



Jim & Carla Junge

Your Missionaries to

Dear Prayer Partner,

October, 2009

In Ghana the two basic seasons are wet and dry; both of which are hot. Here in the States we can revel in the delicious feel of the four seasons with which the Lord has blessed this region of the world. With supporting churches in a number of states, we have been traveling extensively to report back to those who have faithfully partnered with us over the years. What a blessed time it is to see friends once again, and share in the joy of Lord all the while we are soaking up the wonder of the seasonal changes; cooler air, shortened days, and leaves bursting into brilliant color. The gradual changes that signal the encroaching winter help us to be more conscious of the passage of time.

There is an axiom that we have heard most of our life: Time is money. One can see how people would draw that conclusion, but as the vapor that is my life passes, I am aware that time is ever so much more. It is a gift of God. The Scripture says that the Lord placed the moon and stars to mark the passage of time for *our* benefit. They help us to pace ourselves as we all move closer to the portals of eternity.

Not only are the seasons of the year changing, but our lives are moving from one stage to another. This past month we placed our fourth child in college. While three of our children are still dependent upon us, they have spread their wings, and are actively moving forward to independence. We are so grateful that all four of our children are seeking to follow the Lord, and serving Him with their lives. We are also seeking your prayers as we adjust to this. Our children have been a huge part of our ministry, and have literally been co laborers with us. So we are both excited, and we also feel the pull of sadness. There will be more freedom of time and energy to pour into the ministry now that there will be no more home schooling, and yet we will have fewer hands to apply to the tasks that the Lord has put into our paths, besides missing the joy of their presence.

Our colleagues in Ghana have been reporting good things to us. The ministry in the town of Ho grew to a point of having a high of 160 children in attendance. The number has leveled off since their change of location. The exciting development is that some of the youths of one of our churches that is in the village of Kodzobi who have been helping all along are now taking an even more active role in reaching their neighbors and winning their own community. Ransom Baptist in Dzakpo is thriving. We spoke with Brother Joseph Agyafi, the national leader who is laboring in Tsamikorfe, recently by phone and he encouraged us with the news that the believers there are also remaining faithful and doing well. Some definite requests we have is for our team to have wisdom and to be able to discern the Lord's leading as we work together with our national brethren shifting ever increasing ministry responsibilities into their capable hands. Also please pray with us as we look into shipping a container back when we return. There is a strong need for Bibles, and we are hoping to be able to ship books and supplies that will be useful in the training of teachers.

Seasoning with Gladness,

Jim and Carla Junge and Their Seasonal Passes*

*Pleasing And Serving the Savior

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