

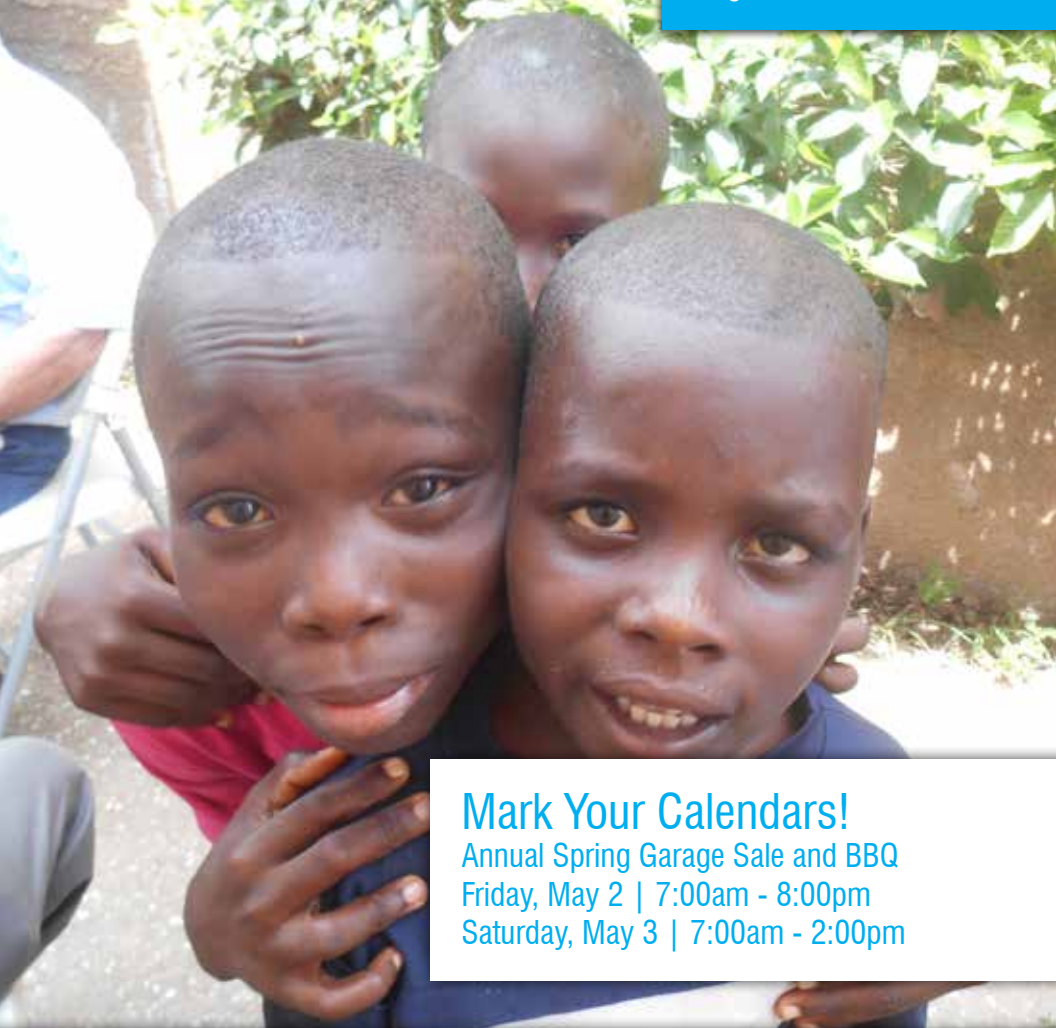


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Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Spring Garage Sale and BBQ

Friday, May 2 | 7:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday, May 3 | 7:00am - 2:00pm

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These Are The Children

I am thankful for the opportunity that I had to travel to Ghana in February and visit the Lighthouse Children's Home. My service in doing the bookkeeping for Lighthouse Ministries International began over two years ago. At that time it felt like just a job, like any other similar type of work. There was training to do and changes to make. And this job will continue. There will still be entries to do and information to wait for.

But now I have met the children. I have felt their eager acceptance as they welcomed us with friendly smiles and hugs. These are the children who are fed and clothed with the funds that are sent to Ghana.

I have seen the children's hunger for attention. Their hearts have already felt the pain of loss and rejection. These are the children who thrive on love from the house parents and become secure in the stability of the Home.

I have seen a cement yard perfect for the children drawing with sidewalk chalk. I have felt warm bodies pressed together while enjoying a game of Memory. These are the children for whom school fees, medical expenses and transport charges to church,

are paid. And these payments are possible because of donations made on behalf of the children.

I have felt a bit of the challenges that the staff might face in looking after a family of over twenty children with the adjustments of the children coming and leaving. I have seen the older children helping to care for the younger ones. It is for all of these children that the salaries are paid to the staff.

I have seen a Home that was freshly painted on the inside but also needing some repairs. It is for the sake of the children who live here that sacrifices are made to support and prayers are asked for direction.

I have walked on the undeveloped land that was purchased for a possible future location of the Children's Home. I have heard about the vision for building a children's home and also a school. It is for the spiritual welfare of the children too that travelling is done, meetings are held and decisions are made.

And I have heard the words, "I'm going with you," as I was saying good-bye. But the gate closed behind me and all I could

see above the fence were the branches of the palm trees and the roof of the Home.

While listening to the sermon on the first Sunday after we were home, I was inspired by the verse in Colossians 3:17, *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”*

We also heard that many of us

are among the small percentage of the people of the world who are most blest financially. When I consider this fact, I am challenged with these questions. How do I handle the responsibility that comes with this? How much is left for the Lord’s work? Am I thankful or do I take it for granted?

I will close with the words of a song which I believe we sang at the communion service we attended in Ghana.

-Rhoda Brubacher

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

-FRH



Homeless Children of Ghana

Oh as we travel to the so called African land,
We understand there are children under great demand.
Of much needed help, do their parents not understand?
But thanks be to God, for His guiding hand!

We drive down the roads, we look left we look right,
We now have a glimpse of the real need, what a sight!
God made a way possible to make it more bright!
We pray and we listen until He shows us the light.

We bump down the streets until we come to the home.
The door keeper opens the gates....and our eyes start to roam,
The children come running, smiling and joyously shout!
Come over here, let me show you more of what it's about.

One boy happily playing with an empty water bottle
Another girl entertaining a baby that's learning to toddle.
No matter if white or dark coloured skin, they all can make noise.
What a blessing to have them sheltered under a gospel voice.

A welcoming feeling of children hovering around us with care!
To know that they came from a broken life of no hope and despair.
And now given over to house parents who work hard to be fair.
Oft times a challenge with a houseful, but is handled with prayer.

Even though it's called an "orphanage" that's only a small part,
Of the children at the LCH, others also been given a new start.
Children from families whose parents no longer nurture or teach,
And finally they're left out on the streets for others to reach.

Was a wonderful opportunity for my wife and me,
Being there to experience and digest what we see.
Thanks be to God for the unspeakable gift of love,
As we all try to serve Him and hope to meet above.

-God bless, Lamar



Board Report

Spring is just around the corner...or at least that's what the calendar tells us.

What a long, cold and blustery winter we had here in Canada.

As I look back over the last year that I served on the board, I feel blessed for what has all transpired. Even though there have been some challenges at the Lighthouse, there have also been many blessings again over the past year. God's work still continues, we need to remember it is God's work, we are only His servants trying to do according to His will.

Janice and I had the privilege to go to Ghana with some friends this winter. We thoroughly enjoyed this visit. It was a real blessing to see that the children at Lighthouse are so well nourished and cared for! What a warm welcoming as they come and jump into our arms and want to be held. We are blessed to have such dedicated house

parents and helpers at the home, as the little ones crave for love and attention.

We also had the privilege to meet the board over there, this gives us a much better view and understanding of what we are dealing with.

We are currently looking for more day and night time help to relieve some of the work load at the home.

We ask that you continue to pray for us as a board in Canada, as well as for the board and those involved in Ghana as this work continues.

On behalf of the board, we thank you again for your support in the past year! Whether in prayer, financial, or any other way. It is not so much how much we give, as how willingly we give it. *"Give and it shall be given to you."* Luke 6:38

-Lamar



Prayer and Praise

Praise God for His Love for all people

Praise God that the Children at the home are enjoying good health

Praise God for the blessings of sufficient financial support

Praise God for faithful board members in Ghana

Pray for Wisdom to understand cultural difference

Pray for Spiritual guidance and development for the children and staff

Pray that the staff vacancies can be filled with competent individuals

Pray that the Leaf students will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as well as in their academics

Pray for God's guidance in the development of the new site

Pray for each other "that we faint not"

All funds will be only used for programs that have been approved by the board.

Any funds that have been sent with designations attached will be used for the specified designation, provided that it has been approved by the board with the understanding that when the needs for the program or project have been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining funds will be used where needed most.

- directed by the board.

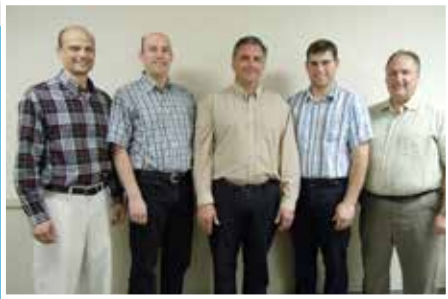


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