

Acree Update: A Chronicle of the Acree family to Ghana



Dear Praying Friends,

Kwame, Kate and Family – About the time of our last prayer letter, some children were invited to our weekly Bible club, and it caught the attention of their parents. Not wanting to allow their children to be taught some random doctrine by strangers, the parents attended Bible club with their children to vet the message that we were teaching. First, this is an oddity within this culture. Parents are usually not so protective of their children because the family unit here is viewed quite differently. (For the most part, there are very few nuclear families here as people do not distance themselves from their birth families. The results are that there are extended family units which look after all the related children.)

Kwame and Kate had recently moved to the area for Kwame to take a job at one of the local universities. When asked, they gave a clear testimony of salvation. They also recognized the apostate doctrine of the New Apostolic church that they were attending and felt that they should join our church. That is oddity number two. (It is surprisingly difficult for people to leave the church they are currently attending. There are several reasons for this, but it can be summed up in not wanting to leave friends and not wanting to lose what they have invested in that church. Most churches here are essentially social clubs and the money that you give over your lifetime determines what kind of funeral you have at that church when you die. The truth of Scripture is often perceived as being secondary to these).

Kwame and Kate, along with their three children, are now FAITHFUL members of Baptist Bible Study. They come to every service, and Kwame goes out with me on visitation two days a week. He has indicated that he feels the Lord might be calling him into the ministry, which brings us to oddity number three: He hasn't disqualified himself from vocational ministry as so many others have.

Joyce – In our last prayer letter, we asked prayer for Joyce, our former language teacher. We finished the Salvation Bible Study with her and she has made a profession of faith. We can also see that profession lived out in life changes. She was attending Baptist Bible Study when she was here but has since moved back to Tema. Rather than returning to the Jehovah Witness church she was attending there, she has joined a much more doctrinally sound church there and has been doing discipleship courses with Melissa over the phone. She said that she will be visiting us over Easter and has requested that I be the one to baptize her during that time.

One Year Anniversary – March 10th will be the one year anniversary of Baptist Bible Study. We are currently in the process of writing our own church constitution in which we have been covering a variety of topics from

Baptist distinctives, the Bible version debate (it is here too), what church discipline is, etc. I feel it has been very helpful to those attending.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Seth Acree & family

Prayer Requests:

- Church growth: both in numbers and spiritual maturity.
- Bible club attendance has been low lately (it fluctuates with school and people moving).
- Anniversary and Easter services coming up.

Praises:

- Kwame, Kate and their children joining and being faithful to Baptist Bible Study.
- Simon's baptism.
- Joyce's salvation.

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