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## A Sunday in Ghana

The village of Qgu is a good 2 ½ hours' drive away from the city. The people have little in the way of health care or material possessions, but they have eagerly learned about Jesus.

This particular Sunday morning, five pale strangers attended church, to the fright of the babies and the warm welcome of the congregation. Ladies, dressed in bright colors with scarves wrapped around their heads, sat on wooden benches with the men and youths.

Only about two years before, there was no building. Only four years ago, there was no church at all or any Christians.

The people in this particular village are part of the Chakali tribe. The Joshua Project says that out of 7,690 Chakali in Ghana, only about 3% are Christians. That day four years ago when the chief gave permission for Jere Gowin to teach about God was history in the making. That night six months later when the "JESUS" film was shown to 700-900 people was eternal destiny forever changed for many.

Today, the crowd assembled as the bright, hot sun beat down on the metal roof. Some guests sat in plastic chairs at the front, facing the congregation.

Director Steve Elsey spoke about choices—God's choice to send His Son, Jesus' choice to give His life, and the choice we all must make to serve Him. Later, Steve learned that the local spiritual advisor was in attendance. What choice will he make about God's Son?

The enemy is still at work, and many more villagers need to hear and place their trust in Jesus. Would you pray for Pastor Sammy and his helpers, George and Isaka, as they continue ministering in Ghana?



Top, then clockwise: Director Steve Elsey spoke at Qgu. Travis Bland met the Qgb chief. Oleta Witt and Michael Shoemaker conducted medical clinics. Allen Elsey befriended children.

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Larry, Christy, Lawrance, and Amaziah Doyle



A lighthouse on the Crimean shore



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## AROUND THE WORLD

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Larry Doyle recently wrote that he and Christy were keeping busy at Pacific Orientation Course in Madang. Larry is manager of the center, and Christy is leading the nursery. They will continue to live there until their return to the States this May for a year of home assignment.

However, Larry continues to be involved with the Solos Bible translating team. He gave the following update:

“The Solos translators are still working hard at translating Joshua and have started on Acts.

“Late April into May, one translator and two new team members will attend a two-week Back Translation Workshop on Petats Island close by. Pray that all goes well and they gain skills in this important step of Bible Translation. There is also a possibility of the whole team getting further training later this year, so keep watching this space!

“Communicating with the team is very difficult. We have to rely on third parties to keep in contact. Pray for a breakthrough where we can talk to team members directly.”

### UKRAINE

For 15 years, Gordon and Nancy Snider served as our missionaries in Ukraine. In recent weeks, that country has consistently been in the news as Russia has taken over the Crimean peninsula. Maxym Oliferovski, a friend of the Sniders, gave five ways to pray for Ukraine: “1.) Changed mind for Russian government, from war to peace; 2.) Protection for everybody who lives in Ukraine, especially in Crimea; 3.) Wisdom for the new Ukrainian government; 4.) Unity among all people who live in Ukraine, that all can see the truth; 5.) Spiritual revival, that many people in Ukraine come to God and be saved!”