

Setors' Update – May 2011

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Denver to you all! We hope that you are all doing well and enjoying the good favour of the Lord. This is another update to bring you to speed on our lives, ministry and the green card application process.

First, with regard to the green card application, the mission last week received a denial notification from the government and the one and only reason for the denial was SIM's failure to provide a detailed list and information about all of its workers along with other information they requested. A motion is to be filed soon to appeal the decision.

For us as a family, this process has been quite frustrating and the wait has been too long, not to mention the emotional stress. Quite frankly we wished SIM would have handled this particular request differently and more seriously than they did. We pray and hope that they will respond this time around in a way that is acceptable to the government. Notwithstanding, we would like to thank our colleagues at the SIM USA office who have been working on this matter so far. We realize that it has been a time consuming undertaking and we do appreciate their efforts. In all this, we recognize God's sovereignty and take comfort in it, knowing that He holds our lives and the timing of our affairs. We will continue to trust Him, even though sometimes it has been tough.

Meanwhile, our ministry with SIM related churches in Denver and particularly with the Ghana Baptist Convention church (Solid Rock Baptist Church, Aurora) has been quite challenging and has kept us busy. We did mention in a recent update that, Grace has been working hard to re-structure and make the children and youth ministries in the church more effective by providing materials, recruiting and training teachers. Her efforts are gradually producing good results and it is gratifying to see the positive impacts on the young people.

On his part, Bob continues to provide pastoral leadership in the church and also mentors a young pastor. Bob's main preoccupation at Solid Rock is to leave behind efficient church committees and departments that will effectively carry out the ministries of the church and influence the rest of the community for the Lord. So far, policy guidelines have been written and adopted for five committees and departments to help them undertake their ministry



tasks. Church attendance has been stable (average of 70) and we are seeking to increase this, hence, one of the three goals for this year is: **'Influence One Person for the Lord'** - in the community, work-place and school. In the same vein, the preaching that used to be done only in Twi (a Ghanaian language) is now
← A cross section of participants at the NABA Ministers Retreat

in both English and Twi (that is, with a translator) in order to cater for non-Twi speaking Africans and/or other English speaking people. In the near future, we hope to have two separate Sunday services in English and Twi.

On the national level, Bob is involved in the leadership of the North America Baptist Association (NABA) - a body that is made up of all the Ghana Baptist Convention churches in the USA and Canada. This month, he was one of the speakers at the annual NABA ministers retreat held in Virginia, May 12-15. At the retreat, Bob was elected as the vice-chairman of the Ministers Fellowship and appointed to serve on the Ministerial Recognition Committee. He will also be teaching at the NABA annual convention scheduled for July 1-3 in Columbus, Ohio.

As for Isaac, he just graduated from Junior High with two awards and is headed for High School next academic year. He enjoyed his competitive soccer season playing in the Littleton Soccer league and he is developing into a good defense player and left winger. We hope he will do well academically and in sports at High School.

The Lord has been so faithful to us and has provided us with many opportunities to serve Him during our prolonged time in the US for which we are very grateful. We pray that we will remain faithful to Him.

Prayer Points:

- **We will value your prayers for wisdom this time around for the mission to be creative and compelling in complying with the US government requirement since non-compliance is always ground for denial when dealing with government agencies. Please, pray earnestly.**
- **Pray that we will continue to trust the Lord in the present circumstances.**
- **Pray that we will focus on the ministry the Lord has called us to while we continue to be in the US and to remain faithful to Him.**
- **Please, pray for our upcoming trip to Ohio. The three of us will be travelling.**



Once again, we appreciate your support and prayers for us during this transition in our lives and ministry. Thank you for standing with us and we thank God for each one of you. What you do is important!!

Sincerely yours in Him,
Bob, Grace and Isaac Setor

