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# UNCHANGING TRUTH FOR CHANGING LIVES

"All authority... has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GREETINGS**

We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, with joy and excitement. The Prayer support we received during our outreach in Ghana enabled God to minister through each member of the team. Yes, it was also the financial support many of you provided that allowed us to go and demonstrate the compassion of our Savior Jesus. Thanks so much for being crucial to our 2019 Ghana Outreach.

Praises to our Heavenly Father, and our thanks and appreciation to each of you. There is no way to capture all our Heavenly Father accomplished. I will do my best, but I truly thank Doris Newton who kept all of us on target and has put this newsletter together.

Before I talk about our ministry, I'd like to give thanks to each team member: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sierra, Pastor Larry Jackson, Sister Cheryl Wilson, and Deaconess Doris Newton. I was extremely blessed to serve with them. Each received assurance that God wanted us to minister in Ghana. We asked God for His guidance every step of the way, and prepared ourselves spiritually.

Each team member invited their friends and family to join them in carrying out the Great Commission. The Body of Christ functioned as God designed it. You gave and prayed. There was a bonding of our spirits immediately and joy, as we saw each member using their gifts for the glory of God. Everything cannot be captured in this newsletter. We asked the team to share their experience and thoughts. Monthly, we will send out these individual team member reports to our monthly supporters. However, if you would like to receive these reports, let us know. You can email me: estellecyrus@yahoo.com. We would like to keep in contact with you, if you desire that.

Because the funds covered all the expenses of the outreach, we were able to use the excess to provide for two pastors in need. Adults and children were reached with the transforming message of the gospel. If you are not already part of our Global Outreach Supporters, let us know if you would like to become one of our supporters. You will receive our monthly teachings.

Serving together with you,

Estelle Gross Cyrus

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Executive Director

## RWMI COMPLETES 2<sup>ND</sup> GHANA MISSION TRIP

From March 29- April 10, 2019, RWMI participated in Sunday worship services, led week-long nightly revival services, conducted devotional services with children ages 4-18 at local schools, and held transformational leadership and youth conferences in Agona Swedru and other villages in Central Region, Ghana, West Africa. This was RWMI's 2<sup>nd</sup> mission trip to the region in two years, by invitation of the Swedru Baptist Association of Churches, Agona Swedru. Dr. Cyrus led a five-member team of leaders from the United States. Ministry to youth was at the forefront of this trip. Below, see highlights from the trip.

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At the completion of the 2017 mission trip, Dr. Estelle Gross Cyrus, RWMI Executive Director, accepted the invitation from incoming Swedru Baptist Association President, Pastor Daniel Edzeafene-Mensah and outgoing Association President, Rev. Stephen Okyere Nkum, Senior Minister, First Baptist Church to return to the area to minister again. Dr. Cyrus led the five-member team of RWMI affiliated pastors, teachers, and other church officers from the United States.



[Ghana 2019 Mission team, left to right: Pastor Lawrence "Larry" Jackson, Sister Cheryl Wilson, Deaconess Doris Newton, Dr. Estelle Gross Cyrus (RWMI Executive Director) and Dr. Samuel Sierra]

This was Cheryl's and Samuel's first mission trip to Ghana and the 2nd for Larry in more than 10 years. Estelle and Doris returned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in two years.

### RWMI MISSION TEAM CONDUCTED CONFERENCES / REVIVIALS / EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

### TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP







Photos: Host Pastor Daniel (top) prepares attendants for RWMI transformational leadership conference speakers at First Baptist Church; Dr. Cyrus preaching at Frontier Baptist (center) as Pastor Daniel translates, and Sister Cheryl giving the closing revival service message at Restoration Baptist (bottom).

Team members conducted the first of three half-day conferences for church leaders on Saturday, March 29. A summary of all four presentations demonstrated that effective leadership must begin with the basics: One must be born again, then grow progressively in the faith from "Lost to Found," "Sinner to Servant," and from "Servant to Servant Leader."

Dr. Samuel Sierra began by teaching from Romans the importance of repentance to salvation and accepting the love of Jesus, using his personal journey. Dr. Estelle Cyrus followed up discussing how to live out one's relationship with God as leaders. Pastor Larry Jackson shared one account of a biblical person, Zacchaeus, and how he was transformed from a sinner to a servant of God. Sister Cheryl Wilson shared how a believer moves from salvation to servant leadership.

"All want to be used by God, but must learn to give God our best... Don't neglect the Word of God no matter what's your ministry. Must have a good reputation; be filled with the Holy Spirit, operate in wisdom...It is all by studying the WORD of God"
-Dr. Estelle Cyrus



# RWMI Team Participated in Youth Morning Bible Devotional and other Services with Host Leaders at Local Schools

Below left: Pastor Larry with interpreter as he shares the story of Zacchaeus with middle school students at Ken's Baptist Academy. The school has 475 students ages 4-15. **Did you know** that the interpreter is interpreting in English even though Pastor Larry is speaking English? This is because when Americans speak English, the students hear it as a thick accent so can't make out what we are saying. The interpreter speaks English in a way that they can hear it clearly! Right: Minister Cheryl & Doris with several elementary students (approx. 100 total) after Cheryl had shared a bible story and taught students a bible song based on 1 John 4:7-8.





# Wednesday, April 3, 2019, RWMI Participates In Boarding School Outreach Activity



(RWMI IN SERVICES WITH NSABA STUDENTS—Dr. Samuel Sierra excited the approximately 1,000 boarding school students as he shared his personal story of deliverance from addictions that may plague youth of all ages. He encouraged students to give their hearts to Jesus who alone can help them deal with peer and other pressures of life.)

The RWMI Ghana 2019 Mission team participated in an outdoor outreach activity at NSABA Presbyterian High School, a boarding school in Nsaba. The school teaches approximately 2,300 male and female students ages 15-20 in secondary education curriculum. Most students live on the campus and receive instruction from about 100 teachers. The school was founded in the early 1960s.

RWMI team met with the school's new Headmaster, Dr. Richard Afari and staff members Rev. Gladys-School Chaplain, Ms. Harriet-Asst. Headmaster, and staff members, Isaac and Mr. Taylor. Prayers were prayed for the school leaders as well as received from them to RWMI.

Team member Dr. Samuel Sierra - a licensed, veteran family counselor and therapist - gave a passionate, animated, and lively talk to the teens about some challenges they may face in a world filled with temptations, including drugs and other addictive behaviors. He shared his personal testimony in the journey from drug addiction to salvation and recovery through the gospel of Jesus Christ and the love of his family. Hundreds of resident students attended this service and were excited by Dr. Sierra's message.

Dr. Sierra shared from Jeremiah 29:11 and challenged the students to answer the questions: Who am I? Where am I going? What am I doing with my life? What is God's will for my life? He then shared how students can know the will of God. A) Must be born again (know Jesus Christ) - 1Timothy; B) Must be Spirit filled - Eph 5:17-18; C) Must be sanctified (live a life of purity-clean heart, moral behaviors) - 1 Thess.; D) Must be submissive (yielded, surrendered to the purposes of God) - James 4:8; E) Must be bold and willing to stand; F) Give thanks to God in all things. He gave students homework to read Romans 1. Students bowed their heads in prayer as the invitation to receive salvation in Christ was prayed. Dr. Sierra ended by also praying: "God, I serve you best as my true self. Have your way with me."

RWMI Leads Youth Conference in Agona Swedru, Central Region, Ghana West Africa



RWMI mission team (seated), *Pastor Abasse* (2<sup>nd</sup> row extreme left), and Swedru youth/young adults after the Youth Conference. Youth leader, Francis Botwey (pronounced "Boo-schway") is standing between Drs. Cyrus and Sierra in the white t-shirt. (Seated I to r-- Sister Cheryl Wilson, Pastor Larry Jackson, Deaconess Doris Newton, Dr. Estelle Gross Cyrus (Exec. Dir.), Dr. Samuel Sierra)

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, two of RWMI mission team members taught a group of approximately 35 young adults on the topic "Transformational Leadership." Drs. Samuel Sierra and Estelle Cyrus, Executive Director, respectively, shared from the Bible using scriptures from Romans, 1 Thessalonians and John 15. This was the 3rd and final conference in a 7-day

period that RWMI had conducted and this 3rd conference was specifically for the younger audience. The students asked some insightful and challenging questions! 1) *Are "backsliders" really real or just never really born again*? *How can we know*? 2) *Why do youth have zeal for money and things*? 3) *Why is it that after we are saved and abide in Him, some Christians still don't bear fruit*? Youth leader, Mr. Francis Botwey("Boo-schway") ended the conference by praying a powerful prayer of blessings over the RWMI team!

### MISSION: REVIVAL/EVANGELISM

RWMI mission team pastors and intercessors also used their gifts during *revival services* and in *evangelistic outreach* efforts. Pastors Estelle Cyrus, Samuel Sierra, Larry Jackson, and Sister Cheryl Wilson preached at revivals at area Baptist churches 5 nights each including First, Frontier, Resurrection, Restoration and Victory Baptist. Additionally, each preached at Sunday worship services and/or conferences including at Grace Baptist, which is our host, Pastor Daniel's church in another district.

Dr. Cyrus preached several nights at Resurrection Baptist Church. Sometimes power "brown-outs" occurred. However, the Word and praises continued to flow from the committed members and leaders of the church! The praise team sang even more passionately during the 20 minute darkness and flashlights were used for preaching until the lights came back on.

## Hallelujah!





Pastor Daniel and Sister Cheryl spoke to young ladies during a local market visit. Cheryl shared how she accepted Christ after having faced the challenges of being a young, single parent.





#### **MISSION: BROTHERLY KINDNESS**

Dr. Cyrus had been communicating by email with the former Swedru Baptist Association's Secretary, Rev, Justice Hayford Abaidooh-Aggrey since RWMI had provided funding support to help him get a prosthetic leg in 2017. Rev. Justice was able to purchase the artificial leg he needed! This is what our Lord would have us do. We were grateful for the opportunity to give to a fellow Christian servant! This year, we welcomed Rev. Justice back to witness his walking and supported him to visit with RWMI at the hotel. He and his wife had moved into their new home in the rural area, but without successfully getting running water or electricity. Again, Dr. Cyrus was led by God to give needed financial resources to Rev. Justice and his family.



# "MADASSE" (Thank You), TO OUR SWEDRU HOSTS!



After sharing devotion period w/elementary & middle school children at Ken's Academy school-I. to r., Pastor Larry Jackson (Baltimore, MD), Deaconess Doris Newton (Washington, DC), *Ghana Pastors Abraham & Daniel*, Dr. Estelle Cyrus (RWMI Exec. Director), *Wendy*-Ghana Pastor Daniel's daughter, Sister Cheryl Wilson (Baltimore, MD), Dr. Samuel Sierra (Reston, VA.)

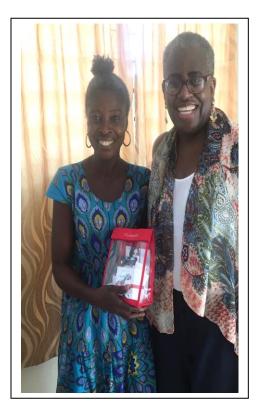
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**Below left:** Sister Cheryl with Frank Hansen of Victory Baptist Church, Ghana. When RWMI Executive leader had asked for an assistant for our team member, Cheryl, the Lord had Pastor Daniel choose the best ever in his eldest child, Wendy! Wendy is a junior journalism major at a university in Accra, Ghana. She was willing to spend her Spring Break as a "Missionary's Assistant!" Wendy was a true blessing to all of the team members who appreciated her technology skills!



Above: Center, right: Wendy & Sister Cheryl, Pastor Daniel & daughter, Wendy







**Above:** The ministry team reunited with Deaconesses that had blessed us in 2017 and gave them gifts. Left to right: (Victoria, Faustina, and Mary with Deaconess Doris Newton. *Deaconess Alberta (not shown)* 

Left: Doris with Deaconess Mary

### **BECOME A GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNER**

"Right Way" Ministries International Inc. loves to serve God people both here in the States and abroad. We conduct a number of workshops aimed at transforming the minds and hearts of God's people. We all need to know how to hear from God, and move in faith to what He needs us to do. Some of our Global Outreach partners give every month, others as they are able, and others when the team travels abroad. We appreciate all of our prayer partners and financial supporters.

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