

Subject: #2 REPORT FROM GHANA

Date: Fri, 6 Mar 2009 20:38:47 GMT

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

RESTAURANT - ESPECIALLY YOUNG WOMEN. WHEN I LOOKED AT THE LIST OF VJUST GOT AN E-MAIL FROM VENEZUELA WHICH WAS A BLESSING. WE HAVE MADE A CLIMATE AND CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT. WALKING AROUND THE GUEST HOUSE, THERE ARE BANANAS, MANGOS, PAPAYA, COCONUTS, AND MANY FLOWERS. IT IS HOT AND NEEDED A SHOWER TO GET COOLED OFF THIS AFTERNOON. WE WENT OUT TO SUPPER AND WE WERE SURPRISED WITH SO MANY NORTH AMERICANS IN THE OLUNTEERS WHO ARE TRAVELING THRU HERE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN NORTHERN GHANA, WE WERE ENCOURAGED. JIMMY HUEY WILL TAKE DEWEY AND LOUIE (ROY) TO THE AIRPORT AT 5AM. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET TO THE HOSPITAL AND GREET OTHERS WHO ARE SERVING THERE. THANKS TO YOU FOR THE PRAYERS.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: Re: GHANA #3

Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2009 21:08:58 GMT

DEAR CAROLE AND BOBBIE, SUNDAY EVENING

I AM WRITING FROM THE SCHOOL HOUSE AND IT IS FRESHLY PAINTED WITH A NEW TILE FLOOR. THE FAILES AND THE DICKENS WERE HERE. WE HAVE ABOUT 15 VOLUNTEERS HERE AT THIS TIME. ROY AND I ARE IN THE SAME HOUSE NEXT TO THE GUEST HOUSE. I READ THE MESSAGE FROM CAROLE AND WILL SEND THIS MESSAGE TO YOU TWO. I HAVE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE COMPUTER AND EARLIER TODAY NO ONE COULD GET THE COMPUTERS TO WORK. WE HAVE RESTED AND ARE READY TO WORK TOMORROW MORNING. THE BETTER STAFFING HAS MADE A WONDERFUL DIFFERENCE HERE. WE WENT TO 2ND BAPTIST CHURCH THIS MORNING AND HAVE HAD GOOD FOOD. PHARMACIST AMY PENNINGTON IS HERE AND SHE KNOW DAVID GREGORY FROM APPLYING TO VANDERBILT FOR HER RESIDENCY. DR. FRED RUSHTON FROM JACKSON, MS IS HERE WITH A TEAM AND IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO GET TO KNOW HIM. HE IS IN THE FRIDAY MORNING GROUP AT FBC WITH HARRY CARR. THE HOSPITAL DOES LOOK MUCH BETTER WITH NEW TILE FLOOR AND IT WAS FULL WHEN WE MADE ROUNDS THIS MORNING. THE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS GETS SMALLER ON WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS AND PLEASE SEND THIS MESSAGE ALONG.

MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: Re: GHANA #5 REPEAT AND #7

Date: Sat, 14 Mar 2009 14:21:15 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE AND CAROLE AND OTHERS:

I THINK WE LOST THE GHANA #5 AND WILL TRY TO REPEAT THAT INFORMATION. IT IS NOW SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SCHOOL HOUSE AND IT IS QUIET. ROY IS RESTING AT THE GUEST HOUSE ON THE COUCH. WE WERE AT THE HOSPITAL LATE LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE A CHILD HAD APPENDICITIS AND HE DID SURGERY - BUT THE CHILD DID NOT LIVE. EARL JUST CAME IN TO SAY THAT ROY HAD A C-SECTION TO DO.

I HAD REPORTED ON A PATIENT WHO WAS A PASTOR. HE HAD A MUSLIM BACKGROUND AND HIS FATHER PAID FOR HIM TO GO TO SEMINARY. LATER IN LIFE HIS MOTHER BECAME A CHRISTIAN. WE SAW A YOUNG MAN YESTERDAY WHO RE-DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO CHRIST IN THE CLINIC HAVING COME FROM A MUSLIM FAMILY AND WAS A CATHOLIC -- BUT PRAYED A PRAYER OF RE-DEDICATION. SOME OF THE CHRISTIANS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE CLINIC HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED. I WENT TO THE 7 AM WORSHIP FOR THE HOSPITAL WORKERS AND WAS BLESSED BY A STRONG MESSAGE WITH ABOUT 100 PERSONS PARTICIPATING.

A YOUNG WOMAN HAD AN ECTOPIC PREGNANCY AND MUCH BLEEDING - BUT A +PREGNANCY TEST LED TO JOEL DOING SURGICAL CORRECTION AND THE 4 PINTS OF BLOOD IN THE ABDOMEN WERE GIVEN BACK TO HER AS TRANSFUSIONS. TODAY, A MAN WITH MUCH BLOOD IN THE ABDOMEN IS GETTING THE BLOOD BACK INTO HIS VEIN. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HIS DX IS.

WE HAD A YOUNG BOY WITH MASTOIDITIS AND GEORGE SAW HIM WITH ME AND OPENED AN ABSCESS BEHIND THE EAR AND HE IS MUCH BETTER AND WILL GO HOME TODAY. MIDDLE AGED PATIENT HAD A MASSW ON ONE SIDED OF HIS FACE AND THERE WAS A LARGE ABSCESS THAT WAS DRAINED SOME YESTERDAY AND MORE TODAY. IT WAS DRAINED BOTH THRU THE MOUTH AND OVER THE JAW BONE. THE WORK HERE DEMANDS CONSTANT FOLLOW-UP AND REVISION.

TODAY I MADE ROUNDS ON THE MEN AND THE WOMEN. I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED SEEING THE WOMEN BECAUSE THE NURSES ON THOSE 2 WARDS WERE SO HELPFUL. ONE WOMAN HAS A LARGE TUMOR IN THE ABDOMEN AND A HARD MASS ON HER HIP BONE. KRISTIANA IS A RESIDENT WITH US AND WE WENT TO SEE A BOY WITH TETANUS AT NOON - SHE TOOK A MOVIE OF HIS SPASMS.

I READ DAVID'S MESSAGE ABOUT AMY PENNINGTON AND SHE WAS WITH ME IN CLINIC 2 DAYS THIS WEEK. SHE PRAYED FOR MANY, MANY PATIENTS. FRIDAY BOTH AMY AND THE TAMALI MED STUDENT ISABELLA FROM HERE WHO WAS HOME VISITING HER FAMILY (BABA WHO HAD BREAST SURGERY) WERE WITH ME. THAT MADE IT A VERY GOOD DAY AND WE SAW SOME VEDRY INTERESTING PATIENTS. I AM NOW DRIVING THE TRUCK UP THE HILL TO THE HOSPITAL AND IT HELPS CONSERVE ENERGY.

WE ENJOY THE SLOWER PACE ON THE WEEKEND AT THE HOSPITAL AND I AM CATCHING UP ON KNOWING ALL THE MALE PATIENTS. WE HAVE SEEN MANY

SNAKE BITES AGAIN AND THEY REQUIRE 3 CLOTTED BLOOD SPECIMENS BEFORE DISCHARGE. THERE ARE VICTORIES AND TRAGEDIES!!!! THANK ALL FOR THEIR PRAYERS WHICH ARE MUCH NEEDED.

WITH MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY (I GOT YOUR RESPONSE FROM GHANA 6)

Subject: GHANA #6

Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2009 19:35:42 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE AND CAROLE,

I WROTE A LONG E-MAIL YESTERDAY #5 , BUT I DO NOT KNOW IF IT WENT THROUGH. WE HAD STATION PRAYER MEETING LAST NIGHT AT THE FAILES HOUSE AND I WAS IN THE CLINIC ALL DAY TODAY. ROY DID REMARKABLE SURGERY TODAY AND HE IS AT HOUSE #7 RESTING NOW. THE FAILES ARE GOING TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL IN THE MORNING FOR 2 DAYS - SO THAT WILL MEAN ROY WILL BE READY FOR ANY ACTION. MUCH LOVE TO BOTH OF YOU. WE WILL BE MAKING ROUNDS EARLY IN THE MORNING. IT IS FRIDAY AND SUNDAY'S COMING!!! I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE GOTTEN OUR 5 MESSAGES FROM HERE. I ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THE MESSAGES OFF JUNO. ELIZABETH FAILE GAVE ME NUMBERS FROM MONDAY CLINIC WITH 577 ADULTS PLUS CHILDREN AND FOR WEDNESDAY CLINIC 530 ADULTS PLUS CHILDREN. WE CONTINUE TO DO WELL AND PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSING TO US.

MUCH LOVE TO ALL, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: GHANA #8

Date: Sun, 15 Mar 2009 13:25:01 GMT

DEAR CAROLE AND BOBBIE AND OTHERS,

JUST GOT THE E-MAIL FROM CAROLE AND WILL WRITE A RESPONSE. WE WERE SO DELIGHTED TO GET YOUR MESSAGE. I WENT TO THE GUEST HOUSE TO GET ROY TO SEE IT. THANKS FOR THE NEWS. WE MADE ROUNDS THIS MORNING AND WERE TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT ROY DID CHURCH IN THE OPERATING ROOM WITH THE RESIDENT KRISTIANA -- WE HAD A NEW PATIENT WITH AN ENCARCERATED INGUINAL HERNIA. THEY WERE HELPED BY JOHN AND COMFORT - 2 WONDERFUL GHANA HELPERS. AFTER THE OPERATION THE PATIENT SAID, "GOD BLESS YOU!!!" THAT MADE THE OPERATION A REAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. ROY GAVE THE CANDY YOU SENT TO THE HEWETTS AND DICKENS. IT WAS APPRECIATED.

ROY HAS BEEN SO GRATEFUL FOR THE BIRTHDAY CARDS AND THE PICTURES OF THE DOGS THAT ARE ON THE DOOR OF OUR HOUSE. ROY DID 3 C-SECTIONS YESTERDAY AND THERE WERE 4 BABIES THAT HAD ALL DIED. THE MOTHERS CAME TO THE HOSPITAL TOO LATE. THE 3 MOTHERS WERE SAVED FROM DEATH WE HOPE, BUT THE STORY IS NOT FINISHED.

I WENT QUICKLY TO 2ND BAPTIST CHURCH THIS MORNING AND THEY WERE

SINGING "I SURRENDER ALL". I GAVE THE DRUMMER THE 2 PAIR OF STICKS--- HE WAS USING STICKS OFF OF A TREE. I HURRIED BACK TO THE HOSPITAL AND DID NOT SEE A NAKED MAN LYING BESIDE THE ROAD OR UNDER A TREE. I WENT TO TOWN YESTERDAY WITH EARL AND SAW WOMEN WASHING IN THE STREAM AND IN THE MARKET THERE WERE 3 YOUNG WOMEN FROM EUROPE. WE HAVE A SMALL GROUP OF US HERE FOR THE WEEKEND AND WE EXPECT MORE VOLUNTEERS ON TUESDAY. IT IS VERY, VERY HOT HERE TODAY.

MUCH LOVE TO ALL, ROY AND DEWEY THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS AND NOTES. IT SOMETIMES GETS DISCOURAGING, WHEN YOU DO ALL YOU CAN AND THE PATIENT DIES --- LIKE ONE THIS MORNING WHO HAD A OPERATION FOR PERFORATED TYPHOID LAST WEEK.

Subject: GHANA #9

Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 16:50:43 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE AND CAROLE,

THANK YOU FOR THE E-MAIL. GOT 2 FROM BOBBIE. MRS. BABA HAD BREAST SURGERY AND WILL HAVE RADIATION IN ACCRA. HER DAUGHTER ISABELLA WAS WITH ME ON FRIDAY. I DO NOT REMEMBER ABOUT BABY FORMULA.

FOUR PERSONS ARRIVED FROM INMED TODAY AND I SPENT TIME WITH THEM AFTER LUNCH AND GAVE THEM A TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL. THEN THEY HAD A GOOD VISIT WITH TOMMY HARRISON AND SAW THE MAINTENENCE AREA. ROY WAS IN THE OR. THE ELECTRICITY WENT OFF THIS MORNING AND I RUSHED TO THE HOUSE TO GET FLASHLIGHT SO ROY COULD SEE IN THE OR TO FINISH A CASE OF HERNIA. EARLIER HE DID A CASE OF A PROLAPSED RECTUM IN A WOMAN I HAD SEEN HERE 2 YEARS AGO. IT WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BOWLING BALL.

I SAW ABOUT 70 CASES IN CLINIC ON MONDAY AND WE WERE ALL EXHAUSTED. I DID HAVE A CHANCE SUNDAY EVENING TO SHOW SLIDES ABOUT ESOPHAGITIS TO 2 OF THE YOUNG PERSONS HERE AND ROY TOLD ABOUT HIS OPERATION FOR REFLUX. WE ARE WELL AND TAKING GOOD CARE OF EACH OTHER -- IT IS SPIRITUALLY ENRICHING. IT IS ALSO FRUSTRATING AT TIMES. HAD GOOD ROUNDS ON THE MEN'S WARD THIS MORNING. ALL THE MISSIONARIES ARE BACK HERE NOW. WE WERE USED TO GIVE THEM SOME REST. KEEP PRAYING AND LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR DINNER TOGETHER.

MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: GHANA # 10

Date: Thu, 19 Mar 2009 14:47:59 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE, CAROLE, AND OTHERS,

JUST READ YOUR TUESDAY E-MAIL ABOUT DEERES, YURI, GATLINBURG, OTHERS --- THANKS. IT IS HARD TO GET THE COMPUTERS TO GET MESSAGES

AND IT IS TEDIOUS TO SEND MESSAGES.

JOY!!!!!!!!!!!! AMY WILL BE COMING TO VANDERBILT. SHE HELPED ME WITH 3 ENDOSCOPIES THIS MORNING. ROY DID AN OPERATION ON A PATIENT I SAW IN THE CLINIC AND GAVE AN ANTIBIOTIC AND SHE GOT WORSE WITH TYPHOID WITH 5 PERFORATIONS -- SHOULD HAVE USED CHLOROMYCETIN. THAT WAS THIS MORNING'S EMERGENCY. HE WILL BE GOING BACK TO THE HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON. HE ALSO DID A PAROTID GLAND REMOVAL THIS MORNING.

WE HAVE 4 MEN HERE FROM INMED AND THE WIFE OF ONE WAS A MED STUDENT HERE. THERE IS A PASTOR AND THEIR CHURCH WANTS TO HELP THE HOSPITAL. ONE OF THE GROUP IS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND THE OTHER HAS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FIXING THINGS. I VISITED THE HOSPITAL SHOPS WITH THEM. TODAY A RADIOLOGIST FROM ENGLAND WAS VISITING THE HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL SHOPS BUILT A CASKET FOR THE HOSPITAL WHO DIED. IT HAD A WINDOW IN IT AND SHE WAS BURIED IN HER HOUSE IN THE KITCHEN. WE ALSO HAD A DEATH OF A CHILD WITH TETANUS.

WE HAD A GREAT DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH THE DICKENS AND WE ARE STILL PRAISING GOD FOR WHAT HE DID!!!!!! BRINGING THEM HERE. THEY CAME ON THEIR OWN. WE COULD NEVER, NEVER, NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THIS ANSWER TO THE NALERIGU SITUATION. IT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL TRANSITIONS THAT I HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED. I WISH YOU WERE HERE TO EXPERIENCE THIS UNUSUAL ACT OF GOD. (IT IS SOMETHING LIKE THE COOKS IN KOREA EXCEPT AT A MUCH YOUNGER AGE).

SPIRITUAL DECISIONS AT CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY WERE 19 WITH ABOUT 5 MUSLIMS ON THE LIST. WE HAD 2 ACCEPT CHRIST IN OUR CLINIC ROOM; ONE YOUNG WOMAN WAS NAMED PEACE. THE MISSOURI MEN WERE WITH ME AS THE PERSONS PRAYED TO ASK JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS. IN THE CLINIC I SAW ONE PATIENT THAT I SAW LAST YEAR AND A CHILD WITH NEPHROSIS. I ADMITTED A YOUNG MAN WITH HEPATITIS B AND HEPATOMA - BAD PROGNOSIS. 21 OF 32 PATIENTS IN CLINIC WERE MUSLIM.

I WILL STOP FOR NOW AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PRAYING.

MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: GHANA #11

Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 11:47:01 GMT

DEAR CAROLE, BOBBIE, AND OTHERS:

IT IS SATURDAY NOON AND WE MADE ROUNDS THIS MORNING AND I DID AN ENDOSCOPY ON A NEW PATIENT WITH ABDOMINAL PAIN AND FOUND A 2 CM. DEEP GASTRIC ULCER --- VERY GRATIFYING. HE IS FEELING BETTER ON OMEPRAZOLE. WE DISCHARGED SEVERAL OF ROY'S PATIENTS WHO HAD OPERATIONS.

AT THE MISSION PRAYER MEETING ON THURS. NIGHT WE WENT TO TOMMY HARRISON'S HOUSE WITH 25 PRESENT. WE SANG THE SONG IN THE BAPTIST HYMNAL FROM GHANA. THERE WERE TESTIMONIES LIKE THE GHANIAN MEMBER

OF THE K.C. TEAM WHO SAID HIS FAMILY HERE IN GHANA IN THE SOUTH ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NORTH OF GHANA. THERE IS A FULANI WOMAN IN THE MATERNITY AND SOME OF THE WORKERS GAVE BLOOD FOR HER. I MET HER WITH THE FULANI PASTOR - ALEX. THE MEETING OF THE MISSIONARIES WITH THE NEW STRATEGY COORDINATOR, TIM CEARLEY, WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. THERE IS MUCH RESPECT FOR THE HOSPITAL HERE AND THERE IS A GOOD ATTITUDE OF THE EMPLOYEES. I MENTIONED JULIA WATTACHERIL AND THE FAILES AND HEWITTS REMEMBER HER AND HER FRIEND SPARKLE. A PEACE CORPS WORKER WAS AT THE MEETING AND SHE HAS ADDED AN ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HER SERVICE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HERE TEACHING COMPUTERS. WE HAD PRAYER AND REFRESHMENTS AND VISITED TOMMY'S BEDROOM ON THE ROOF - UNDER THE STARS.

INTERESTING CASES HAVE BEEN A SCROTAL ABSCESS THAT WAS DRAINED, AINHUM WHICH IS A TERM FOR A BAND AROUND A LITTLE TOE IN THE TROPICS THAT REQUIRES AMPUTATION -- EARL TOOK ONE OFF AND IT FELL ON HIS FOOT AND SAID, "LOOKED LIKE I HAD 6 TOES". I ADMITTED A RUPTURED APPENDIX AND ROY DID THE SURGERY ---GOOD DX AND RX. WE ARE NOT ALWAYS CORRECT AND THE TYPHOID PATIENT WITH 5 PERFORATIONS DIED POST-OP.

THE PASTOR OF THE ABUNDANT LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH IN K.C. SPOKE AT THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL SERVICE YESTERDAY WITH 32 PERSONS MAKING DECISIONS - - 15 BECAME NEW CHRISTIANS. PRAISE THE LORD!!! MANY CHURCHES COULD BE BLESSED WITH THAT MANY PERSONS COMING FORWARD. IN CLINIC I SAW A WOMAN WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA WHO WAS MIRACULOUSLY CURED. SAW A LAB REPORT OF ANOTHER PATIENT WITH HEPATITIS B. WE HAD ONE MAN MAKING A SPIRITUAL DECISION TO ACCEPT CHRIST IN OUR CLINIC ROOM.

LAST NIGHT AT THE HEWITT'S WE HAD PIZZA AND A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR HOLLY DICKENS AND DR. ROY RENFRO. HE BLEW OUT THE CANDLES, SINCE SHE IS PREGNANT. WE GOT GOOD REST LAST NIGHT. IT WAS COOL EARLY THIS MORNING. THANKS FOR THE MESSAGES AND PRAYERS.

MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: GHANA #12

Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 14:16:09 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE AND CAROLE AND OTHERS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - ROY!!!!!! THE CAKE YOU SENT WAS PREPARED FOR SUPPER LAST NIGHT AND HE BLEW OUT THE CANDLES AND WE ATE THE REST OF THE CAKE AT LUNCH TODAY. THE BIRTHDAY MEAL WAS ONE OF OUR BEST WITH CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY, PEAS AND CORN, AND HOMEMADE BREAD. IT WAS THE 2ND NIGHT THAT ROY BLEW OUT THE BIRTHDAY CANDLES.

THANK YOU FOR BEING SO THOUGHTFUL --- IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

TODAY IS SUNDAY 22 OF MARCH AND WE WENT TO FBC WHERE WE ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ROY WAS A VOCAL PARTICIPANT WITH A ROOM FULL WITH EXTRA CHAIRS ADDED - 26 IN THE CLASS. THE WORSHIP SERVICE WAS WONDERFUL!!! WITH MUCH DANCING AND ROY AND I WERE DOING A LITTLE

DANCE AND WAVING OUR ARMS AT OUR SEATS. ALL THE MISSION CAME AND RICK FROM KANSAS CITY PREACHED. 2 MADE DECISIONS. I AM EXPECTING THAT NEXT SUNDAY IN THE U.S. WE WILL FEEL THE EXTREME LACK OF SPIRIT IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES WITH NO DANCING, SHAKING, SHOUTING, AND CELEBRATION. ONE OF THE K.C. GROUP WENT TO THE COUNTRY WITH TOMMY HARRISON AND WAS BLESSED TO GIVE NAMES TO TWIN BABIES (SOLOMON AND JOHN)

I CAN ALREADY TELL YOU THAT THIS - THIS MISSION - HAS BEEN MY BEST EVER FOR SEVERAL REASONS;

1. 3 MISSIONARIY FAMILIES AND JANE PAYSINGER ---DICKENS GREAT ADDITION AND CAME SUPPORTING THEMSELVES.
2. RUSHTON AND BATTLE SURGERY TEAM FROM JACKSON, MS. -- 3 YOUNG PERSONS.
3. TEAM OF 4 MEN FROM K.C., MO. WITH MISSIONS EMPHASIS AND INMED.
4. DECISIONS FOR CHRIST IN CHAPEL AND IN MEDICAL CLINICS. PHARMACY STUDENT AMY PENNINGTON WHO IS COMING TO VANDERBILT IN CLINIC.
5. E-MAILS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HOME INCLUDING CAROLE, BOBBIE, GINGER, ZSILA, ZAIDA, JAMES, DAVID, MARILYN + OTHERS.
6. FELLOWSHIP WITH STATION MEETING AND DINNER WITH MISSIONARIES -- TOMMY HARRISON, ANGELA THE TEACHER FOR HEWITT GIRLS. OTHER VOLUNTEERS SUCH AS KRISTIANA AND TIM.

I KNOW THAT ALWAYS THE MOST RECENT MISSION IS THE BEST EVER. WE PRAISE GOD THAT WE WILL GET HOME SAFE AND TELL THE GLORIOUS STORY OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD DOING HERE.

WITH MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY. -----PLEASE FORWARD

Subject: GHANA #13

Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 15:47:07 GMT

DEAR CAROLE, BOBBIE, AND OTHERS:

IT IS TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND THERE ARE JUST 3 VOLUNTEERS HERE AT BAPT. MED CENTER. ROY IS POSSIBLY DOING AN EMERGENCY OPERATION ON A PATIENT WHO CAME IN THIS MORNING AND WAS IN SHOCK AT THE OR - SO SURGERY DELAYED TO GIVE HIM FLUIDS. I DID 3 GASTROSCOPIES THIS MORNING BUT ONE WAS SHORTENED WHEN THE ELECTRICITY WENT OFF. I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME TODAY WITH MAN FROM GHANA AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING -- JOHN FAILE BABA. HE IS WORKING THERE AND EXPLAINED ALL THEY ARE DOING WHICH IS EXCITING - HE IS FROM GHANA AND LIVES ACROSS FROM THE HOSPITAL. THIS WORK IS THE OUTREACH FROM THE HOSPITAL OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND HELPS WITH HEALTH AND EVANGELISM. ALSO THERE IS A LATRINE PROJECT, HIV-AIDS, TB, FAMILY PLANNING, CHILD HEALTH AND OTHER PREVENTIVE PROGRAMS.

I ADMITTED 4 PATIENTS AT THE END OF CLINIC YESTERDAY - WHICH WAS

DIFFICULT --- ONE WOMAN HAS METASTATIC BREAST CANCER, A MAN HAS LUNG INFECTION IN LUNGS, A MAN WITH HYPERTENSION AND HEART FAILURE, AND A WOMAN WITH URINE INFECTION. I SAW ALL OF THEM THIS MORNING. WE ARE SPENDING TIME WITH JANE PAYSINGER, THE DICKENS, GEORGE FAILE AND THE HEWETTS. I CONTINUE TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT THIS PLACE.

TODAY I WALKED AROUND THE HOUSE WHERE DEBBIE LIVED WHEN SHE WAS IN NURSING SCHOOL. I TOOK SOME PHOTOS OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE WITH SOME FLOWERS BLOOMING. IT COULD BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES. I DID SEE A MAN BIT BY A MAD DOG ON YESTERDAY AND THOUGHT ABOUT RABIES.

YESTERDAY WAS EXCITING SPIRITUALLY WITH 2 PERSONS PRAYING TO RECEIVE CHRIST. ONE WAS TAKEN TO THE CHAPLAIN AFTER WE TALKED TO HER. MY TRANSLATOR WAS MUSLIM AND SHE WAS DILIGENT IN PRAYING FOR ALL OUR PATIENTS. SHE TRANSLATED THE SINNER'S PRAYER FOR EACH OF THE PATIENTS WHICH WAS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE. I COULD NOT HAVE DREAMED THIS WOULD HAPPEN !!!! ALSO, ONE OF THE MUSLIMS THAT I PRAYED FOR MADE THE SIGN OF A CROSS AT THE END OF THE PRAYER. I THINK SHE IS A CULTURAL MUSLIM AND HAS INVITED JESUS INTO HER HEART. IT IS NOT SIMPLE HERE AND THE HOSPITAL IS SURROUNDED BY MUSLIMS WITH MORE THAN 60% OF OUR PATIENTS. I LEARNED ABOUT 3 OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS IN THIS AREA IN ADDITION TO MAMPRULI WHO ARE MOSTLY MUSLIM.

WE CONTINUE TO RELY ON PRAYERS AND THANK YOU FOR THE NEWS. SEWING CLUB TOMORROW AT OUR HOME, JOSH'S QUILT, THE ROSES OUT FRONT AT THE RENFROS AND THE BOYS EXCITED TO GO ON AN ERRAND. I WAS BLESSED TO HEAR ABOUT THE SIERRA LEONE REPORT AT WOODMONT.

THANK YOU FOR ENCOURAGING US TO KEEP SERVING, DEWEY AND ROY.

From: "dbdunn@juno.com" dbdunn@juno.com

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THANK YOU FOR THE EMAIL ABOUT PICKING UP STICKS -- HERE IT IS PICKING UP TRASH. ACTUALLY ALL THE LEAVES ARE BEING PICKED UP BY THE HOSPITAL CREWS TO MAKE A COMPOST PILE. ALSO THANKS FOR FISHING AND RIDING A MULE. THERE ARE MANY DONKEYS HERE WITH CARTS FOR CARRYING WATER. JUST GOT WORD FROM THE OR THAT ROY OPERATED ON A PERFORATED GASTRIC ULCER IN A MAN WHO CAME IN EXTREMELY ILL THIS MORNING AND WENT INTO SHOCK. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE HERE AND I LEARNED THAT THE NUTRITION CENTER WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE THEIR PROGRAM WITH HOUSING FOR THE MOTHERS. THIS WAS A VISIT I MADE TODAY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY OF THE HOSPITAL WHICH GOES OUT INTO THE VILLAGES. THIS IS PART OF THE BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER'S MINISTRY. THANKS AGAIN FOR PRAYING -- I AM SITTING NEXT TO EARL IN THE SCHOOL AT THE COMPUTER. MUCH LOVE, DEWEY AND ROY

Subject: GHANA #14

Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 07:07:13 GMT

DEAR BOBBIE AND CAROLE AND OTHERS:

GOT YOUR MESSAGE AND GLAD THE TAX IS IN TO MR. HOWARD. HAPPY THAT YOU TWO COULD BE TOGETHER. HOPE THAT CATHY IS WELL AND ENJOYING WORK, HELPING PEOPLE. LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH FAMILY ON SATURDAY AND GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY.

IT IS EARLY MORNING HERE. AT DAWN THE BIRDS BEGIN TO SING. THE NIGHT WATCHMAN WAS MAKING HIS TOUR ON A MOTORCYCLE. I WAS SINGING TO MYSELF IN THE HYMNAL AND PRAISING GOD. WE WILL LEAVE AFTER NOON TODAY AND STAY IN A MOTEL IN TAMALE - TO GET THE EARLY PLANE TO ACCRA. I TOOK SOME ITEMS TO HOUSE # 6 INCLUDING A NOTE FOR ZSILA WHO WILL BE COMING SOON. I HOPE YOU HAVE FORWARD E-MAIL TO HER. NEAR THE SCHOOL HOUSE A TURKEY HEN IS NESTING IN A HIDDEN PLACE AND THE GOBLER WAS SPEAKING THIS MORNING. THE PATH IS DUST AND RED DIRT AT THE SCHOOL. I WAS PICKING UP SOME SCATTERED PAPERS ON MY WALK HERE.

I WILL MAKE ROUNDS AND THEN DO ALL I CAN TO HELP IN THE CLINIC WORKING UNTIL AT LEAST 1 PM. THAT WILL EASE SOME OF THE HEAVY OUTPATIENT LOAD THAT WE ARE SEEING EACH CLINIC DAY. IT IS QUITE A COLORFUL SIGHT TO SEE AND VERY MUCH A GROUP OF NEEDY AND SOME SUFFERING PEOPLE. ROY WILL BE DOING A PALLIATIVE BREAST CANCER OPERATION THIS MORNING THAT WAS POSTPONED YESTERDAY DUE TO THE HEAVY SCHEDULE. THE SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENT HE OPERATED ON IN THE AFTERNOON HAD A PERFORATED DUODENAL ULCER WITH 4 QUARTS OF GASTRIC JUICE IN THE ABDOMEN AND A HCT OF 60% -- VERY HIGH DUE TO HEMOCONCENTRATION. HIS BLOOD PRESSURE WAS STILL VERY LOW AND FLUIDS WERE BEING GIVEN. WE JUST WORK AND PRAY HERE.

WE LOVE YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO HOME, DEWEY AND ROY