

# FORKKIO NEWS

Happy New Year!!!

It has truly been a year of God's abundant grace! Each day our LORD has carried us, showing over and over how amazing He is. It has been a challenging time and through it all God has continually demonstrated His patient persistence to mold us into the image of Christ.

As we look back over the year, we see the spiritual journey that we have travelled. We have experienced disappointments and shattered perceptions, as well as joys and victories. Through it all, God has shown us that our hope must be in Him alone.

We have found that though officially Ghana is primarily a Christian nation, true believers are the minority. More often, our Savior is used as a talisman. Businesses have religious sounding names in hopes of prosperity. Taxi cabs have religious slogans on their windows in an attempt to ensure safety. Pastors are among the most unscrupulous in society. And yet, God is sovereign and He is still at work in Ghana.

We have seen a dozen people come to Christ through our testimony. That is what it is all about. In Revelation 12:11 (NKJV), God said, **"they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."** Every time you or I lead someone to Christ, Scripture is being fulfilled through us. What an awesome privilege!!

Another reason for rejoicing is the refreshment God has given us when we needed it most. After a challenging year, God provided us the opportunity to attend a mission retreat in Cape Coast. What a lovely time to meet other missionaries and enjoy the beauty of God's creation!!



One of the Beaches at Cape Coast



James & Denese in Cape Coast with  
Our Friends the Martins

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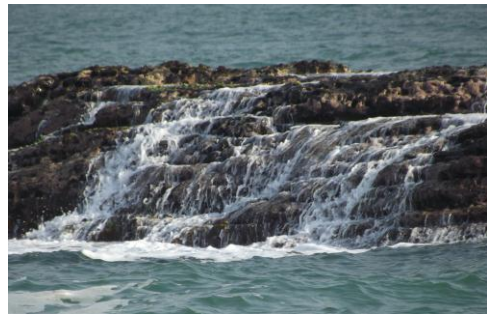
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*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

*Psalm 34:3*

We had a good laugh at Christmas. Just as we were dozing off to sleep, one of our Ghanaian friends sent us a text saying he had sent a friend to our house to stay with us. We were shocked that he would make such a presumption without asking us. We were out of town anyway, so Denese sent him a text saying, "Sorry, we are out of town." Once we were fully awake, we read the rest of the text...the friend was Jesus. Talk about "no room at the inn!" We are missionaries and we had just sent a text saying Jesus couldn't stay with us because we were out of town. By God's grace, the text didn't go through, but it was very funny.

Thank you to all of you who travel this journey with us through your prayers and support. You are a precious gift to us. May God richly bless you each and every one of you! We love and miss you all!



**More Beauty from Cape Coast**

*And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

## ***Prayer Requests***

- Please pray that we would be bold and diligent in sharing the gospel.
- Please pray for wisdom and guidance to know God's plan for us.
- Please pray for all of the illiterate women we serve to get audio Bibles so they can hear the Word of God in their own language.
- Please pray for God's blessing for the children living on the streets of Accra.

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