

# The Serving Africa Mission “Called to serve”

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## Pressing on!

### Crowning Jesus!

In August the Mission took a big risk, and held its first ever march in Accra. We involved many churches, and marched through the business district of Accra, singing, proclaiming and giving out leaflets.

We wanted to give God's people a voice again - which they loved!

We had about 350 people, which was brilliant for the first time. Press coverage was reasonable, and one daily paper took an article written by Jim.

To our delight, this whole project was financed from within Ghana. We teach this all the time. It's vital that our black brothers and sisters fund their own work. Then they get all the blessing of giving and acting.

Next march is at Easter.



Thank you to the Ghana Times, the Spectator and Radio Adom for your coverage.



The Ruth House project continues to grow. Susy now leads this village, and the women are looking forward to phase 2 - the Shelter. This is a place where children who are in difficulty can sleep in safety for the night, where the women of Ruth House can sell their produce in the shop, and where they can worship in the week in their own worship space - "Stillness."

The building of the Shelter has started. The Oxford running team, including Jim, are running in the Oxford half marathon to make the Shelter known.

We have many friends in Ghana, and let me introduce Esther. Her husband was a diplomat here in the U.K. so she understands us Brits! She has a lovely home in Accra, and our intercessory fellowship - The Burning Bush - meets there every Monday. One of the joys of our work is not just meeting people, but making friends with them, and sharing our lives together.



## Grace Church



Paul Sefa and the churches blessed the land for Grace Church recently.

We were all very excited to welcome what we thought was our latest church family. But now the land for Beautiful Gate church is about to be bought.

The family just keeps growing!



## Training is vital

The key to our work is training. We have trained all our senior and junior leadership, and we are busy training for church planting, teaching, evangelism and prayer.

Every member has something to give, and we look for it, train it and use it. No one has a free ride. Our membership is growing, so obviously this is proving very popular.

In 21<sup>st</sup> century Ghana, the day of the man or woman doing everything from the front is passing. Young Ghanaians want to be involved, to play a part in their churches and their communities. We are totally committed to this - to collegiate leadership and to shared ministry.

## Do it yourself!

Paul, Anita, Amos, Gilbert – our key leaders on the land we have bought for The Good Shepherd Church and intercession centre. They have to get this piece of work done. It isn't the responsibility of myself, or the West. We are all committed to total local leadership. This has been the key to our work. A black church for black Africans.



It has been a risk for all of us. I have had to have the courage to train and let go. They have had to have the courage to train and take leadership.

But Jesus took the same risk with his disciples. We have all taken his example, and it is working. It's not without risk. We have all made mistakes. But mistakes are just the pathway to the right way. We have all accepted this.

Power outages continue to hurt the Ghana economy. There are many generators in Accra now - we have 2! But they are expensive to run, so like many others, we are careful. Blessing Church has one, so we no longer preach in the dark!

Ruth House now has its own water tank. The women used to come to the base and use our well, but now we have run pipes to them, and put in a tank. They are so delighted. "Thank You to our Christian friends in the U.K." said Susy.

The school has not progressed, although we have been blessed with 5000.00 from a legacy of a dear friend. No problem - in Ghana we all build as we can. It's our way. But we all long to hear the brick making machine working again.

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