



**Rev. Joe & Jemima Ocran
National Superintendent**

Ghana News



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Dear Friends,

As 2010 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to wish all our partners, supporters and the general Church a Merry Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year 2011!

On behalf of the DBA in Ghana and our church, accept our sincere thanks for your prayers and your financial support for the year 2010. We assure you that with God helping us we intend to work hard to take the Gospel to as many people as we can to enable them to respond positively to our Lord's invitation to salvation.

Continue to pray with us to see God's Kingdom expand in Ghana. As well, pray that the door is open for us to plant a church in Burkina Faso in 2011. Jemima and I and our children, Albert and Diella, express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your friendship and support and pray that God will richly bless your family mightily now and in the New Year. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2011 to all.

Sincerely,

Joe & Jemima

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I've heard it said that faith in Africa is a mile wide but only an inch deep. Want to help change that?
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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

On April 22, 2011 the Wesleyan Standard Church in Ghana will celebrate its **20TH ANNIVERSARY**. From its humble beginnings as one single church, we have much to celebrate as today there are 48 churches including six developing churches. A three day celebration will be held and will include events which will reflect back on the WSC's history, celebrate God's faithfulness and seek God's vision for the coming years.

You are invited to join in this celebration of all that God has accomplished through your faithfulness and gifts. We covet your prayers as we continue to seek and celebrate God's plan for Ghana and beyond! ✝



Many of the Wesleyan Standard Churches got their start under a tree!

Thank You!

Your gifts are making a difference!

YTD Giving Summary May 1, 2010 — July 31, 2010	Annual Budget \$113,500*
YTD Required Budget	YTD Actual Income
\$28,374	\$22,132

*These funds cover the Ocran's support, transportation, evangelism, leadership training and administration.



Rev. Ocran baptizing a new believer in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Ghana!

DONATIONS:

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OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPACT

WE NEED YOUR HELP

In the fall of 2009, and winter of 2010, two teams of Wesleyan Pastors from Canada traveled to Ghana to teach the first two courses of the six-pack course curriculum. When the six courses are complete, this will enable 25 or more young men and women leaders to qualify for District Lay Licenses.

The young church requires trained leaders to shepherd the rapidly growing church. Four courses remain to be taught and could be completed by two teams, one in the fall of 2010 and another in winter of 2011. The WSC would like to commission these men and women at the 20th anniversary celebration as it will encourage and invigorate the young church. However it takes significant resources to cover the cost of travel, lodging and training materials for these leaders to come to Tema for the training.

We already know that there are many opportunities to share the Gospel with the people of Ghana. Many have responded but what lasting impact can the message have if there is no one to disciple and shepherd the new believers?

Would you partner with us to make this happen? \$6,000 is required for the fall of 2010 session and another \$6,000 is required for winter 2011 session. Would you or your church be willing to help raise these funds and make an investment in the Kingdom that will change people's lives for eternity? ✚

The Jesus Film has touched the hearts and lives of thousands of people in Ghana as they respond to the Gospel message after hearing Jesus speak in their own language.



JESUS FILM NEWS

The Jesus Film is a powerful tool to present the gospel to communities, often to people who have never heard the story of Jesus. Many stories are told by the Jesus Film Teams of miracles and transformation in people's lives who have seen the film. Below is another interesting story.

In late 2009 the Northern Jesus Film Team packed their gear and traveled to the community of Mudebo to show the Jesus Film. Mudebo is a mostly Muslim community in the Yendi District.

The team set up the equipment and began to show the film when a man from the community called Danko in a very irritated state insisted that the film be stopped. He said it was disturbing his sleep. To maintain peace the JF team stopped the film.

That night Danko had a dream in which a man warned him against what he did. Danko was very disturbed by the dream and early the next day met the team to explain his dream and ask them to pray for him. He promised the team his cooperation. That evening as the team was setting up the equipment; Danko came to help and later after the film was shown surrendered his life to Christ. ✚



Students receiving Six-Pack Training from Canadian Wesleyan Pastors.



Spending of Wesleyan Standard Church funds is confined to Board approved projects. Funds given towards a project are used as designated, with the understanding that when the need for that project has been met, or cannot be completed for reasons determined by the Board, the remaining funds designated will be used where needed most.



SHELDON GILMER is the Wesleyan Field Representative for Ghana. Sheldon and his family have served as missionaries in the D.R. Congo and have worked with the Ocrans in Ghana since 1999. If you would like any information on the work in Ghana, planning a missions trip or how to donate, please do not hesitate to contact him. ☎

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

People are hungry for the Gospel in Ghana but many have never heard it. With more resources, more communities will be reached. Perhaps you or your group are interested in partnering with the Ocrans. Current ministry needs include:

- ▶ Pastoral training and equipping
- ▶ Land for churches
- ▶ Motor bikes
- ▶ Church construction

For more information, please contact Sheldon Gilmer.

PROJECT REACH OUT:

The Wesleyan Standard Church provides holistic ministries to the impoverished people in the communities where they work. While the Church focuses on the spiritual aspect of life, it also operates a ministry called Project Reach Out which provides health care, education and income generating activities. For more information, please contact Carole Tanney at ctanney2@cogeco.ca or (613) 342-0477.