

# PASTOR & MRS. STEPHEN J. VOLANTE - TECHIMAN



I must admit I had a lot of fun having him in such a vulnerable position so far from home.



Stepping into 2010, Michelle and I immediately became grandparents when Jon & Melissa Volante had their first born child Skylar Brooke on January 27, which is also our youngest son's birthday.



Then on May 15, 2010, Abednego Mensah, a young man in our church in Techiman who has been like a son to us, got married. After this, we returned home from Africa to start our furlough ministry in early June. We arrived home just one day before

Samantha's graduation from Calvary Baptist Christian School in Easthampton, MA. During her senior year of high school, Samantha had been living in Manchester, Connecticut, with my parents and my younger sister Judy's family.



*Samantha Joy*

By mid-June, we arrived safely in Stockbridge, GA, which is our base camp for the year. In early September, Samantha started her core courses for nurse's training at Gordon College in Barnesville, GA.

On September 25, our second child Rosanna got married to another Georgian, Evan Vandevander, a high school friend she met on our last furlough in Georgia. This brave young man proved his love for Rose by flying all the way to Africa in 2009 so we could get to know him better. Honestly, as a father-in-law,

This year Thanksgiving and Christmas were so very special for our family. With our older two married children living in the Atlanta area just 20 minutes from our house, we could all be together for the holidays. To make things even sweeter my parents drove down from Connecticut to spend Christmas with us and shared with us that they wanted to come over to Ghana and work with us in Techiman for at least one full year. My parents are 68 years old and in good health. My dad is a retired pastor living on his Social Security income and believes he will only need to raise \$1,250 per month or \$15,000 for the whole year. Please pray that God would open the doors for them to return with us in August of 2011.

My wife and I want to send out a special thanks to Greg and Cindy Smith for their sweet friendship, their visit to Ghana, and the many expressions of love they have lavished on our family. Thank you so very much!

*Pastor & Mrs Stephen Volante*



*Greg & Cindy Smith*