



Graciously in Ghana 4.0

Time For A Country Song

I have written a few Christmas songs with my buddy Sherri and help from my colleagues but I am wondering about diversifying. What do you think the ingredients of a country song include? WikiHow tells me "A good country song is all about deep emotion and memorable music. It should make you ache for the singer's loss and wish you could pick up a guitar and play along. Country songs deal with themes like loss, heartbreak, betrayal, family, and faith. More often than not, they also tell a story."

I am thinking of making a Ghanaian country song. In it, I have some of the key ingredients about crying over a few things, and a little bit of all those themes smooshed into one epic song.

Loss: My freezer died in June, not only is my roof leaking but my water tank, tap and toilet all have sprung leaks - I am losing water all over the place. Next on the list is my truck, I am losing diesel fumes out my exhaust that temporarily blinds motorbikes behind me and I have lost a couple tires these last months.

Heartbreak: I have been told recently that I remind someone of a lady in her 80's :)

is like precious gold here) not to mention the cities they have built in my bathroom and kitchen.

Family: For a couple of months my teammates David and Beth are visiting their family in the US so I am the only SIM personelle in Tumu. I am very blessed to have my Sisaala family here and a network of people who come alongside me.

Faith: And then I am reminded of the Israelites as I am doing a study of Exodus with my friend. They were very serious in their complaints. These grumblings obscured their view of a God who had just done wonders for them and brought them out of Egypt. It obstructed their understanding of what they had received because they focused on what they didn't have. Oh - woe is me, I am just like the Israelites. I have so very much to be thankful for. I am so grateful that I have a freezer, roof, toilet, water tank, truck, (maybe not that I look like I'm in my 80's) and that I have a wonderful Sisaala family here in Tumu. Even though these things can cause problems - I am blessed that I have them. Ultimately, I have been given grace and mercy every day of my life, Jesus has saved me and so that is what I would end my song with. My hope and joy are in Him.

Alas, I am probably not going to fit this all in a song, so use your imagination and picture me in Tumu in a cowboy hat singing on top of my water tank about all the leaks and losses, and the beauty of turning these into a grateful heart because of the hope that I have. I am sure AI could generate a good one for me but alas, I don't even know how to use it :)

Spiritual Life Conference



A highlight of the year for me is our annual conference, where my colleagues gather from around Ghana to be together for 5 days. Our team currently represents Ghana, India, Ethiopia, USA and Canada. Out of 39 people, 23 of them were kids - so you can imagine how lively things were.



Sherri and I are holding our dear friend Yvonne who will be finishing up her time in Ghana and returning back to the UK. She served with SIM in the international office in the US, in Ethiopia for 11 years and then Ghana was honoured to have her for almost 9 years. I have been so blessed by Yvonne's passion for the Lord, her vast wisdom and experience that she readily shares with others and her faithfulness to serve the Lord wherever and for however long He calls her.

Praise God for the people He brings into our life - soak them up like a sponge because you don't know how long you have them.



Other dog Casey is still getting use to the idea of having a teammate that she didn't ask for. I may have to do some teambuilding exercises :)



Praise and Prayer

Praise God for His grace and mercy in my life.

Praise God for my family in Canada and in Ghana.

Pray for God's provision for people here - many are struggling to meet their daily needs.

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