

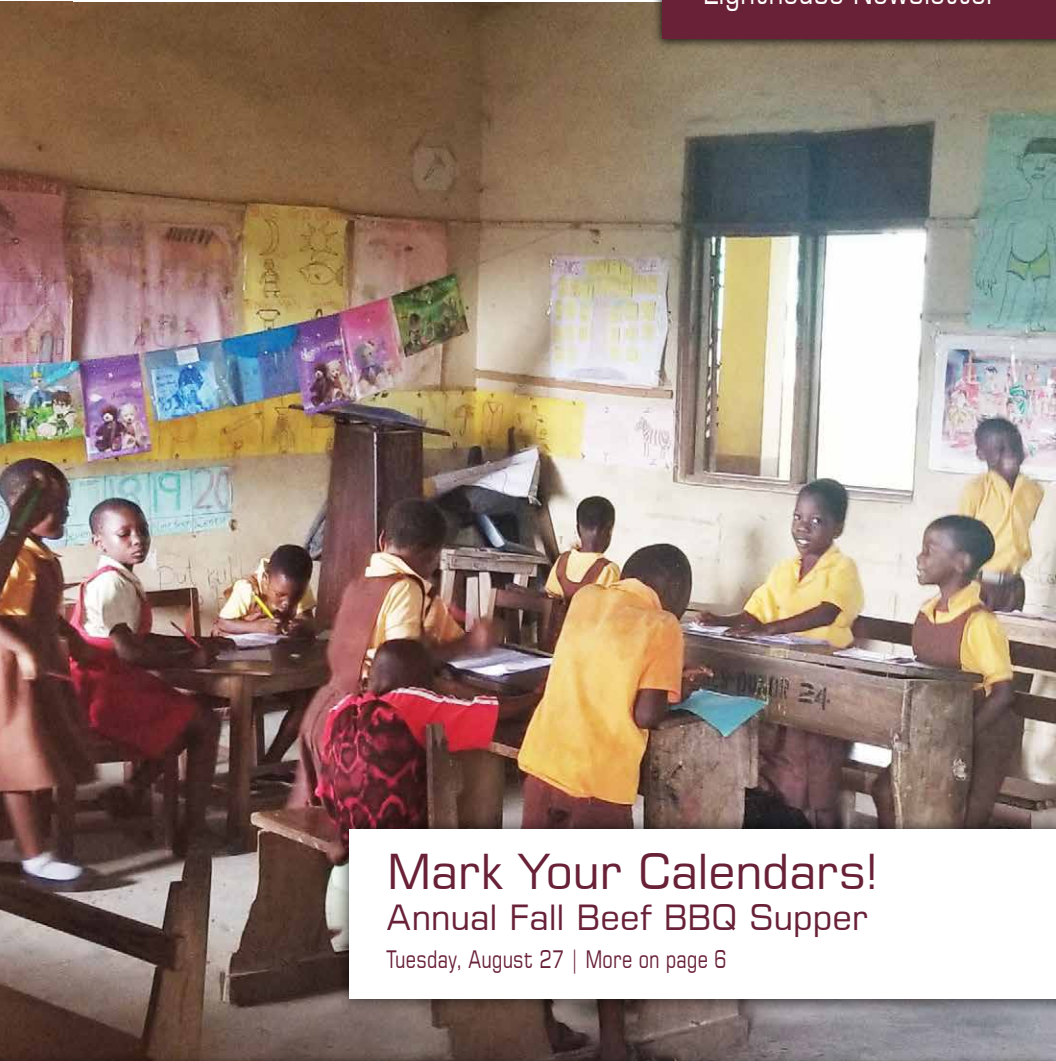


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Michael's Accident

School was out for the day and, as he did every day, nine-year-old Michael was walking along the side of the road on his way home. The traffic was busy as usual, but Michael wasn't paying attention to the cars that were whizzing by. Instead, he was thinking about how hungry he was and hoping that when he got home Ma (mother) would be there and would have something for him to eat. He knew that Ma did her best to bring home food for him every day but there were days when she couldn't earn enough money to buy food and when that happened Michael would need to go to bed hungry. He was used to being hungry, but it was hard to concentrate on his lessons at school when his stomach was so empty.

The car seemed to come out of nowhere and everything happened so fast, but the next thing Michael knew he was lying on the ground and his left leg was a mangled mess where the car tire had run over it. The strangers around him quickly came to his aid and wrapped his leg in a blanket and

got him into a taxi to take him to the hospital. Some of the people that helped him noticed that there were bone chips on the ground where Michael had been lying and they wondered if the poor little boy's leg could be saved. More than a few prayers were raised for the young lad that had just had a most unfortunate accident and the kind people that came to his aid hoped that God would be merciful and provide the resources and healing so that Michael would not have life long repercussions from what had just happened.

The next few days were a blur for Michael, he was in a very strange place because he had never seen the inside of a hospital before in his life. His leg had been bandaged by the doctor and the nurses were taking good care of him, but his leg hurt very badly. Ma was always by the side of his bed when he was awake but she was sometimes crying and he felt bad about that. There was lots of strange talk about surgery and drugs, and there was also familiar talk about money that was needed and that Ma did not have any way to pay. He heard that the

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car driver was supposed to come to the hospital with money for them, but he had not come and so the situation was getting dire. Michael knew that he was scheduled for this surgery thing the next day but there seemed to be a lot of concern about how they would pay for it. Michael was tired and his leg didn't hurt quite as much right now so he fell into a deep sleep. Someone was shaking his shoulder, where was he, what was this he was seeing as he struggled to wake up, why was he seeing a white-faced man?

Michael is a recipient in the LEAF program that LMI runs in Ghana. His father disowned him before he was born, and his mother is doing her best to try and earn a little money here and there to support herself. Michael can be in school because the LEAF funding pays for his classroom supplies and the school uniform that he is required to provide.

His plight came to our attention when we were visiting the school that he attends, and the head teacher wished that we would be able to visit him in the hospital. We arranged to

do so the following day and the above-mentioned incident took place when we got there. "By God's Grace I am well," is a common reply in Ghana if you ask someone how they are doing. It is because of God's mercy and love that we can report that as of this writing Michael has had his surgery and the doctors tell us that his leg should heal completely. They do not believe that he will be left with any long-term consequences from the accident. Michael is blessed to be in a very good hospital

with competent doctors and caring nurses. Even when he was in his worst condition Michael had the ability to put a smile on his face. He is a brave little boy and appears to be doing well. Michael feels very blessed and is now making friends with the other children that are at the hospital. Whenever we communicate with Michael, he always sends his thanks and wishes for blessings our way.

Arnold Frey



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended to make our second Charity Auction, Bake Sale, and Pulled Pork Lunch event a success!

Annual Fall Beef BBQ Supper

Tuesday, August 27th, 2019

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Board Report

In the hustle and bustle of daily life it is easy to forget what God really put us here on this earth to do. The trials and struggles other people are facing are safely out of sight and mind. Somewhere out there we know there are people whose circumstances in life are vastly different than our own, but those people are far away, and we don't really have a personal connection to them. We recognize we are blessed but in a prospering community there is much work that needs to be done. Maybe someday in the future we will have time to help those who are less fortunate.

In Philippians 2:4 Paul says: "Look not every man to his own things, but every man also on the things of others." God does not call all of us to far away places to do some great work, but no matter what we are called to do we are all called to follow Christ, and when we do, God gives us opportunities to bless others and provide for them.

It is inspiring to watch a motivated group of people working together. The second annual tool auction was held on March the 9th and seeing everybody hustling about preparing for and running the event was a great reminder that we live in a community of people who are ready and willing to help when they see an opportunity. Without the many hours of planning and preparation and the hard work of dozens of volunteers this event would not be possible.

Lighthouse Ministries has again been blessed with a successful fundraiser. On behalf of the board and the many people in Ghana, Haiti, and Jamaica who are the recipients of your generosity, I would like to thank each one of you for your support. Whether you donated items, volunteered your time and talents, or came out to purchase the items at the auction, we appreciate your contribution very much. May God bless each one of you as you live and work for Him.

On behalf of the board,

Colin Shantz

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