



SHALOM CHILDREN'S CENTER

A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF LIFE AND LIGHT FOR CHILDREN IN TWIFU-HEMANG, GHANA

Our friend and mentor Saint Paul said it best in his letter to the Philippians: *I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.* Our friend Christiana Owusu knows about this secret and lives this truth, and she is helping those of us in her prayer/ support network to learn to live into this truth.

This year in Twifu-Hemang, Christiana, the teachers, and the children of Shalom Children's Center have seen both need and enough. On this side of the ocean, we know full well that they/we may continue to see both – and we know that God is faithful and that God will lead each of us in our privilege of giving. Here are some highlights:

- Christiana's long-hoped-for and celebrated return to Ghana was cut short by a serious case of malaria.
- She has fully recovered, and is set to go back to Ghana on December 31 – just a few weeks from now!
- A generous gift of 1,000 books is being given to Shalom by Susan Aldrich, a woman who is committed to providing libraries to children in third world countries. Susan's vision includes Shalom because it appeared in an Alliance of Baptists publication and she was drawn to it. She will go there for ten days in January and will purchase the books there, catalog them, and train one of the Shalom teachers to oversee the project.
- The funding for the physical space for this new library has been graciously given by Lela and Jason Wallis. Lela was a member of Lake Shore when she was a student and has remained a good friend and an ex-officio life member of our Missions Table.
- Other good news is that another generous donor has provided the funds for the completion of a cantina (kitchen/lunch room) so that there will be not only a covered place for the children to eat, but a covered place to cook as well.

So you can see that we approach the coming year with thanksgiving and hope, excited about the enhancements to the physical buildings that make up the Shalom Center for Children. What really makes Shalom all that it is, however, isn't the structure or the tables or the chairs or the new books – what makes Shalom is the children and the teachers! This is where we continue to need your help, in the form of the monthly sponsorship of a child, the sponsorship of a teacher's salary, or simply a one-time donation. We hope that you will prayerfully consider the possibilities below. Please know how grateful we are for your support, and accept our warmest wishes for the coming celebration of our Savior's birth.

In the spirit of shalom,

Shalom Children's Center's friends at Lake Shore

This Advent I would like to give joy to the world by sponsoring a child at Shalom Children's Center in Ghana.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

_____ I would like to sponsor a child/children for \$120 a year per child. *Indicate number of children.*

_____ I would like to make an additional gift of \$ _____.

My Christmas gift is in memory of _____ or in honor of _____

Please sent a tribute card to: Name _____

Address _____



Print as many forms as you need. Make your tax-deductible gift payable to Lake Shore Baptist Church (noting Shalom Children's Center) and mail to 5801 Bishop, Waco, TX 76710. Email abrister@grandecom.net if you have any questions.