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He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, "It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the sign of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."
And He left them and departed. Matthew 16:2-4 NKJV

Akwaba (Greetings) from Ghana!

Thank you all for your continuous prayers and support of me as I left the states 3 weeks ago. I arrived here safely and have adjusted well. The 1st week was very challenging though with me coming here right in the midst of the Harmattan season. (Sub-Saharan winds) I had a sore throat and sinus problems for the 1st 7 days from all of the dust every where. The news reported that this has been the worst Harmattan season since 1983. All is well now even though the weather conditions have not changed.

It was also wonderful to see all the old friends again as well as meeting some new ones. French classes are going quite well and I look forward to using the French very soon. I have a somewhat busy schedule the 1st 3 months of this year so I'm asking for your prayers that I will be focused and on task, and that my health still remains good.

The year at a glance looks like this:

1. I will be traveling to the Central Region of Ghana Feb. 12-18th. I will be visiting 8 villages in that region where Pioneers Ghana has their missionaries and pastors.

2. I will travel to the Pioneers Africa offices in Togo from Mar. 1st - 3rd. To visit with the missionaries and pastors there as well.

3. I will be traveling to Mali from Mar. 8th - 12th. I will be visiting the field in Mali and getting acquainted with the missionaries there since this will be my assignment in 2008.

4. I will also travel to 3 other regions in Ghana where Pioneers Africa has their missionaries and pastors for discipleship training:

   a. The Upper West Region
   b. The Brong - Ahafo Region
   c. The Ashanti Region

These dates are TBA due to my French schedule. More than likely, I will visit these areas during my school break around June. The plan is to visit the 4 areas at least 2 times before Mar. 2008. The initial trips will be training with the discipleship materials and health care training and the second ones involve follow up with the missionaries and pastors once they have initiated use of the materials. This will also involve some documentation and interviewing of the missionaries and pastors of the various areas. I will be keeping you all informed concerning these visits as they come for prayer topics.

I wanted to let you all know of Miss Abigail Benterh. She is the 6 yr. old daughter of one of the pastors associated with Pioneers (Rev. Emmanuel Benterh and his wife Sis. Felicia). They are the team leaders of the missionaries in the Techiman area of the Brong Ahafo Region. When I was living in Ghana back in 2003-2004, they hosted me and introduced me to the ministry there. Abigail was diagnosed in Dec. 2006 with Leukemia. She has had bone marrow procedures and several rounds of chemotherapy done since mid Dec. Their medical bills are quite expensive and being a missionary family, they are in the ministry full time and do not have regular jobs. Since my own bought with cancer, I'm very sensitive to others, especially those that I know, that are struggling with cancer. When I was going through my own battle with surgeries and treatments, many of you were very gracious in helping me financially. As you were, so am I now. Starting in Feb., I will be donating 10% of what ever I receive in contributions for the months of Feb. and Mar. towards her treatment for the Leukemia. Since I'm here, I can see Abigail and the family and make sure the funds are given for her treatment. If you wanted to contribute directly for her,

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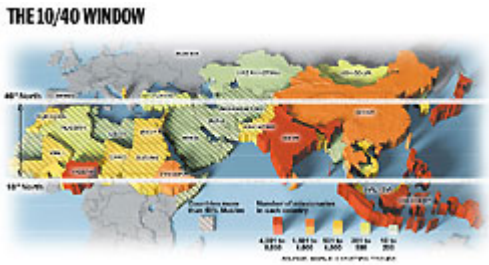
it will be advisable to still send the funds to my account with GCGM. Thank you in advance for your contributions. Supporting me will also involve you helping her.

Just a Thought from My Heart

I hope the New Year is starting off well and continuing on well for you. 2007 is really taking off for me here. I have been here 3 weeks and I already sense the urgency for real change amongst the people of God. Every where in the world people have made all kinds of resolutions for this year. I'm wondering how many people resolved to disciple more people in Christ so that the task remaining of reaching the unreached peoples of the world for Jesus Christ would be finished this year. There are enough Christians in the state of Georgia alone that if they all set their hearts and minds to the task remaining, it would be finished - and guess what? Then Christ will come back. *Matthew 24:14.*



People will do and make time for what is really important to them; that is human nature. But what is important to God is making His name gloriously known to the nations. I encourage you today, if you have not done so already, to resolve in your heart and mind that "I will be a world changing disciple maker for Jesus Christ" this year. You put first things first. You take care of God's business, and He will certainly take care of your business. *Matthew 6:33.*

Praise Reports - Praise the Lord for:

1. Safe arrival in Ghana; as well as all of the supplies getting here in one piece
2. Smooth transitioning to Ghana life
3. Good health and well being
4. Good relations with the office staff and missionaries of Pioneers Africa
5. Needs being met here among the missionaries of Pioneers Africa and myself

Please Pray for:

1. Continued good health for me and the Pioneers Africa missionaries
2. The Pioneers Africa LRI conference Feb. 5-9th which will be hosted here in Ghana. There will be at least 7 West African countries represented.
3. Abigail Benterh - as she goes through her treatments for Leukemia. As well as Rev. Benterh and his family as they are going through this Leukemia with her.
4. My mother, Anne Morrison as she needs encouragement while I'm away in Africa.
5. Continued good relations with the Pioneers Africa missionaries and myself
6. Wisdom in helping to put together a discipleship curriculum along with the leadership of Pioneers Africa.
7. For the upcoming trips to the Central region, Togo, and Mali.

Again, thank you so much for supporting me as I am serving here in West Africa.

Serving in the Lord's Vineyard,

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What will you say to the Lord when He says "Follow me?"