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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Ghana! There are many updates since my last newsletter in May, so I am just going to jump right in and start! First, I have had the privilege of visits from dear ones in the United States. My first visitors were Jim and Myrna Wasson who came in June. This couple has been near and dear to me for a long time. I can hardly take in the fact that they love me so much to come and visit me here. I enjoyed showing Ghana to them!



JIM AND MYRNA

Also, I received Deborah Thompson with much thanksgiving, not only in my house but also to serve at the girls' center. Deborah was the teaching leader in my Bible Study Fellowship class when I was in the U.S. She had an opportunity to teach computer, English, and entrepreneurship to the girls and two classes of computer to the younger children from the children's center. It was quite fun to serve together again in the work of God.



DEBORAH THOMPSON AND GIRLS

Speaking of visitors!!! Wow!!! We had so many MiniMissionaries come to help. I think it was the most I have seen in such a short period of time. It was so wonderful to have the help at the girls' center. In addition, I truly enjoyed their company and comradeship. I have attached a picture of them when they were in my house for dinner. I have recently heard that one of them is now pursuing becoming an ROS (Rafiki Overseas Staff)!



DINNER PARTY WITH MINIMISSIONARIES

A fun thing that happened since the last newsletter is that Ghana was in the World Cup. For those that don't know, this is an every four-year event and it is HUGE here in Africa. They call it football here and for a month Ghana had "football fever." The local cell phone service even gave out free "special" football hats to help people celebrate. (They look like Dr. Seuss hats.) It was so fun to be a part of it. It was especially fun that the United States and Ghana were in the same group and there was tremendous excitement for that game. Ghana defeated the U.S.! This country went nuts (in a good way)! It was really wonderful to be here for that and to share in their joy and fun. Being an ex-sports fan and participant, I have great appreciation for such an event.



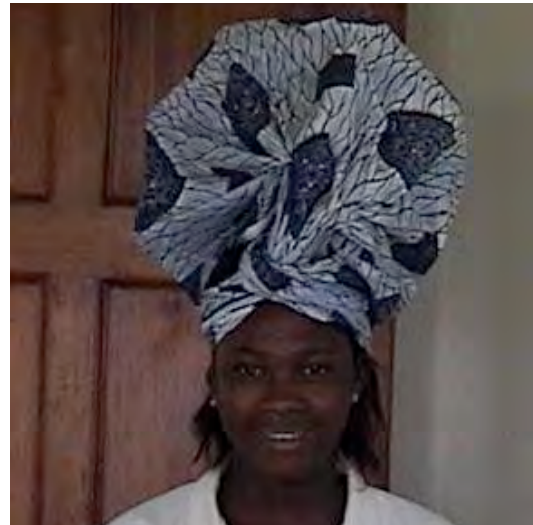
In my last letter I asked you to pray for Florence, the student who was in the hospital since January with a Buruli Ulcer. She had to have a skin graft to her arm. I am very pleased to tell you that she is back at the center and doing very well. She had a rough first few weeks feeling out of place and conscious of her condition, but now she is thriving well in classes and basket weaving. I am hearing her constant "giggle" again. We are so thankful that God has brought her back to us and that she has full use of her arm. The picture you see is of her first day back at the center.



Semester five catering class recently studied the details of planning a catering event. The client was our own school and the catering class did all the necessary preparations for catering a "tea party" at the center. They organized the budget, the food, and also some events during the tea party. We decided to require every one to wear a hat and then have a contest for the "most beautiful," the "most creative" and the "most unique." Magdalene received the "most unique" award. Lizzy received the award for the "most beautiful."



MAGDALENE'S MOST UNIQUE HAT



LIZZY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL HAT

Most recently we celebrated a birthday for a special teammate. Nancy Bond celebrated her sixtieth with us and we gave her a few celebrations so that she will not forget this special birthday. I have wonderful teammates in Ghana! I thank God every day for them.



NANCY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

As you see, my heart is overflowing with thanksgiving to God for so many people and the privilege He has given me to be here. I also thank all of you for partnering with me to share God's graces and our resources with these young ladies. May God receive all the Glory!!

With Love and Thanksgiving,

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P.S. From the Home Office: Cathy is currently at 46% of the total needed for her third term beginning January 2007.

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