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Dear Praying Friends,

Hello, once again, from Ghana. I hope and pray that all is well with you as you read this letter. Life here, while always a challenge, is going well. We experience the blessings of God upon our lives each day. As God continually shapes and molds me, I am grateful that His mercies are new every morning. As I continue to stumble and fall while trying to follow Him, He is gracious and merciful to me. He is always ready and willing to pick me up, dust me off, and set me back on His path. As the song says, without Him, I would be nothing.

The ministries here in Kumasi continue to go forward. There are ups and downs, but always the hand of God is visible. The people of Biblical Baptist Church are a continual blessing. Their spiritual growth and dedication to the work of the Lord challenges me in my own life. Their questions about God's Word constantly give me cause to search the Scriptures again and find answers. Their willingness to work for the Lord and be faithful to Him is an encouragement to my heart. It prompts me to strengthen myself in the Lord, and to never be content with my level of spiritual maturity. As I listen to the men teach in the services, I am blessed by their spiritual insight into the Scriptures. They truly desire to know God and His Word in a deeply personal way. Lately we have been seeing more visitors coming and we are excited about the opportunity to start new Bible studies with them. Every opportunity to sit down and share the true message of salvation is exciting.

We have also seen God's blessing on the church plant in Bokro. Bro. Andrew Aaron is a great example and encouragement to me. He has shown toughness and determination in difficult situations, as well as a strong faith in God. I am learning a great deal about what it takes to start a new church here. A great deal of our first term has involved "unlearning" some things so that God can show us a better way. God is constantly showing me through His Word and through the Godly examples of faithful men just how little I know. I am thankful, though, that success does not depend wholly on me. I realize how blessed I am to serve a God that is able to take my feeble efforts and use them for His honor and glory.

We recently had the blessing of having Kelly's parents come for a visit. They were able to stay with us for a full two weeks. We had a very sweet reunion and a wonderful time of fellowship while they were here. I'm not sure who enjoyed the trip more, us or them. We were able to show them the city of Kumasi and give them a clear picture of life here on the mission field. They were able to visit both of the churches and see what the Lord is doing here. We had such a good time together and were sad to see it come to an end. Lord willing, we will see them again in a couple of years when we take our first furlough. God has been teaching me over the last few years that though we are often separated from our loved ones, we are never separated from the One who loves us more than anyone else. He is there when no one else can be. Until we see you again, God bless you and keep you!

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