

My trip to America

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“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” Matt.6: 33

Almost everybody in our part of the world is tempted into comparing America to the Biblical Canaan, a city “flowing with milk and honey”. I was no exception to this category of people, especially when I was growing up, and until a little over seven years ago, when the Lord called me into his ministry. Then, that popular perception that, ‘it’s only in America where I can make it’, gave

way to the scripture above, encouraging me to seek his kingdom and righteousness first, and all other things, including visits to America will be given to me.

The Lord provided the much-needed opportunity for me to speak in some churches, where I shared what the Lord is doing through Ghana Christian Mission.

As a first-timer in America, I saw many things, learned many les-

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sons, had a lot of fun, met old friends and made new ones. I now have a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices the American missionaries make, leaving all the comforts of their homes and country to come and put up with the harsh conditions here, to serve.

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souls for Christ. I see this as a perfect example of Christ, leaving all the glory of Heaven to come down to save me.

To all the saints, who in diverse ways, made my maiden visit to America possible and memorable, I say thank you for making my life and my ministry, a ‘little brighter’; may the good Lord reward you, filling your cups to the brim.

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DIRECTOR'S podium

“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith— Consider him who endured such opposition— so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12: 1-3).

Have you thought much of late about ‘the race marked for you’? Every Christian is in the race by virtue of being a believer in Jesus.

As Easter approaches, may we reflect on the example of our Lord who did not give up on the race marked for him but ran to the finish line and got the crown of glory through the cross, resurrection and ascension.

It was not easy for Him, nor is it for us, to overcome discouragement and get to the finish line. He is among the cloud of witnesses cheering us on. **Greetings** to all of you, my dear friends and partners in the Race.

-Enoch Nyador

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FAMILY *focus*

Serving others, serving God

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

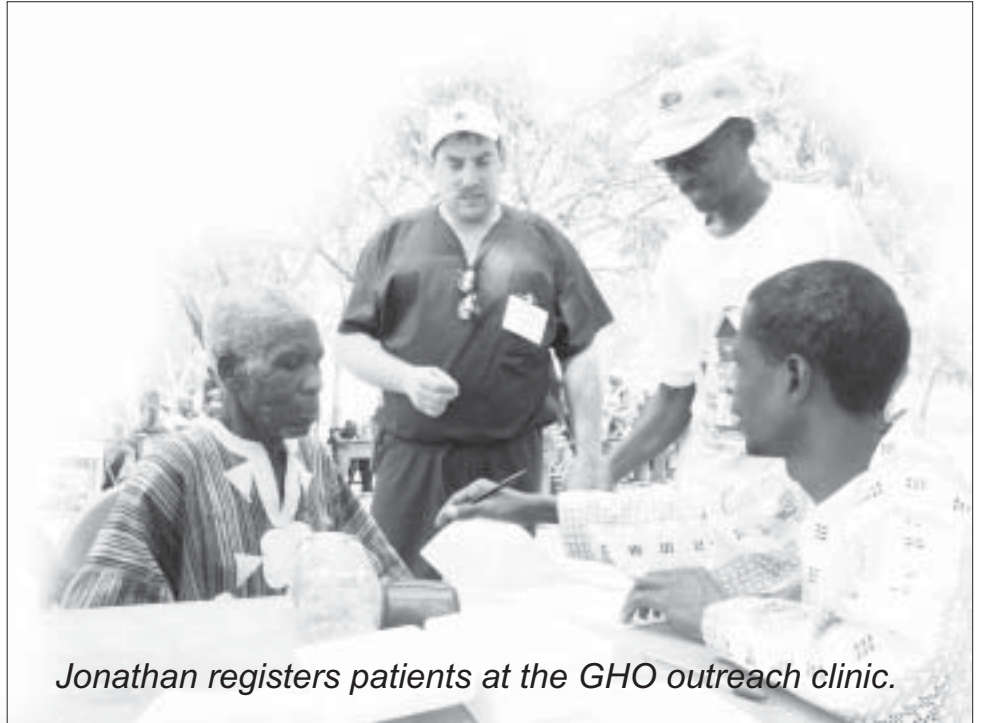
I Peter 4:10,11

Jonathan was born in 1959 into a family whose religion was based on idol worship. His father never wanted to abandon the path of his ancestors, and only accepted Christ as Lord and Savior two years ago before his death. Jonathan continues to pray that his mother will become a Christian. Jonathan left behind his family’s faith and was baptized in 1975 in a Mennonite Church. During the years he served at this church, he helped his father in cocoa cultivation.

He was blessed to attend Ghana Christina College from 1985 to 1988. Enoch had the privilege of teaching him, and he remembers Jonathan as a hardworking and serious student. Evangelist Jonathan Sapeh recognized his God-given gifts to speak and serve.

After years of faithfully leading in song worship, Sunday School teaching and house-to-house witnessing in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, God called him to be a cross-cultural evangelist in the north. Jonathan accepted the call in 1992 to live among the people in the Kpandai-Salaga area of the Northern Region and share the gospel with them after learning their language.

Today we can witness the fruits of his faith and his labor as he has planted 7 village churches, serves as the chaplain at the FAME Clinic in Kumdi, and rides his



Jonathan registers patients at the GHO outreach clinic.

motorcycle along rough bush paths to disciple newly baptized and mature Christians among the churches.

These churches continue to grow, as we have received praise reports about new souls saved for eternity. Our family was blessed to have met Jonathan, his wife Helen, and a few of their 6 children in Kumdi last year. We were humbled by their dedication and sacrifice.

Our son Andrew enjoyed playing with the boys, and they taught him how to eat bush mangoes. God has provided Jonathan with a faithful and hard-working helpmate, and Helen has started to buy and sell beans, groundnuts (peanuts), or guinea maize to help support their ministry work and pay for their children’s school fees.

Please pray for Jonathan and Helen Sapeh, so that God would continue to give them His words to speak of His grace and love and to give them the strength to serve in His power.

*-Sue Ketchum,
Mission Resource International*

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* David Ketchum, founder of Mission Resource International, and his friend Malcolm Shelton