



The Missionary Minute



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Mission Experience Confirms God is Good

Jamaica participants share their story

Our volunteer group initially met in Chicago to get to know each other and build camaraderie. We enjoyed a wonderful ordination Mass followed by a tour of the city, including a drive along the Lake Shore Drive and a visit to Navy Pier. As we wondered what was in store for us, our anticipation and enthusiasm were fueled for the trip ahead.



From the start, we felt the loving presence of God. With a 60% chance of rain predicted for every day of the week, what did we end up with? Light showers on Monday and beautiful sunshine the rest of the week. Good weather enabled us to finish more work than we had planned—completing one house on Monday and then starting and finishing our own house project from Tuesday through Thursday. Early on, Brother Bernie Spitzley, SVD, taught us the most beautiful yet simple song entitled “God is Good.” This seemed to sum up every second of our stay in Jamaica. God is good. Everywhere we turned, in everything we did, it was as if we were gazing right into God’s beautiful face. “God is Good” quickly became our theme song, echoing constantly in our minds, wherever we were and in whatever we were doing. God is so, so good.

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From Poland to Ghana—Using Technology to Reach the People

By Fr. Gregory Kubowicz, SVD

Divine Word Missionaries arrived in the Yendi District of Ghana forty years ago. Parishes were established in Yendi, Bimbila, Chamba, Tatale, Saboba and Chereponi. In 1999, Yendi was established as a diocese and Vincent Boi Nai, SVD was named its first bishop.



The larger towns of the Yendi District, especially Yendi and Bimbila, were inhabited by Dagomba people who were mostly Muslim. The smaller villages and townships were populated by tribes that remained faithful to their traditional beliefs and were open to the Christian message. The largest tribe was the Konkomba and the missionaries translated the Bible, Catholic prayers and liturgical texts into their language. Today the Konkombas have the entire Bible printed in their language, as well as a prayer book, a catechism and the Sacramentary. This is very helpful, because the Konkomba are so numerous and inhabit a large area of land. However, there are many local dialects that have no written system at all.

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