

Therefore, since we have been  
justified through faith, we have  
peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 NIV

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## *Ghana Convention 2019*

In late December, the village churches in Ghana gathered for their annual Convention at the “mother church”—the first village church, started 10 years before in 2009 and the closest church to town.

In spite of the harmattan blowing in dust from the Sahara Desert, and in spite of the danger of bushfires razing a farmer’s field before it is harvested, sister church members left their homes and traveled to attend.

Churches rented lorries, or trucks, so their members could go. Adults, youth, children, and elderly members all made the trip, with the greatest number being young people. Some from the most remote village traveled 50 miles on poor roads.

Highlights of the three-day gathering included a leaders’ meeting, teaching, fellowship, and evangelism. Local members of the host church opened their homes to visitors, and even neighbors of the church who don’t attend were willing to host out-of-town guests.



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### *“Peace...which I never had before”*

Abram (not his real name) gave his testimony at the 2019 Ghana Convention:

“I am Abram, a native Muslim by birth. Since I was born into that family, they say it is a must that I stay as a Muslim, else they will disown me. But I never ever have peace with myself and God anytime I perform prayers to Allah. I was like being forced to pray and love Allah. This haunted me for a long time.

“My dealings with the Christians in the village always gave me joy, and I believe Jesus was calling me to come to light and have peace. I gave my life to Jesus, and this has been met with a lot of hostility towards me; they threaten me with death, persecution here and there. I nearly gave up on my salvation because of their incessant threats. But after Pastor George led me to Christ, he didn’t leave me just like that; he was patient, spending precious and quality time with me to disciple me to be strong in Christ upon the family threats.

“My family drove me out of their family house, but I prefer it that way than to be in the family house and still be in bondage as a Muslim. . . . I used to have chronic illnesses, but since I came to Jesus, I have never had those sicknesses again.

“The Church of God Holiness in my village also received me well; they are more than family to me, and I didn’t feel I had lost a biological family. . . . I can say I am having some peace now which I never had before. As the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8:37-39, ‘Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life . . . nor any creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’”



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## New Converts in Cayman Brac

Dr. Gayle Woods recently wrote about a guest who attended Sunday morning service in January. Afterwards, the lady who brought him to church mentioned he had been baptized.

Dr. Woods said baptism was wonderful and he was glad, but asked the man if he had ever asked God to forgive his sins. He had not, but wanted to.

Those still present gathered to pray, and soon a new name was written down in glory.

The man now attends a weekly Bible study with Dr. Woods to learn the basics of being a believer.

Please pray for Handel, as well as Ula, Myrna, and Danny who have also been saved under Dr. Woods' ministry.

Pray also for Gayle and his wife Micki as they disciple these new believers.

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As Pastor George Korah planned for the Convention, he decided to introduce a new element. He had seen many church members face marital problems, and he took this opportunity to teach. "I told them that you cannot leave God at the altar and expect to have a healthy marriage," he wrote. "Many have failed to understand the foundations of marriage as God ordained. . . . One family after the program came to me to ask for forgiveness from each other considering their past misunderstandings. I believe a healthy marriage or family will reflect in the church and the society at large, and the church is the best place to receive such teaching."

The Convention also included a showing of the "JESUS" film. Many from the community attended, along with those present at the Convention. There was standing room only. After the movie, 10 people committed their lives to Christ, and many Christians rededicated their lives, as well.

Please pray for the continued ministries of our Ghanaian church, including a celebration planned for April. Director Mark Surbrook and former missionary Jere Gowin plan to travel to Ghana to celebrate the official installation of Pastor George as National Director there.

Thank you for your prayers. Your praying allows you to become a part of this ministry and makes a great difference.



Above: Pastor George takes a selfie with a few of the men.



Right: Convention worship  
Below: A rented lorry conveys attendees.



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