

Rev. & Mrs. James Peterson



Jim, Julia, Rebecca, Dona

This past year has been quite eventful. We spent the first few months of 2006 on furlough in the States. We went home in the spring of 2005 to raise additional support and to encourage our daughter Rachel as she graduated from Pensacola Christian College.

Before we left, we were impressed with a 4 year-old girl from the village of Tuobodom who recently became an orphan. Our hearts went out to her. As our year of furlough went by, we wondered if she would still be around when we returned. Since we have returned, we have been burdened to start the adoption process for this girl named Maame Serwaa. She has been living with us since August, and we have the paperwork almost complete. Please pray for us as this process is finalized.

Tuobodom has been busy over the past year with Pastor Thomas Yentumi supervising the work while we were away. He reported that there were 575 adults and 1500 children at the Easter services last year. Praise God! Thirty-nine people came forward to receive Christ. The church has stayed strong with many visitors. Our village ministry in Adutwie is strong, but we have had to stop sending the truck to pick up the people on Sundays. Instead, we are traveling to the village on Sunday mornings for 8am to hold a service there. We currently have 25-30 people coming every Sunday. Pray that some men from our church would be burdened to work in these village ministries.

Our church building has been coming along as the money is provided; and this past year, it has seen great strides. We have received four large gifts this year for this project. \$5000 was received for the roof, \$3000 for building supplies toward the walls, and \$1000 for plastering inside and outside. Then at the end of the year, we received a gift of \$6000 to completely finish the building! Praise God! (See Photos)

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the people willing to be used by God for this project. We plan to be in our completed building by Easter this year!

This year, I was bestowed as a sub-chief in the village of Tuobodom. I was given this honor as the Nkoswahene, the Development Chief. Please pray that this can be used to win many of the surrounding chiefs to Christ as well as encourage development in the growing village.

We have an opportunity to purchase 8 additional acres of land next to the church property. This would give us a total of 10 acres. Please pray as we seek God's will in this area.

Continue to pray for spiritual growth in the people of our church. Many have accepted Christ, but they need to be discipled so they will become faithful followers of Christ. Pray also for the outreach ministries in the villages and with the children.

As I write this summary, Dona is in the States with our daughter Meridith and our new grandchild, Josiah James Todd. After an emergency c-section and a few days in the NICU, we are calling this child our Christmas miracle. All seems to be fine now, and we are again filled with awe at the blessings received from God.

Thank you and God Bless,

Jim, Dona, Rebecca, & Julia Peterson



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