



Acree Update, May 2020



A Chronicle of the Acree family in Sunyani, Ghana

Dear Praying Friends,

The Ministry: As everyone already knows, we are living in unprecedented times. Starting in mid-March, the Ghana government closed down all schools, churches, international flights (including international mail), and public gatherings. As such, we were not legally allowed to hold church services, our ministries to SIBCO (a senior high school) and the University of Energy and Natural Resources were suspended, and we could no longer run our bus route. What was left was holding church services for just my family and visiting the various members of our church to do weekly Bible studies.

Progressively, restrictions became stricter until, at the end of May, the President of Ghana announced that Ghana will be adopting a 'phased' approach to slowly restore the livelihoods of Ghanaians back to some semblance of what life was like before COVID-19. Starting June 5th, churches will be allowed to resume holding services if they observe the strict guidelines set forth by the Minister of Health. Many of the large denominations here have announced that the restrictions are too strict and have opted to not resume services, but for our small body of believers, I am extremely excited to meet again.

I am praying that God will use this interruption to wake up some Ghanaians to their need for a Savior and a biblical church. Many go to church to conform to social expectations, but under the current conditions, those expectations have temporarily changed. My hope is that it will be easier to get people to visit our church, because they are not so closely tied to the false churches with which they were previously associated.

The Family: In our last prayer letter, I asked for prayer regarding my wife's health. Well, there has been a development, but not regarding her undiagnosed condition. We are expecting our sixth child! With the airports closed and the unknown condition with which she has been struggling, there is a measure of concern regarding the wellbeing of Melissa and the baby. We travelled recently to the city of Kumasi (about 3 hours away) to find what we feel would be a safe and capable hospital and doctor. God has blessed, and we feel very comfortable with our findings. Please continue to pray for Melissa and her health and add to your prayers, the safe development and delivery of Baby Acree due November 15th.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Seth Acree & family

Praises:

- Ability to resume church services.
- Baby Acree due November 15th!
- Finding a hospital we are comfortable with.

Prayer Requests:

- Melissa's health and an accurate diagnosis.
- Baby Acree due November 15th.
- Paperwork: Approval to fill one of our quota slots with my family (a prerequisite for visas).

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