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Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa



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& foster kids Mayfia and Emma



Collecting Rain Water ... a Fun Family Chore

A journey from the Bush to Babies!

Last spring, while camping in the bush of the Central Region, trying to start a Children's Home in a remote area, we received horrible news. Due to a variety of reasons, Ghana Social Welfare is in the process of closing all the private Orphanages operating in Ghana, and not allowing any new ones!

So we put the GWMI Children's Home 'on hold' and moved back to the capital of Accra to see what Adonai would have us do in Ghana. It was very difficult for us to leave the Children's Church that we had started, but we left Sunday School supplies and are able to monitor their progress.

With the closing of Orphanages, Ghana Social Welfare is now requesting NGOs to act as Foster Homes to provide temporary homes for children at risk, until they can be returned to their birth family or placed for adoption.



Bible Studies in the Bush

Has it been a while since you've heard from us?

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Or send us a note in the enclosed envelope, and we'll be glad to print and mail you updates.

Thank you!

"With a million orphans in Ghana, how could we make a difference as a Foster Family?"



We were still unpacking boxes, and pondering this question, when we received an unexpected phone call about a baby no one could take. Her condition was grave, and if left in her circumstances she would soon die. Not knowing what would happen, we prayerfully brought her home and began the process of loving her back to health.

Adonai deserves all the praise, for His protection over and continued healing of Baby Emma. We are just delighted to be a part of watching the *God of Wonder* miraculously transform her life.

The needs of Ghanaian children are overwhelming, and none are more helpless than the infants. Healthy infants are adopted by Ghanaians - but the sick, handicapped, or special needs infants are rejected and often neglected and left to die.

We serve the God of life, the creator of every child, who says in Isaiah 49:15, *"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...."* He never forgets, and as His children, neither can we!

For the Father to the Fatherless,

Larry + Beki

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Baby Emma's mother was dying of HIV and Tuberculosis (TB), when Social Welfare began searching for a foster home for her little baby.

- ◆ **A little over five pounds, at almost 5 months old,**
- ◆ **Malnourished and dehydrated,**
- ◆ **Testing HIV+ due to mother's antibodies,**
- ◆ **Possibly carrying TB, along with other special needs...**

No one wanted to expose their families to all those risks—and Emma's future was short.

Through friends we learned of baby Emma, and brought her home the same day.

Her first few days were critical, but she quickly put on weight and now her future is bright!

Although her birth mother and father have died, Emma has been given life...

- She is a chubby 17 lbs— and is very busy crawling and pulling up on everything!
- Her bowed legs are now strong, and trying to walk.
- She tested negative for TB
- She has been adopted by a Christian family in the US, whose ministry is adopting AIDS orphans, and helping raise them in the L-rd!
- She will soon be home with her forever family!



There is no other facility dedicated to caring for these infants' special needs.

The number of HIV+ babies abandoned in the Accra/Tema area of Ghana is increasing.

75% of these babies will never recreate the HIV virus — and will test negative by 2 yrs of age!

But the stigma of AIDS is keeping them from being cared for and loved.

Two HIV+ baby boys died without reaching a foster home in the past two months.

We need your help to save lives!

Through grants / donations we need:

**\$300 a month per baby,
Volunteers in the US & Ghana,
Vehicle for dependable transportation
Baby supplies collected and shipped to Ghana
Start up costs for a facility & staff**

