



## Kimberly's July 2009 Newsletter

### Perspectives on the World Christian Movement



Ron Thompson, Perspectives Coordinator

Having stopped by the Missions Ministry at Southeast Christian Church to greet some of my former colleagues and friends, I was told about and invited to a luncheon being hosted by Bates Memorial Church in Louisville's

west end. The luncheon would bring together those from various churches in Louisville and Southern Indiana who will either continue or begin on a journey in which one's *perspective* aligns with God as a global missionary God who desires the praise and glory and worship and honor from peoples all over this world. For me, the journey began in 2001 when I took the 15-week mission course, *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, which totally transformed my life so that I am currently on

mission with God for His glory. And I was blessed to reconnect with others at the *Perspectives* luncheon who testify of experiencing similar journeys, and also meet a few new people who will get to share stories of their journeys following this year's *Perspectives* course being offered at Southeast Christian Church on Monday nights and Bates Memorial Church on Tuesday nights—starting in August. For more information about the *Perspectives* course, please visit [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org).

### Mark Your Calendars

8/23	Visit with Christ Temple Cathedral Chicago
8/28	Flying back to Accra, Ghana Ghana Christian University



Sharing with St. James

### Picking up Bread Crumbs . . .

As I continued on my trek this summer, visiting Southeast Christian Church (Seekers ABF class, Living Water ABF class, and the Missions Ministry), St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Bible Community Fellowship, and friends who have partnered with me for the work in



Ghana, I heard someone describe their spiritual life metaphorically as "picking up bread crumbs." While I know that there is no "play" book for following Christ, detailing every step I'm to make and when, at times I wish I could skip ahead of all the teaching, training and equipping and go right to the finish line. Instead, it seems as though God has me picking up one bread crumb at a time as He leads me where He wants me to go and to whom—while I'm waiting. But as I ponder these spiritual bread crumbs, I'm realizing that

had I skipped ahead, I would have missed out on opportunities to meet and partner with most of you in joining God for what He's doing to make His Name known among the nations. One such bread crumb for which I'm grateful is the season I worked part-time as a Mary Kay cosmetic consultant, meeting Delphine, wife of Pastor Evans at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, and

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## Ernestina's Designs a Hit Once Again!



In Virginia Beach, my first trip this summer in which I took with me Ernestina's bags, purses and aprons, one of my friends, Trenessa,

persuaded me to let her choose the ones she wanted before I showed them to anyone else. Since she was wanting to purchase five of them for her daughter and friends, I felt compelled to oblige her. Before the end of the week, several other friends bought things for themselves and family members—happy not only to support such a philanthropic cause (Ernestina plans to use the money to repay a micro-loan, and to someday open a shop that will generate enough income which will allow her to work her

way out of poverty), but also to be the proud owners of such creative designs.

From there, her hand-made designs sold in Pittsburgh (thanks Bellevue Christian Church members), Chicago (my mom and aunts) and Louisville—where they sold out. Remembering an email I received last year from Stephanie (pictured left) at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, asking me to be sure to show her the purses this year, I made sure I did. I was surprised to find so many from the various church ministries who thought Ernestina's bag's to be a really great buy! Even after at least half of the bags, purses, aprons and dinner napkins sold that day, I was called to bring back the rest (except two for my friend, Andrea). A few days after the

bags and purses completely sold out, new friends and supporters of the Yahweh Sisters bible study group wanted purses. Thank goodness I had previously sent five of the bags along with friends returning from Ghana to the U.S. in January.

A heartfelt "thanks" goes out to everyone who patronized Ernestina's small business last summer and this summer too. Please pray that I, and other friends of Ernestina's who genuinely care about her success, will be able to discern how best to partner with her in the future for a sustainable business model.



Southeast Christian Church staff showing off Ernestina's aprons.

### Picking up Bread Crumbs, con't

Manina (to the right and left of me in the photo). Because of this enduring friendship, not only is St. James an active ministry partner (I'm the first missionary the church has

supported in more than 25 plus years), Pastor Evans, Delphine and some members may be taking the Perspectives course this year at Bates Memorial, and are considering

coming to Africa in 2010 for a short-term trip. Please keep St. James in your prayers, and rejoice with me for these and other spiritual bread crumbs as I run this race.

### Prayer Praises & Requests

**Praise**—That I get to visit with so many of my supporters, friends and family this summer.

**Praise**—That I'll get to hand Ernestina nearly \$1,000 for the sale of her bags and other designs.

**Prayer**—Continued healing for my dad.

**Prayer**—That Ghana Christian University leaders and the other missionaries will be understanding of my delayed return to Ghana in August. Additional time was needed to take care of some personal and family matters.

**Prayer**—For a welcomed return to Ghana and to the university; that this will be my best year of teaching; that I will be able to serve as a positive influence and a mentor in the lives of my students; that I will serve with a godly attitude.

**Prayer**—for continued discernment as to expanded future ministry opportunities among those in rural areas/villages.

### Financial Recap July 2009

Receipts			
Avalon Church of Christ	\$ 100.00	141 - Roth IRA	250.00
Christ Temple Cathedral	80.00	150 - Housing	160.00
Faith Community Church	150.00	320 - Hospitality	47.03
First Baptist Church of J-Town	500.00	470 - Joint Team Projects	725.00
Green Street Baptist Church	125.00	550 - Postage	119.20
Light of the World Ministries	25.00	650 - Supplies in the States	13.77
Living Water ABF (Southeast)	100.00	660 - Mission Phone	106.00
Southeast Christian	500.00	661 - Email	39.95
Individuals	<u>\$2,838.00</u>	720 - Newsletters	34.58
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,418.00</b>	730 - Reporting to Supporters	28.28
		740 - Home Office	100.00
		800 - Car/Transportation (fuel)	80.50
<b>Expenses:</b>		810 - Meals while Traveling	119.35
100 - Salary	\$ 540.00	820 - Fees/Tolls	4.50
110 - Medical Insurance	374.55	860 - Air Fare	745.00
111 - Special Medical Expense	383.20	880 - Home Service Fund	<u>250.00</u>
130 - Social Security	140.00	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,260.88</b>

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