

REV. & MRS. JAMES PETERSON - TUOBODOM



In August, our daughter Rachel was married to Tom Kingston. Tom is currently in Bible school and believes that God has called them to Africa.



We have been servants of our Lord to Ghana since August, 1999. At first we went as short-term missionaries (1999-2000) and later surrendered to full-time service in January, 2001. We have been laboring in the Lord's vineyard in Ghana since then. I have many different responsibilities in Ghana as a pastor, teacher, and builder. Currently, I am the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in the village of Tuobodom, where we have been since 2003. I oversee the ministry in Adutwie, an outreach of Tuobodom. I also assist in the youth ministries in Techiman, our "mother church", and I teach in the Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary.

We have been very busy with meetings in our supporting churches and new churches. We were in one camp ministry and 3 VBS's in a five week period of time this summer just before our daughter Rachel's wedding.



We have been home on furlough 2010. We had plans to return to Ghana this past August, but two things prevented our return. First of all, we have been trying to get an American passport for our adopted daughter Julia. We finally received her passport in December. Also, in April, Dona went for a routine physical and found that the doctors were concerned about a thyroid issue they had been watching. We had a meeting with a specialist and his recommendation was a procedure that would delay our return to Ghana for at least 6 months. In June, Dona took a radioactive iodine pill to kill off some of the thyroid. Since then, Dona has had three follow-up visits with the specialist. On December 9, the doctor said to Dona that her thyroid levels are perfect and that she is one lucky lady. Her reply was, "No, I have been praying a lot; and God has answered my prayers." We want to praise God for His goodness to her on this medical issue. We are now cleared to return to Ghana.

Our plans are to return to Ghana in January. We will return to Tuobodom with this main goal in mind: to train the leadership. Our hope is to place a national pastor in this church as soon as possible. The church has matured to the point where it can support its own pastor.

We have two requests, one personal and one for the work in Ghana. Our personal support is still short by about \$200 a month. The mission work in Adutwie has bought a piece of land to build a modest church building, 25' x 50.' We believe it will cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000.

When the Tuobodom work is turned over to a national pastor, we will be looking to help another national pastor plant a new work in the Techiman District. Thank you for your financial and prayer support of our ministry in Ghana.

In His service and awaiting the Shout,

 *Jim, Dona, Rebecca,
and Julia Peterson*

