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Grateful in Canada & Gearing up for Ghana



I have been a travelling nomad since I returned back to Canada. The odometer on my parent's car will tell you that I have added over 10,000 km since arriving. I haven't used my horn once – not that I haven't been tempted but, it HAS been hard to obey all the rules. For three years I have been used to following an aggressive/defensive form of driving and it is hard to get back into following a different set of unwritten rules for the road.

It has been 5 months since I stepped onto Canadian soil and I have truly enjoyed soaking in my home, my family, my friends, good food and snowy weather. It is a precious thing to be back, yet my heart aches for Tumu and my home on the other side of the ocean. It is hard for me to look at pictures and as much as I love talking about Ghana (it's my favourite thing to do) it reminds me of all that I miss there and I am excited to get back there in July.



⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the LORD's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. **Romans 12:9-13**

You are invited...

As I have been travelling, something that has stood out to me along the way is hospitality. I have gone from place to place, home to home, coffee shop to coffee shop, bed to bed. All along the way God has given me a tangible gift of His love through all those that I have encountered. Not only have I had a pillow for my

these things are an indication of the heart of hospitality. A heart that cares. Having experienced these many gifts – I am undone and humbled by the opportunity to be invited into your lives. I have been blessed because I have been in a place of needing people along the way to help me in physical ways, but have been left encouraged by the deeper things.

But has this gift of hospitality slowly been fading in our culture? I have lots of memories of shared times with people, doing activities together and lots of hospitality given and taken. There is something beautiful in being together, eating, talking, laughing and sharing. If we don't spend time with each other, then we miss the opportunities to share our lives - we miss sharing our hearts. Ultimately, sharing the love of Christ. Hospitality is about living invitationally.

In Ghana, hospitality is built into the culture. One of the phrases I learned very early on is "You are invited." Any time that you come upon people eating food in front of you, they will invite you to join them with "Ah di kia" – you are invited. There is a friendliness that accompanies this question and an invitation to be a part of their lives. Conversation flows and relationships are built, and it all started with an invitation. It has been a challenge to me to not only invite people into my home, over for a meal or to stay a while – it is a challenge to me to invite people to share my life, my love and to share Christ. My hospitality will not run out when it overflows with the source of Christ. But it sure is a challenge – hospitality requires time, effort, energy, love, compassion. It requires sacrifice. I don't always have these or even want to sacrifice and that's why I can't do it alone. I need God's help to give me what so easily runs out or is not there to begin with.

Is God calling us to more? How do we continue to live our lives invitationally - especially in light of this corona virus where we are asked to socially distance ourselves. We need wisdom and creativity in how to still reach out to people and invite them in. The call to practice hospitality is still the same, it may just look a little bit different in light of this virus. The passage in Romans 12 (above) is such a good reminder of what God is calling us to do. I am looking forward to hearing how God can use each of us to encourage others in this difficult time. May He give me a heart like yours as you invited me so graciously into your lives and your heart as I trekked across the provinces, showed up in your day, ate your food and layed my head on your pillows. Thank you!

Here is a little video for you from Ghana...

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Team Update



Tijin and Merin left Ghana in October to prepare for the birth of their first child and in January their beautiful baby girl was born. Besorah is our newest teammate and we can hardly wait to meet her. Please pray for them as they adjust to life as a family of three.



Robbie and Heather have been holding the fort down for our team in Tumu as the rest of us are at home. Their son Elliot is going to start surpassing us in our language if we don't get back to continue our learning. He turns 1 this month. Please pray for them as they continue to learn language and build relationships throughout Sisaalaland.



Steve and Cyndie have been busy visiting supporters, visiting and taking care of family and enjoying their adorably cute grandkid Eddie. Please pray for them as they discern the best time for them to return to Ghana.

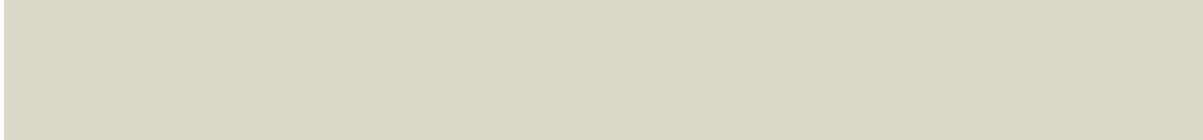
PRAYER & Praise

- The Corona Virus has affected travel all over the world and I didn't think it would affect my current plans, but the SIM banquets that I was going to speak at in Ontario have been cancelled. So a trip to speak, visit family and supporters has also been cancelled. Pray for those infected with this virus and wisdom for the health professionals, government officials and all of us as we navigate how to respond to all the issues and information that we are receiving day in and day out.
- Praise God for His protection over the course of these past few months of travel and for all the hospitality that was given to me.
- Pray for wisdom in what He has for me over these next few weeks since plans have changed and I now have some extra weeks open.

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