



GEMS update • July Newsletter



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NEW LOCATION



In June of 2017, God began to work in my heart to move GEMS headquarters in the U.S. to a new location. This was not the result of any problems with Northstar Baptist Church or Pastor Paul Williams, but rather the result of Divine directions from some sweet times of intense fellowship with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God was telling me that He had a prepared place for a prepared time. This of course brought much agony of soul as I wrestled with moving the headquarters from my beloved father, home church, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Eventually, I submitted to my Saviour, trusting His plans were the best for what He called me to do. Even before I sat down with Pastor Williams to discuss the move, God was busy moving and preparing. In July of 2017, Brooke returned to the States for her grandfather's funeral and we decided to have her stay for some medical testing. When I returned to the U.S. a short time later to take her to the doctor, we found out she was pregnant, and, as you know the story, she became bedridden for the duration of her pregnancy. During this time, God made it clear that the Mission headquarters should become Calvary Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee. Pastor Hooker was already on our board of directors and had visited both Ghana and Germany multiple times. So with Pastor Williams and Pastor Hooker in agreement, the

headquarters for GEMS will now be Calvary Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee. You can be sure that while we have changed locations, the doctrines, principles, and practices of our mission will remain the same.

In light of the change in locations please send future donations to:

GEMS

3812 Kirby Parkway

Memphis, Tennessee 38115

NEW OUTLOOK

God has not only directed with the moving of GEMS headquarters, sent the Ndjaboues to start GEMS Germany, and added the Browns to GEMS Ghana, but He has also burdened the heart of others to get involved with the work of GEMS. In fact, on 04/4/18 we began classes for potential future missionaries. We have both pending applications and families seeking to move to Memphis to get involved. Truly, God has been divinely orchestrating everything. As a result, we believe that we are indefinitely needed in the U.S. to raise awareness of the Mission, oversee the Mission, and train our Missionaries. The Browns will be in effect taking our place in Ghana, while we will oversee the Mission as a whole from the U.S. which will include trips and potentially lengthy stays in various locations. Let me say here that this decision is not based on our family's desire. Every one of us humanly desires to return to Ghana immediately, and in fact have shed many a tear and given many a sigh over our new work. Yet, once again, God has so obviously Divinely Orchestrated everything we have little choice but to say, "thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" and "nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

That of course leads us to the proverbial question, "What about our support?" Back in 2012 when we started GEMS, we asked that support be given to GEMS rather than to our family. Since that time, we have put all our support into the Mission and taken a salary from the Mission. Once again, I am asking those who believe in us and the Mission work God has called us to, to support GEMS as the Mission is our work for God. However, we feel that while we are stateside we should not receive a regular full salary from GEMS so that the money given can be used primarily for work overseas. We feel we cannot ask our missionaries to go to foreign lands by faith while we live in America drawing full salary from the Mission. We, therefore, will live by faith through whatever other means God provides whether speaking opportunities, love offerings, etc., as we represent GEMS in the U.S. When we travel to our Missions locations, we will then live off the Mission. Once again, if you believe in us and the work God has called us to do, please continue to support GEMS through which our work will continue and with which we will be intimately involved whether abroad or stateside. If you only desire to send your support to us personally we will use the support for the work of the Mission. I, Michael Williams, will be overseeing the Mission under the authority of Calvary Baptist Church and Pastor Robert Hooker. If you have any questions whatsoever or if you would like us to present GEMS in your church, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 906-240-9680 or email me at Gems4Christ@ymail.com.



NEW PROVISIONS

As God was revealing to us His plan, I asked him confirm his plan by providing a vehicle for us. I was tempted to take matters into my own hands and even began looking at vehicles only for God to tell me to wait on Him. Two days later a man from another state asked me, "What are you driving?" When I replied that I was driving my in-laws' vehicle, he said, "I have a vehicle for you!" A week later we drove our 2007 Toyota Highlander back to Memphis, TN. We didn't spend one penny, Praise His Holy Name!

When the Browns decided to join GEMS Ghana Mission, Josh Brown and I sat down with Pastor Hooker to decide on timing. We figured out the costs involved with sending the Brown family and decided we needed \$10,000.00 to move ahead. We decided if we had the money about a month ahead of time which would be by May we would know that they should head to Ghana by the middle of June. Within a few short weeks we had the entire amount. Praise the Lord for His provision and direction.

For His Glory,

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GERMANY

God has opened a door for Bro. Patrick Ndjaboue to have a major impact on Germany even before arriving there. Bro. Patrick has given us this update:

“In our generation we have been given the tools of television, internet, radio and many other media outlets to facilitate in getting the Gospel to souls everywhere.



Earlier in February, I presented our ministry in a Baptist church in North Georgia. About a week later, I received a call from another church which owns a video recording studio and works with Christian Media International. One of their members had heard my presentation via live stream. CMI is at the forefront of saturating the globe via media with the truth of Gods’ Word. Through this call, God opened the door to record evangelistic sermons in German. We have already recorded 37 sermons. Each sermon is 28 minutes long; our goal is to record 50 messages. CMI is currently looking for German TV outlets to distribute the program.”

Praise the Lord for His mighty works!

If you are interested in Bro. Patrick and Ms. Christelle visiting your church, you can reach him at:

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Facebook - GEMS Germany



NEW GHANA MISSIONARIES



As mentioned in our last update, we have a new family preparing for Mission work with our GEMS Ghana Mission. Josh Brown and Family joined our Mission in January and began preparations to move to Ghana. They have been a part of Calvary Baptist Church in Memphis for sixteen years. In particular, God has been doing an amazing work in their lives over the last couple of years preparing them for the work as Missionaries. On May 30th, 2018, the Browns moved to Ghana to take over the GEMS Ghana Mission for the time being. Grant and I spent three weeks helping the Browns to get settled in, introducing them to the churches, and leaving them in God's hands to do God's work. It has been evident that God has placed his hand on Bro. Josh for the work He has called him to. As I have thought over

all God has done, in the last few years in Ghana, what God has done in our lives, and what God has done to prepare the Browns for this time, I can't help but think about how Paul said to Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:" Titus 1:5