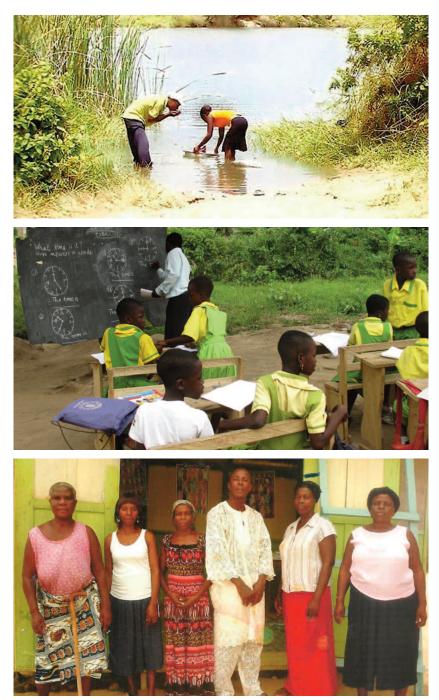


Report by Roy Wanta

Time has come and gone! And I can't believe that January, 2014 is almost here. We will be taking another trip to Ghana. Joining me on this trip will be Doug Christie, Greg Davis and new workers—Pastor Mary Bope and Lisa Wanta. Our goal is to drill a new well for the people near Accra, in a village about an hour away. The people have been walking to a lake, from which they get water to drink and prepare food.

We will be trying to build some classrooms for some of the children that have school outside because they don't have rooms.

While we are there we will be meeting with the widows to see what their needs are and if we can help them as we have in the past. Psalms 82:3-4 "Defend the poor and the fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and the needy. Rid them out of the hand of the wicked. Deliver the poor and the needy." Our concerns for now are to address the needs of those widows, and how we can can help them.



Pastor Francis with the widows we have helped

Today we live in a billion dollar society that is preoccupied with taking care of itself. But what happens after "death do us part"? Look at the widow in a country where a person's wage for a day is one dollar...and now that person is not there.

There is intense red-hot grief—and the more love, the more grief. What does this woman think? Where did my husband go? Why did my husband die? Am I condemned to live in a brutal country without my husband? Why am I left occupying a space that is for two? Where do I go from here, from being somebody to being nobody? This widow doesn't have time to cry, to let time heal her. She needs to survive, but how? What is this trip all about, and why? Deuteronomy 24:17-21 says to be kind to the widows, orphans, fatherless, children and strangers. Share whatever you have with them. I guess this is all we can do

when we meet them. Please pray that we will be workers for Christ.

I am real excited for the team that is going with me on this trip and we will see what can be

done. We are trying to build some toilets and maybe a place to wash up without having to go to the lake. I was told that at one time there were alligators in the lake, but it seems—because there was lack of food for people in the area—the alligators disappeared. I wonder why?

We also have started to do work on a new church building in that area. Not only do we try to supply what is needed, we also spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to reach as many people as we can in the little time that there is left. If given a chance, every experience in life and every person we encounter will reveal to us—in countless ways—the powerful and magnificent presence of a living and caring God.



"...after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened..." Ephesians 1:15-18

Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Ghost. We can yield to that gift and accept it into our hearts by ministering to the poor and castaways of our generation. We can share that gift with others, as many as we can touch, not just through mental understanding, but through our prayers.

I think that it would also be good to consider uniting your prayer with some corporal work of mercy in Ghana, especially for the poor and the children who are the poorest of the poor. I thank the Lord for those whose hearts have been opened to going to Africa this January. They will be able to empathize with someone, to listen to their heart, to bring a state of love. One of the greatest things we can do for someone is to listen to their heart—not just their words, but the voice of their heart—and let them know that we hear what they are saying.

You can help them sustain their life too, by setting them up to work in some kind of business. Whatever is sent for them will be a help.

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