

# GHANA IS WIDE-OPEN TO THE GOSPEL!

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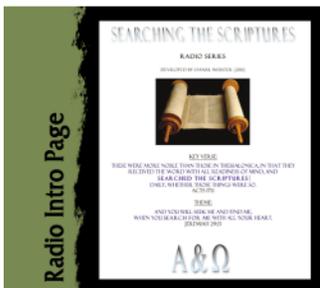
## Ghana is Ready for Missionaries

Access into Ghana is relatively easy. The nation is most welcoming of those coming to preach the gospel and to offer assistance to the poor and destitute. Since Ghana is an English-speaking country, visitors can communicate with the local people without having to learn a new language. It of course would be helpful to learn the local dialect to be even more effective in gospel work, but communicating in English can still provide excellent opportunities to serve in Ghana. Many Ghanaians identify themselves as "Christian," but many are only nominal Christians and are still in need of a clear understanding of salvation by faith in Christ alone!

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

The Lord's work among the Christians gathered at the Believers Bible Assembly in Ghana includes a weekly radio broadcast, Emmaus Course ministry, Scripture memory challenge, children's gospel outreaches and village evangelism.

## Radio Ministry



The assembly in Kumasi has been broadcasting a weekly gospel message each Sunday morning since May 2005. The radio program reaches across seven regions of Ghana and has a potential listening audience of several million souls. In 2010 we began a new teaching series

called "Searching the Scriptures." This is a consecutive study of each chapter in the New Testament, with a strong gospel emphasis in each program. We are currently finishing a study in John's gospel, and then the study will continue into the book of Acts. Each lesson covers one chapter. A Bible question is also addressed that relates to the lesson and the spiritual concerns in Ghana. The program includes an advertisement for our Emmaus Bible Course ministry, and many callers respond with an interest to enroll in our Emmaus studies. There is also a concise three-minute gospel presentation inviting listeners to place their trust in Jesus as their Savior. Some music is added to fit with the program. It is always a great joy to hear of listeners placing their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior as a result of listening to the radio broadcast.

We also make the radio programs available online. The past four years of programs are available on the church Web site at [http://www.bibleassemblychurch.com/bac2\\_010.htm](http://www.bibleassemblychurch.com/bac2_010.htm).

## Emmaus Course Ministry



For the past few years the church has been utilizing 24 Emmaus courses as well as a strategic study plan to help people learn the

gospel and grow in their knowledge of the Word of God. We have seen a steady increase in the number of students enrolling in this program, with several completing all 24 courses. We have used these courses extensively among our own church family, encouraging all of our young people and adults to work on the courses and try to complete as many as they can. This has produced spiritual results in the maturing of young believers, in the knowledge of the Word, and in their effectiveness of serving and teaching within the assembly. It has also served as a wonderful tool to see young people come to an understanding of the gospel and, in faith, submit their lives to Christ. Shadrach is one of the elders of the assembly and has taken on the responsibility of handling the oversight

of this ministry. With over 200 students on our enrollment list, the workload is quite heavy for Shadrach and myself, but now some others have indicated their desire to help with some of the grading and administration. We hope, in the Lord's will, to someday have an Emmaus office here in Kumasi, with a full-time person to manage the Emmaus ministry and handle the needs of our Emmaus students.

## Annual Memory Challenge



Each year the church conducts a Scripture memory challenge for all those who regularly attend the Believers Bible Assembly. Everyone is challenged to memorize

a few chapters from the Bible with awards offered for varying degrees of accomplishment. In 2010 the church was challenged to memorize John 18 through 21, and any and all chapters in the Psalms as bonus work. This was the first year we opened the door for those who were willing to go above and beyond to see what could be accomplished by those keen to learn God's Word. Amazingly, there were two individuals who managed to not only complete the four chapters in John's gospel, but also memorized all the Psalms with the exception of Psalm 119. It took more than six months to complete all this work, but what a great spiritual blessing comes to those who invest so much into learning God's Word. In 2011 the challenge was to memorize Matthew chapter one to chapter six, and thereafter as many chapters in the four gospels as possible. There were a remarkable 577 chapters memorized by all participants, and one boy managed to quote 78 chapters of the 89 chapters in the gospels! Young Isaac Sarfo is only 14 years old but has a remarkable ability and determination to memorize God's Word. Keeping records of the memory work done over the past few years has indicated that some have now memorized more than 200 chapters in the Bible, and we have collectively memorized more than 2,100 chapters.

## Children's Gospel Outreaches



reach began through the efforts of Joseph Frimpong

Every Tuesday evening over the past several years the church conducts a gospel outreach to children in the Buokrom neighborhood. This outreach

(*Missionary Prayer Handbook Day 2*) and has continued through the faithful efforts of three young assembly men, who faithfully present the gospel to the children each Tuesday evening. They have been using lessons published through Gospel Folio Press. The children enjoy doing their Bible lessons and singing favorite gospel choruses. The children's club has been a vital part of the assembly outreach, as we have seen many children trust in the Lord, go on to be baptized believers, added to the church fellowship, and participate in the various spiritual activities and programs of the church. Another children's outreach is held each Thursday evening in the town of Adumasa and is led by three other men from our assembly. We believe the work in Adumasa will prove to be the seeds of a future assembly in that area.

## Evangelism



It is a great delight to serve the Lord as a missionary in Ghana, because there is no end of opportunities to share the gospel with the people of this spiritually-hungry nation. I am

sometimes given opportunities to preach to hundreds of children in public schools and to share a clear gospel message with them. I also go out each Saturday morning with a few young men from the church to do evangelism in and around the Kumasi area. Over the past few years we have covered a wide area and visited many villages and neighborhoods in our region. We hand out tracts and New Testaments to people and sometimes even give away copies of the whole Bible when we see genuine interest and spiritual hunger. It is not unusual to see people reading the tracts after we have distributed them. Whereas in some places tracts are ignored or thrown away, in Ghana people are eager to receive and read them. We therefore go through large quantities of tracts; it is another effective way to spread the gospel in Ghana. I have had tracts printed locally, which helps us to acquire them in a timely manner, while also being more cost effective.

If the Lord has been speaking to your heart about mission work, why not consider Ghana as a possible location to serve the Lord? The opportunities are endless, the people warm and welcoming, and this mission field is ready for a great harvest. ■



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