

# **Hostetter Letter III**

## **July-August, 2008 Report**

**Greetings Brethren! I pray that all of you had an excellent summer this year, and had many opportunities, not only for fun and relaxation, but also for the greater “fun” of service for the Lord! The Hostetters Three had an awesome summer, praise be to God. We are really excited to be able to share it with you.**

**As you might notice, with this report we are trying a bit of a different format. Brittney and I are combining our reports. Some of the paragraphs are by Brittney and some are by me. This means Brittney will not write a separate report. Please give us any feedback, whether you prefer this, or the way that we had been doing them. Thanks!**

### **Another School Year Done! (Brittney)**

In July, we were blessed to be able to host visitors from the United States here in Ghana. They came to help out with the ending of school, the awards night and programs, VBS, and also, some came to attend Alyssa and George Osebreh’s wedding. We had up to 11 people staying in our home, but this number didn’t compare to the 16+ Mom H. hosted!

The last week of school, we had our annual Field Day. This year we went to a nearby park and gardens to play games, have a picnic, and have some fun staff-student fellowship. The school year ended with our Awards Night. The different classes did a special skit that they had prepared previously. My class also each received a Learning to Read certificate and their very first Bibles. This is the best thing about teaching Learning to Read; I get to help them be able to read the Word of God. We also had another student graduate this year, Douglas Fofie.

The day after the Awards Night, Alyssa’s Uncle Mark gave her hand away in marriage to George Osebreh. With the help of us ladies in the church and the visitors who had come, it was a beautiful wedding. Hannah made the perfect little flower girl.

### **WE LOVE VBS! (Jeremiah)**

The week after school ended, we had VBS here in Kumasi. It was really nice to have the visitors from the US here, as they helped out immensely with the VBS, taking care of many aspects of it. I was able to help out with the songs, give some pointers and advice on doing VBS in Ghana, and also help with Crowd Control. We really did have a crowd. It was the biggest VBS that we’ve had in Kumasi; we had over 200, almost to 300 kids. We had to take all of our chairs out of our assembly room and have the kids sit on the ground for openings and closings because it was so packed. Praise God for a great VBS!

### **India Here We COME! (Brittney)**

As you know, doors really seemed to close for us to take our planned trip to Cameroon this summer. Though we were very disappointed, it turned out that God opened another door for us this summer. We had a chance to go to India again, to visit family and friends, to encourage brethren over there, and to help out with the 47<sup>th</sup> All-Asia Missions Forum which Binoy Thomas was hosting.

Jeremiah's sister, Rebecca, her husband Binoy, and their three kids are missionaries in India. Binoy and Jeremiah were able to encourage one another a lot. Rebecca was also a huge encouragement to me. She is an amazing mother, wife, and servant of the Lord. She taught me by example to use every moment to get things done. Hannah had a great time with her cousins Anastasia, Isaiah, and Hadassah. It's awesome seeing the kids being trained in the Lord and growing in the knowledge of His Word.

### 47<sup>th</sup> Asian Missions Forum (Jeremiah)

To be honest, although I was excited to go to India, I was a little concerned that I might not have a lot to do there. At first it seemed that I might be right. Hannah had an operation for her umbilical hernia, which was excellently done by a UK-trained surgeon in a nice hospital, for one tenth of the price it would cost in the US, but besides that, at first there was not much to do. Then, as preparations for the AMF accelerated, I got busier and busier. The actual AMF was probably the busiest few days of my summer, and for this I thank God. I really like having a lot of productive things to do for the Lord. That was definitely the case. I had the chance to lead all the singing for the forum, do the audio and visual recording of the forum, prepare CD's of the sessions, and teach twice, once about Missionary Kids, and the second time about Politics and the Missionary. Brittney also was able to help with teaching the kids' class.

It was great to be a part of the AMF. There were many very encouraging lessons which were very motivating and informative. I really enjoyed meeting over 80 fellow saints from places like the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and from all over India. It is so exciting to know that the gospel is going to these corners of the earth, and I thank God we had the opportunity to be part of something so momentous. I had no doubts that our trip was worthwhile. I thank my parents for helping out with some of the funds to go, and my sister and brother-in-law for inviting us and hosting us.

### Ghana Youth Camp 2008 (Jeremiah)

One thing I have always enjoyed is youth camps. This year we had the opportunity to help my sister Jessica and her husband Attah to run a youth camp in Atia, near Kumasi. It started the week after we got back from India, and was really a lot of fun. The kids did tons of memory work, loads of Bible reading and had heaps of fun. Our theme this year was "God's Instruction Manual" from Titus chapter 2. I was able to lead some songs, games, teach, and help with the organization and administration. Brittney also was able to teach the girls. We had four teams of 9-10 campers each, aged between 15 (or 14 and 4/5ths) and 19. I pray that the Word of God that the kids heard will really make an impact on them.

### Back to School (Brittney)

After a busy summer, with VBS, AMF, Youth Camp, Weddings and so forth, school started again for BCA on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration at UST also started at the same time. Because Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter are in the United States right now to take care of medical issues and to visit supporters, the school is being run by Attah, Jessica, Alyssa, Rachael, and Abby, with me and the other monitors providing assistance. I am working this year as a monitor, as Hannah takes more of my time, and there is no Learning to Read class at the moment. Jeremiah is going back to school for his last year of college! He is pretty excited about that. He did very well in the previous semester of school, and is the top of his faculty of Social Sciences.

**Brethren, the last two months were filled with so many opportunities for serving our King, and we are really thankful to God. He opens the doors, we just step through them. God bless all of you, and please, let us hear from you!**

**In Christ,  
Jeremiah, Brittney and Hannah Hostetter**

**Prayer Requests:**

- Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter in the United States
- Caleb Wilson is staying with us until they return
- A boy named Alexander, who is 7 will be staying with us so that he can go to school here in Kumasi.
- Outreach: Jeremiah hopes to get six Bible studies going this semester, and Brittney hopes to find some more as well.