 1,350
Follow-up conducted..... 7
Bible Studies Conducted.....11

FAMILY MATTERS

Del, my wife celebrated her birthday on the 25th February and her gift from the brother and wife was an invitation to the USA for a month.

The kids were on a short break to celebrate the 50th independence anniversary of Ghana. We used the occasion to enjoy a meal at our

favourite restaurant as a family. This was in honour of Del's birthday and farewell as she was preparing to leave for the U.S.



Family time



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