

# Bethesda Children's Home Ghana & Ivory Coast



The Children's Home in Krobo / Techiman, Ghana, West Africa

Ben and Joyce Opoku took our first three orphans into their own home and have been loving them as their very own children. After the Bethesda building was completed, Pastor Gilbert and his wife Naomi have been our house parents.

**Annor Yaw Prince** was the very first orphan to be received into the home in 2004 from a village called Aworowa. Prince is 16 years old, and he is in Junior High. He has come to know Christ as Savior, and he has been baptized. Prince is doing well in school and placed 3rd in his class this last term.



**Kwaku Owusu** came into the orphanage in the same year as Prince did. He is also saved and is doing very well in school. Owusu is 8 years old and is attending Calvary Baptist International School.



**Atta Stephen** was received into the home in December of 2005 from Tuobodom. He has received Christ but has not yet gone into the waters of baptism. He is 7 years old and is in first grade at Calvary Baptist International School.

**Kwabena Ebenezer** was received into the home in 2005, and he is also from the village of Tuobodom. Kwabena has received Christ as his Lord and personal Savior but has not yet been baptized. He is 10 years old, and he attends Calvary Baptist International



**Akosua Frimpomaa** entered our home in September 2006 from a nearby village called Nkwaafu. She has received Christ as Savior and will be baptized next month. She is 15 years old and attends Calvary Baptist International School. With great difficulty, her aged aunt gave her to us because she was no longer able to care for her.



By God's grace, we will receive five new orphans into our Ghana home this coming year. We are looking for sponsors who would be willing to make at least a 3-year commitment of \$50 per month to care for these new children. We have fully adopted these children into the home, and they have become our children. They have no family to return to because they are truly orphaned.

## Expansion to Ivory Coast

Pastor Ake Maximin is an Ivorian pastor serving in Anyama, who our church in Techiman has supported for over three years. Recently, he shared with us a great need in his life that caused us to expand the Bethesda Children's Home ministry into the Ivory Coast. With the help of an American missionary, Brother Ake was caring for three orphan children in his home. One day while at church during the day, he heard a baby crying in anguish. He ran outside and found a baby abandoned outside the wall of the church. The little baby was crying because ants were attacking him and biting him all over his body. Pastor Ake rushed the child to the hospital, and his life was saved. The missionary that was helping him care for the orphans is no longer in Ivory Coast, and Pastor Ake's monthly support from the church does not allow him to cater to the needs of the 4 children. We have committed to help him with these four orphans through the Bethesda Children's Home ministry.



Jean Timothy being treated for ant bites