

January 20th, 2012

Furlough Plans

We want to inform you that we are planning on taking a five to six-month furlough back in the States beginning this May. We believe that this will be a major turning point in the development of the Anchor Baptist Church as an indigenous, New Testament, Great-Commissional church. We will be getting in touch with our supporting pastors as we look forward to sharing with you firsthand what the Lord has been doing in our lives over the past almost four years.

Praises:

1. Successful survey trip for our missionary friends: We were thankful for the opportunity to assist another like-minded missionary couple in surveying a large city for the advance of the gospel. Our friends were able to secure housing and will be moving to Kofuridua next month to begin church-planting in this needy place (over 100,000 people with no gospel-preaching church). Pray for this dear family as they adjust to a new place and phase of ministry.
2. Opportunities for evangelism: We received a very good response from our caroling activity as a number of people expressed interest in the church. We would appreciate your prayers for Bro. Biney and Badu as they seek to carefully expound the good news in their follow-up endeavors.
3. Good health: We are learning not to take good health for granted. Once again, Clara came down with malaria. This second time was far, far worse than her previous bout. We are thankful that she has now fully recovered, despite dehydration and nasty reactions to the medicine.

Prayer Requests:

1. Wisdom for post-furlough ministry: Once the men have taken on the teaching / preaching / overseeing responsibilities, we have no desire to take that from them when we come back from furlough. Rather, we are earnestly praying about beginning another church plant in a nearby town about 30 minutes away. Needless to say, we need a great deal of wisdom as we prayerfully determine the Lord's leading in this direction. We would greatly appreciate your prayers in this regard.
2. Leadership development: As we seek to gradually transition into a new church plant, we would appreciate your prayers for the men as they begin taking on full leadership responsibility. Obviously, there is a lot of final training, exhortation, organization, etc. that needs to be done between now and May!
3. Arrival of the Porcher family: We are thankful that, after major delays, things are finally cleared on this end for the Porcher family to arrive. We would appreciate your prayers as they work stateside on the myriad of things that need to be done in preparation for the big move!

Joyfully His Servants,
Micah, Debbie, and Clara Grace