



Here I Am!

HOME or Home for the Summer?

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Sometimes I have to say the King James Version says it best.

I love this interpretation of 2 Timothy 1:7 especially in light of the coronavirus-driven circumstances we all find ourselves in.

Many have asked what our plans are for the summer. It is this verse of scripture that shapes those plans.

If we weren't confident of God's absolute and all-powerful control of all that is going on, we wouldn't even consider

going to Ghana.

Couple that confidence with our love for the children at HOME and our coworkers in Ghana and our desire to go simply grows.

The final descriptor of the Spirit God has given us is a sound mind. This has to be understood as it is contextually contrasted with our human tendency to fear.

Debbie and I do not want fear to be the thing that interrupts our ministry. That being said, we also don't want to act foolishly.

So our plans for this summer are this. If the governments involved allow for our travel and



if we and our board do not think it a crazy thing to do in light of the circumstances at the time, we hope to return to Ghana for approximately three months beginning in mid June.

May God show us clearly what is the reasonable thing to do and may he open the doors for us to do it

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Please Pray With Us . . .

- Gracie has an adoptive family.
- For the arrival of Ama, our newest little on.
- That the Coronavirus will be stayed in Ghana and our children and coworkers will be protected.
- For clear direction from the Lord for our summer plans and those of teams that have made plans to travel to Ghana.

Child Sponsorship

Children like Grace and Ama need receiving homes (see article on next page). Like Ama, they can come into care at anytime, for any reason, and with any number of physical and emotional needs. West African Mercy Ministries started **HOME** (**H**ouse **O**f **M**ercy) to be a ministry that is immediately available for any child in need at anytime.

Children like Grace and Ama also need placement homes. By design, Ghana is moving away from an institutional system to a foster care system. We want **HOME** to be a transition home for children like Gracie while they await their forever families.

But perhaps more than anything else, Ghanaian orphans need hospice homes. Ghana has a great lack of facilities that will

take very ill—often terminally ill—children into care. We desire **HOME** to be a place where these children like Michael (featured in last month's newsletter) can experience the love of Christ as long as their little lives on this earth may last.

House of Mercy's Sponsorship Program provides an opportunity for you to have your own ministry to a child like Grace or Ama. For \$300.00/month you can provide food, clothing, medical attention and loving care for one of these special-needs children occupying a bed at **HOME**. Sponsors will receive pictures and a brief biography of the child they sponsor.

For many, though, \$300.00/month is too costly. But this need not prevent anyone from

having a ministry to Ghanaian orphans. Are you part of a family? You can sponsor a bed at **HOME**. Are you part of a small group? You can meet the needs of an orphaned child. Do you have a few friends who share your passion? You can show God's love to a little child who will soon see God face to face.

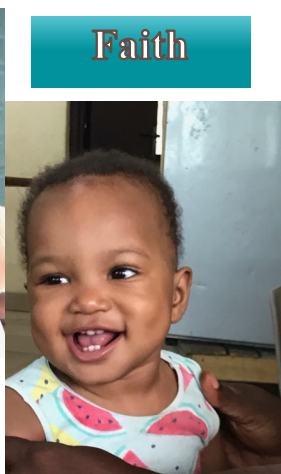
GETTING STARTED

The first step is to fill out the form on the following page. As an individual, simply fill in your name as the Contact Individual. If you are part of a group, please give us the group name if applicable or the names of your co-sponsors. In either case, please choose a contact person for ease of communication. We will contact you with further information.

Children Currently Available for Sponsorship



Jo Jo



Faith



Divine



Ama



Michael

Changing Places

During this past week, there have been some changes at HOME. One of our children is leaving and a new one is arriving. And that is as it should be.

Many of you remember Gracie, a little girl that came to us about two years ago. She was the one who had a family selected for her and then the changes in Ghana's international adoption policies made it impossible for that family to take her. That put a new family for Grace on hold for a while.

Just this week we were informed that a Christian family wanted to adopt Gracie. This family has one son, but have been desiring a daughter for quite some time. This is how God provided an answer to their prayers. Gracie will be adopted by this family.



Just a few days prior to that news, HOME was presented with a new little girl, Ama Nyame (meaning: God is good). She comes to HOME at around 2 years old, severely malnourished and finding it difficult to walk or stand due to her weakness. She also has other medical conditions about which we are not allowed to speak.

So Ama will take Gracie's spot at HOME. This ties into the theme of this newsletter, baby sponsorship. It does so by providing a real-time example of what happens when sponsored children leave our care.

Any of those currently sponsoring Gracie will be offered the opportunity to simply transfer their sponsorship to Ama. After which we will supplement her sponsorship needs by accepting other sponsors who would like to be part of her care.

HOME Sponsorship Form

Please indicate your personal or group's desired involvement using this detachable

I/We pledge to sponsor a baby/child at **HOME** for the following monthly amount:

- ☐ \$100 ☐ \$150
☐ \$200 ☐ \$300
☐ Other:

I/We would like to make the following one time gift to **HOME**, WAMM's Hospice/Home in Ghana:

Group Name (If applicable)

Individual Name (Contact)

Individual Name (Additional)

Individual Name (Additional)

Contact Address

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your Amazon Smile
Charity of Choice

The Mission of Our Mission

Glorifying God by Loving Jesus through Mercy Ministry is the mission of West African Mercy Ministries. Glorifying God should be every believer's mission. The Bible tells us that everything we do should be done for this purpose (1 Corinthians 10:31). And God told Moses that his glory would be seen as his mercy was displayed (Exodus 33:19). That is why "Glorifying God" is an essential part of our mission.

The Bible also tells us that when we show mercy to the marginalized of society we are showing love to Jesus (Matthew 25:40). In some supernatural way, our acts of love demonstrated to the "least of these" are actually acts of love being experienced by Jesus. That is why we have included "Loving Jesus" as part of our mission.

"Mercy Ministry", then, is the practical way we accomplish our goals of "Glorifying God" and "Loving Jesus". It is what brings these two theoretical desires into the realm of practical reality. We really can glorify God and we really can love Jesus by extending mercy to the orphaned and oppressed in Ghana. And you can too!

Support Opportunities

If you would like to . . .

- ☐ Sponsor a Baby Bed at HOME
- ☐ Help Bring the McIntyre's support up to 100%, 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 \$ _____

Please fill out this form and mail it with your name and address to

West African Mercy Ministries, P.O. Box 2028, Waukesha, WI 53187 or to Brian@WAMMGhana.com

Or Check out our Paypal option on the Website: WAMMGhana.org