

Acree Update: A Chronicle of the Acree family to Ghana



Dear Praying Friends,

The Birth of a New Church: “And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.” – 2 Samuel 6:11. A national pastor went with me several times as we were looking for a place to start holding services. After a time when no obvious leads presented themselves, that pastor told me that “in the old days, if someone found out you wanted to start a church, they would insist that you hold services on their land and they would not charge you anything to do so.” The very next place that we went was a privately own boarding school, and the owner quoted to us the verse listed above. He wanted us to start a church on his land, he didn’t want any rent, and all he did want was to be blessed by having us there (just as the ark of the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom). The first service of Baptist Bible Study was on March 11th. We are meeting in their cafeteria and it is very nice.

Since then, we have had several youth attending regularly, and I have been able to go through our Salvation Bible Study with four of them (Bishop – age 12, Daniella – age 10, Yvonne – age 10 and Bright – age ~11). They have each made a profession of faith and we are now discussing what it means to be baptized.

About a month ago, the director of the school that is hosting us, invited me to preach at their weekly chapel service consisting of approximately 30 high school students. Each subsequent week I’ve been invited back to preach again, and it looks like (and we are praying that) this will be a permanent arrangement. I’ve been trying to get to know some of them by name and build relationships with them. Please pray that those students will get saved and that they will start coming to the services of Baptist Bible Study (which meets on the same campus).

Paperwork Status: Immigration has had our applications and passports since January. Unfortunately, our applications have not been processed because our host (the church that has sponsored us to be in the country) needs to get some of their paperwork in order. This is a problem because (1) we have no idea how long it will take to resolve, (2) three of my children’s passports are to expire in August and (3) Melissa’s brother is getting married in September and Melissa, Emily and Benji are planning to attend. Please pray that this gets sorted out as quickly as possible because the residency visa applications are supposed to take 45 days to process and the passport renewals can take up to 6 weeks.

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

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Prayer Requests:

- Complications in paperwork to be resolved.
- More adults would come to Baptist Bible Study and respond to our visitation efforts.
- Future teammates in ministry, the Ludwig family, as they near the end of deputation.

Praises:

- Finding the place that God would have us start Baptist Bible Study.
- The four youth who have accepted Christ.
- The opportunity to repeatedly preach at SIBCO day & boarding school.

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