

# The Quarshie's Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

Dear Friends and Partners,

‘Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, ... (Col 4:3a).’

This was the Apostle Paul’s prayer request, that God would open a door for his testimony to preach the gospel of Christ and to speak the mystery of Christ. This is our prayer request for 2009. As the Lord told Jeremiah, ‘Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not (Jer 33:3).’

### Home Going of Nathaniel

The Quarshie family was not able to enjoy the material aspects of Christmas 2008 due to the home going of our son and nephew Nathaniel Adjei. Nat (or Achie as he was known) was the only son of Adelaide’s senior brother. Nat’s only senior sister also went home to be with the Lord in 1992, while she was in high school.

Nat worked with us from 1999 to 2006. He was with us when we started the outreach work in northern Ghana when he married a young lady (Lydia) that he grew up with in 2007. The Lord blessed them with two little girls.

Adelaide was a special aunt to Nat because his mother had died earlier. Nat was like a senior brother as well as a husband to Lydia. Nat was the only remaining child of Mr. Boniface Adjei because his only daughter died in 1992. Nat had a job with one of the banks in Accra in 1996 and was liked by all of his co-workers.

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008, his wife was to go to the hospital to have her toe that had been infected dressed. Nat said that he would also like to go for a check up. When they got to the hospital Lydia went in for the dressing while Nat went to see his doctor.

On her return for her husband to take her home, the doctor told Lydia that she could not go home with her husband and she was given Nat's cell phone and watch. Lydia asked is this some kind of joke? The doctor took her into his office with some medical officers, had a word of prayer with her and then told her that when the doctor was talking with Nat, he started perspiring. He asked for water and after he had drunk the water he passed out. They did everything they could to revive him but to no avail. Nat is gone to glory.

You can imagine the shock, but the Lord gave her special grace. It was a shock to us when the news reached us, but the Lord upheld all of us.

On the memorial, thanksgiving and burial service day, over 1000 family members, friends and loved ones attended. Many testimonies were given, but the most moving one was the one by Lydia the widow.

'I have known 'Achie' as the son of a family that happens to be friends with my family. This began when I was about ten years old, but it was when I got admission to the University of Ghana in 1997/98 that I began to take a careful look at this family friend. On campus Nat was two years ahead of me yet he showed so much interest in my academic and every other aspect of my life. We soon became very good friends and we would do everything together. We would go side by side to lectures, church services, Christian fellowship meetings and other social programs. In fact, our friendship became so strong and beautiful that we soon caught the admiration of many friends and onlookers.

'Our friendship soon became a love relationship and after we had dated for some years the Lord opened the way for us to be married on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Marriage was one of the best things that ever happened to us. Our love for each other was genuine. We never had to struggle for acceptance or try to please each other. We felt so free to express our love for each other and both felt a great sense of belonging.

‘After a year of marriage the Lord blessed us with a beautiful baby girl on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007. We named her Zoe (which means life). We were convinced that God had truly given life to both our extended families. 13 months and 7 days after Zoe’s birth, the Lord blessed us with another pretty girl. Being assured that she is the embodiment of gladness in itself, we named her Joy (Clara Joy).

‘Hmm... but just when I need you most to help take care of these kids, to see them live out the real meanings of their names, build a house for them as we often discussed, you left me to be with the Lord. It is with such a heavy heart that I do recall our lives together and what kind of a true husband and friend you have been to me...’

This is a brief summary of the two page tribute.

Continue to uphold Adelaide, Mr. Boniface, Lydia and the two little girls (Zoe and Joy). Romans 14:7,8.

### **School Board Meetings**

The new Management Board of the school has had a series of planning meetings. We are incorporating another Christian school into our school. The brother was having serious accommodation problems, so he agreed to partner with us for the effective operation of the school.

His school has from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup> grade (see pictures below). There are orphans among these children who need sponsors. Please let us know if you can help.

The Bible school students still need sponsors. We are also planning to run an adult evening class for those who cannot attend in the mornings.

### **Donation**

We have been able to give school supplies to some school children in a village near our Moringa Farm. We plan to make further donations in March this year.

### **Church Planting in Northern Ghana**

The general election and the home going of Nat affected our trip to northern Ghana. We are now planning to go this year, from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. Pray with us for funding for this trip. The new government has reduced the price of fuel to \$3.00 for which we praise the Lord. We will therefore need about \$400 for the trip.

If you can help please let me know ASAP. There are now a total of 8 churches. 6 are in the Salaga area and 2 in the Yeji, Brong Ahafo region. To God be the glory.

### **The Church Ministry**

The King of Kings Children Club in Bible Baptist Church is doing very well. Maranatha Baptist Church is also operating the King of Kings clubs. We are planning for a Bible Quiz in April. We are also planning on a baptism in Easter at Bible Baptist Church.

### **Radio Station 'Alive FM'**

The radio station that the Lord has given to us is still carrying out the Test Transmission until we receive our license. We praise the Lord for the new government of Ghana which is friendly to God's work.

The ban on the Radio License has been lifted and we have been asked to submit our applicant and business plan, plus a letter of recommendation from the legislator of our area. We have been assured of the license. The fee for the license is now \$2500 instead of \$1500. It means we still need \$1000. When God opens a door, no man can shut it. This is a very great door!

### **Moringa Project**

This project is becoming a great tool for evangelism. Word is going out about our product, which is completely different from the rest of the market. In February we made an announcement that we needed young Christian ladies to help supply the Moringa Tea and powder to offices and clinics. To my amazement over 50 young ladies turned up – all of them claiming they are Christians. During the interview two of them came to saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a joy witnessing to 50 young girls who are all active in their churches. This is a big challenge to all believers.

The new members of our parliament and government officials are also expressing interest in our Moringa – be in prayer with us.

Remember, we have a store for our Moringa products on eBay. You can place an order for it at:

<http://stores.ebay.com/GS-MORINGA-PRODUCTS-Shalom-Farms>

You can also contact Brother Clarence of the Chapel Library, Pensacola, Florida for supplies:

Phone: 850 – 438 – 6666

Many people are recovering from various illnesses, cancer, malaria, blood pressure, diabetes, sleeplessness, etc. Continue to pray for us as we look for a good grain grinding mill to mill the dry leaves and funds to grow more trees. We still need to drill a well to help us water the plants. \$4000 will give us a well. Whatever area you can help with will be appreciated.

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

We continue to praise the Lord for all of our supporters. Thank you for your faithful support of the Lord's work.

Pray for the Quarshie family. Pray for God's protection and guidance. Deborah will graduate from college in May 2009. Pray for good health and strength, for funds for our trip to the graduation on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

Pray for the new elementary arm of our school, the high school and the Bible school. Pray for the Lord to provide for the needs of the students.

Thank you for praying for our election. Professor John Evans Atta Mills, a devoted Christian, is now president of Ghana. He is asking that we pray for God to grant him wisdom to rule. This is an open door for our ministry!

Pray for the radio station, the need for funds to mount the antenna and operation (\$2400), and the extra \$1000 needed for the license. The fee is now \$2500.

Pray for the needs of the Moringa Project, funding for the farm work, especially the well and grinding mill (\$4000 plus \$1200 for the mill – total \$5200).

Pray for the ministry in Northern Ghana and our planned trip in April 2009, and for the funds for fuel (\$400).

Continue to pray for the economic crisis in Ghana and the USA. It is having a great impact on us. Please pray as to what the Lord will have you to do. Thanks for your faithful support and prayers.

God bless you all,



**ABOVE:** Nat's memorial service. From left - Nat's father, stepmother, Lydia and family members



**ABOVE:** Donation of books and stationary to a village school near the Moringa farm – 20 miles from Accra



**ABOVE:** Some of the new students at our school (6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Some will be in high school in September

God bless you all. In His Grace for His Glory,  
The Quarshie Family.