



HALL family

February – April 2025



Dear Friends,

"I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness." (Psalm 145:1-7) **Hallelujah!** On March 19, 2025, Hope Fundamental Baptist Church became the grateful owners of a piece of land—an amazing blessing that only God could provide! We continue to **marvel at His mighty works!**

At the end of February, after numerous delays, we finally met with the owners to finalize the sale of the property. Although we were prepared to pay in full, the family had not yet removed the squatters. They asked if we would mind if they removed the roofing to force the squatters out, since the rainy season had just begun, and also requested for a partial payment to help with the moving expenses. Knowing the roofing needed to be replaced anyway, we agreed to both requests and planned to meet in two weeks to complete the final transfers. A few days after that meeting, we drove by the property and noticed that not only had they removed the roofing, but they had also taken the metal doors from the front building's shops, causing visible damage to the structure. On our next visit, we saw that the main gates were missing as well. Growing concerned that they might strip the property of anything that would fetch a price, I reached out to our lawyer. He reassured me that, since our original contract stated the property was being sold "as is," I should not be concerned. Over the following days, it became clear they were stripping the property entirely, leaving the structure unsalvageable. They took all metal, electrical wiring, lumber, water, and electric meters—and even tore down one of the structures to reuse the bricks. Two weeks later, we met again and demanded a lower price. We settled for about a \$5,000 reduction. We are choosing to trust God. On a final walkthrough, we looked at each other and said, "God's ways are higher than ours—perhaps He wants us to have new buildings." **He is ABLE!**

Our lawyer soon connected us to the top architect in Kumasi. After going through the plans at our initial meeting, we asked what his fee would be. **FREE! Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!** Next, we were connected with the director of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly Physical Planning Department. He said we would need to change the use of the property from residential to commercial. He called the land surveyor into our meeting, as he would be responsible for filing the report for us. The director told him that he would be completing his services **AT NO COST** for us. **I will declare THY mighty acts!**

We are now Stateside seeking medical attention for our son Malachi. We are also traveling to update churches during this short furlough. We covet your prayers. Please pray with us, as we will be seeking to raise funds for new buildings. The average cost to build a structure is US\$30,000 – \$40,000, depending on what type of structure is being built. Our goal is to build a church building, staff housing with dorms for Hope Academy for the Deaf, a building for our training center and school classrooms, and a multipurpose pavilion. To begin, we have a goal to raise US\$130,000. We know we serve a good, good God, and **we will praise His name forever and ever!**

You can watch our most recent update video at <https://youtu.be/r1g77BdARvE>.

Your co-laborers for Christ,

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