

#### February 21, 2013

Mission Printing has added another congregation to help with "World Evangelism by the Printed Page." The Woodland Park church of Christ in Mansfield, Texas has become the 17<sup>th</sup> volunteer work group from a congregation of the Lord's church. They have already started collating and stapling our material at their facility last week. Mission Printing is pleased to have them helping us spread God's word by the printed page.

Charlie Gibson, of the Pleasant Ridge congregation in Arlington, is now printing covers on our small printing press every Thursday. We need this extra day of printing to help us maintain the needs of our many volunteers, who are collating and stapling our tracts at a rapid pace. Charlie has also trained on the larger press as shown below in the first picture. He also volunteers on Mondays and operates the trimmer on Tuesdays. Delbert Jones, of College Hill in North Richland Hills, prints on the small press on Mondays and Tuesdays. Delbert is in the picture on the right. We are so blessed to have dedicated volunteers who are eager to learn new things.



Sam Harding, of Brown Trail in Hurst, prints on the large press on Mondays and Wednesdays. David Ramirez, of College Hill, operates the large press on Tuesdays. Mission Printing is so proud of all its volunteers and especially those who keep the presses running. David Ramirez is shown below with Sam Harding, on the left, operating the large press below.



# **Report On My West Africa Trip**

# <u>Monrovia, Liberia</u>

I visited the Liberia Bible College for about four days in January. About twelve preacher students dedicate two years of their life here to become faithful preachers of God's word. The principal, Alassis Goldore, took good care of Steven Ashcraft and me, even though we had no electricity or running water. We slept on the second floor and had a power plant for a few hours a day. We also had walking water with a bucket in hand. Liberia has been recovering from a terrible civil war for many years. I was privileged to preach Sunday morning at the Smyth Rd. church of Christ to about 500 souls. Two came forward to be baptized in an outside baptistry filled with water from a nearby well. I spoke on the "Great Commission" and presented the work of Mission Printing. They were invited to join in the distribution of our material as soon as it arrives. We are working on the shipping details now.



These five board members of the Liberia Bible College have volunteered to distribute Mission Printing tracts to every section of the country of Liberia.

### Accra, Ghana

Mission Printing tracts are almost gone from the last container shipment. I visited with two of our Volunteer Distribution Mangers while I was in Accra. Tens of thousands of tracts have been distributed to many of the city's two and a half million residents.



Willie Gley was our first Manager. Seth Larbi, on the right, is a Manager and also the Director of the Guidelite Literature Center that distributes our tracts to individuals all over West Africa.

#### Tamale, Ghana

My next stop was the Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies in northern Ghana. I was very impressed with a new large building that opened this month for as many as fifty preaching students. They still have a lot of work to gather that many students, but they are pursuing it with faith. Steven has spent years in helping this school. The principal, Joseph Baah, and the teachers are ready for our tracts today. They have plans to distribute Mission Printing tracts to all of northern Ghana. This area is 90% Muslim, but they are willing to study the Old Testament and about Jesus. Pray that God will open the hearts of those who are lost.



This is only half of the building.

## <u>Kumasi, Ghana</u>

After about 250 miles at 35 mph, we arrived in the second largest city in Ghana. The Bomso church of Christ has overseen the Ghana Bible College for many years. The men of the congregation were very interested in obtaining our tracts as soon as possible. This is one of the first churches of Christ in Ghana and we had almost 900 present Sunday morning. They continue to produce strong preachers and dedicated members for the Lord's service.



#### Takoradi, Ghana

We arrived at the West Coast School of Preaching with a broken fan belt. Steven is very resourceful and had an extra belt, and he quickly repaired the car. We visited the principal, Daniel Ampadu Asiamah (one of the first converts in Ghana), with his staff of teachers. They had drawn plans on how they would distribute the Mission Printing tracts throughout western Ghana and beyond. Daniel and his wife invited us to lodge at their home Monday night. Daniel is in the center of the picture below. The school shown to the right is on the top of a mountain.



As we traveled back to Accra, I continued to become weaker and very ill. I didn't know that I had hepatitis and was losing my potassium. By the time I made it to the airport, I was losing my vision and my sense of balance. I was advised by my doctor to increase my potassium medication six times and finally I became stronger after seven days.

Mission Printing is planning on shipping our next container to Nigeria by the end of the month. We have begun printing for the next container to be split three ways, between the Ghana preaching schools in Tamale, Kumasi, and Takoradi.

Pray for all our missionaries,

Richard L. Renfro, Volunteer Vice-President/Coordinator of Mission Printing

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [*Seeing God Through Love*] No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <u>1 John 4:11-12 NKJV</u>

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