



My Gift to God

**The Kids'  
Shelter**

Abesim, Sunyani, Ghana

**Our lives are a gift from God**

**What we do with our lives  
is our gift to God**

# THE KIDS SHELTER



# January 2012



*“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.*

*Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. ...”*

Romans 12: 2

*“Be the change you  
wish to see in the world.”*

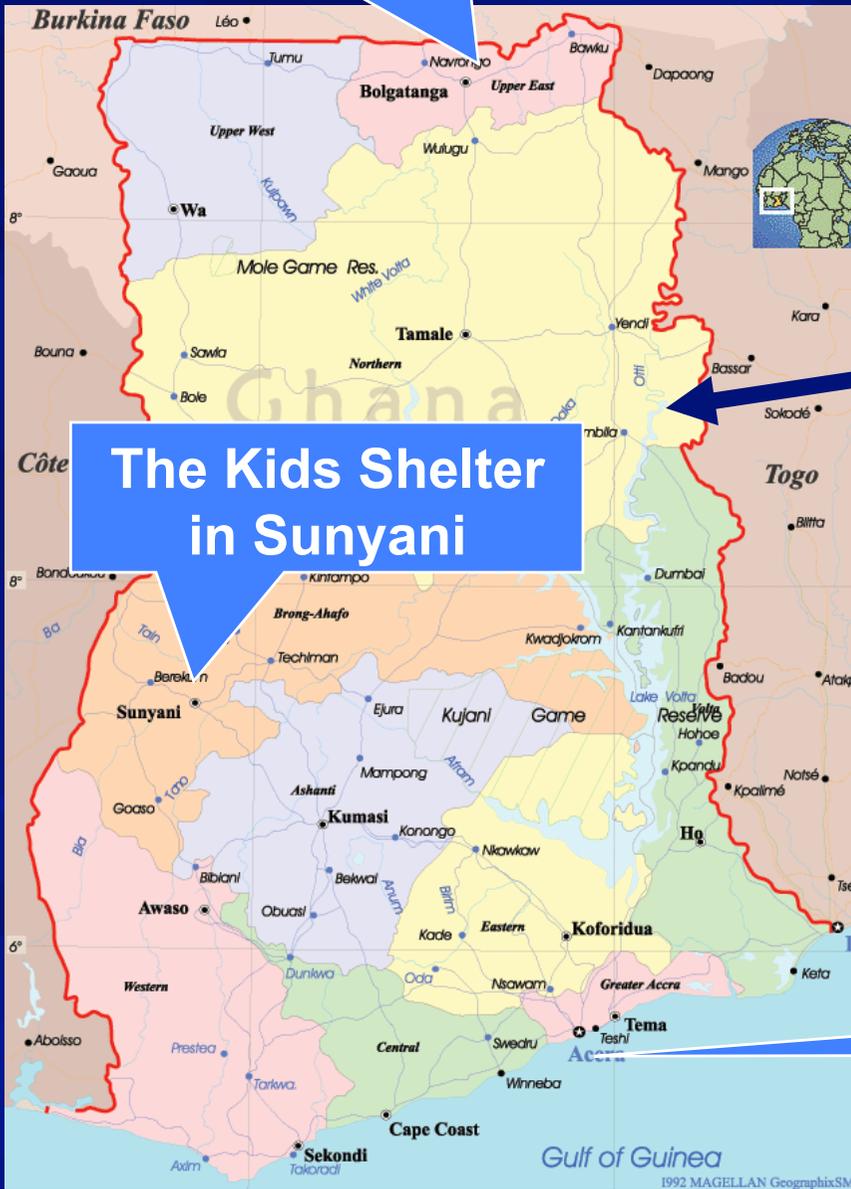
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*“... Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it.”*

Romans 12: 2

*“Here I am Lord.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.”*

**Bolgatanga Area  
with about 120 sponsored  
village families and children**



**The Kids Shelter  
in Sunyani**



**Accra**

*“... for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7*



Many people in many countries have contributed



# The Kids' Shelter



Director Gerdy

# Staff



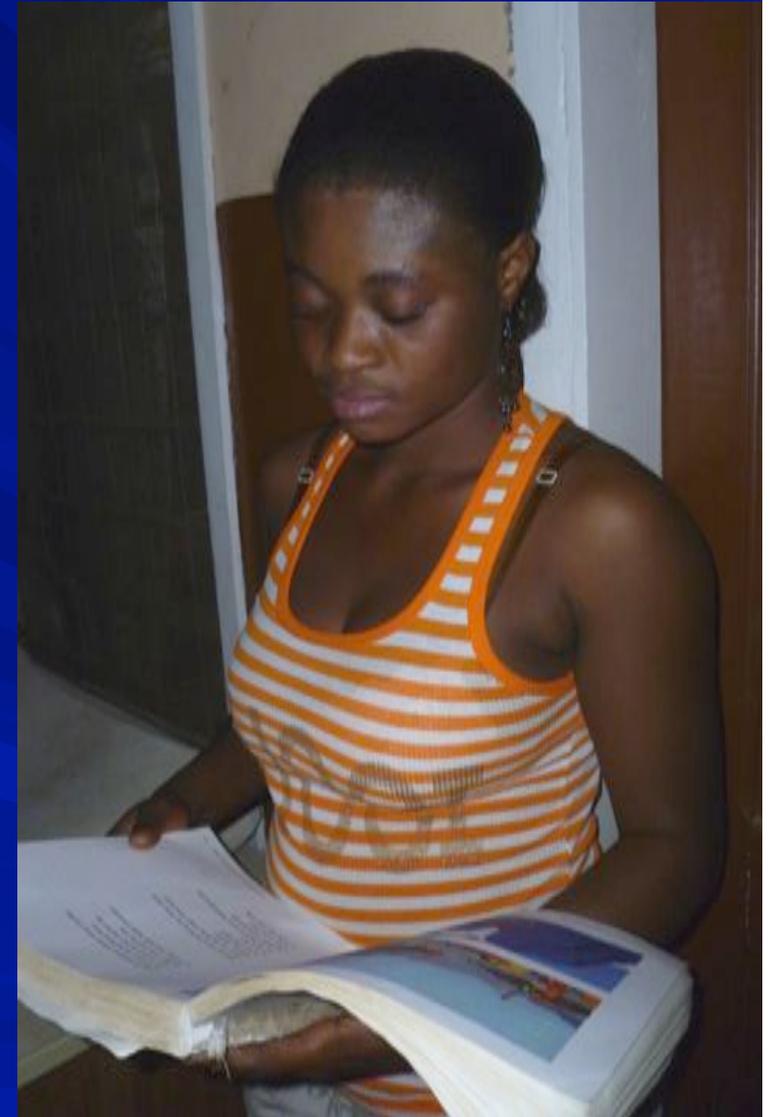
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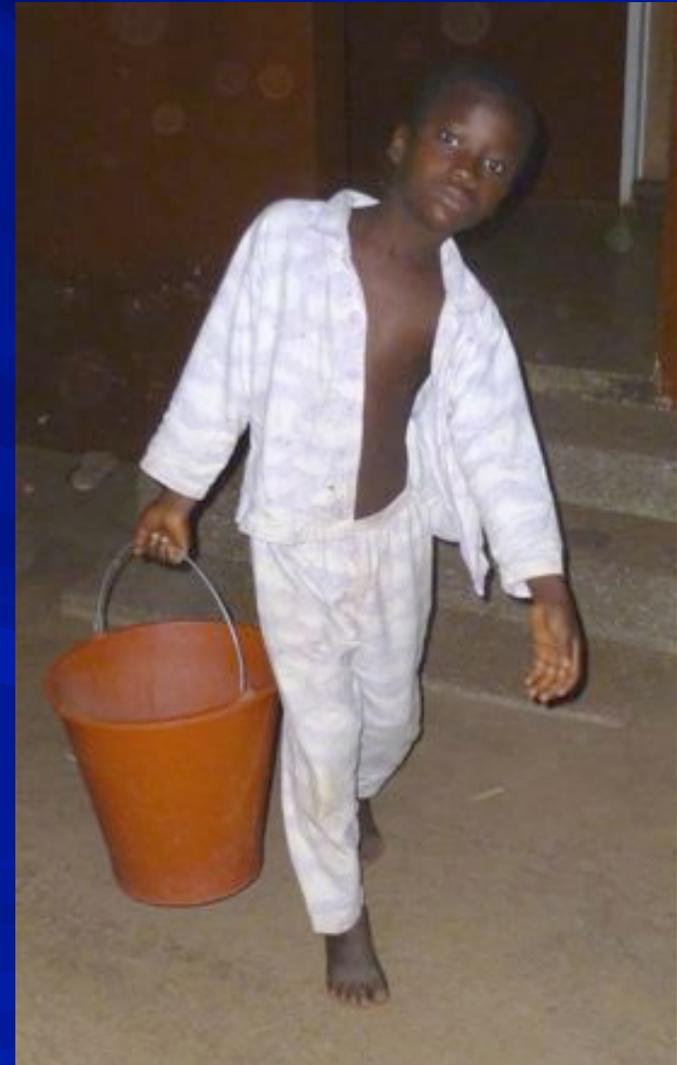
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# Volunteers



# Daily Routine

- 'Bath' the children in the pre-dawn
- They wait for hot water







■ Shoes and school materials ready?

# Daily Routine

## ■ Breakfast ...



■ ... and chores





# ■ Comb hair and pack snacks



# Daily Routine

## ■ School

■ Most walk about one mile to private school



# Daily Routine

- The youngest are taken by van



# Daily Routine

## ■ Morning assembly



# Daily Routine



- Organize and wash clothes



# Daily Routine

■ Clean house



■ Noon meal  
(on weekends)



# Daily Routine

## ■ After school chores





■ Then play time



# Daily Routine

## ■ Dinner



# Daily Routine

## ■ Medications



# Daily Routine

- Evening baths and chores



# Daily Routine

- Checking school work & evening activities



# Evening Bible studies and prayer



# Daily Routine

■ To bed

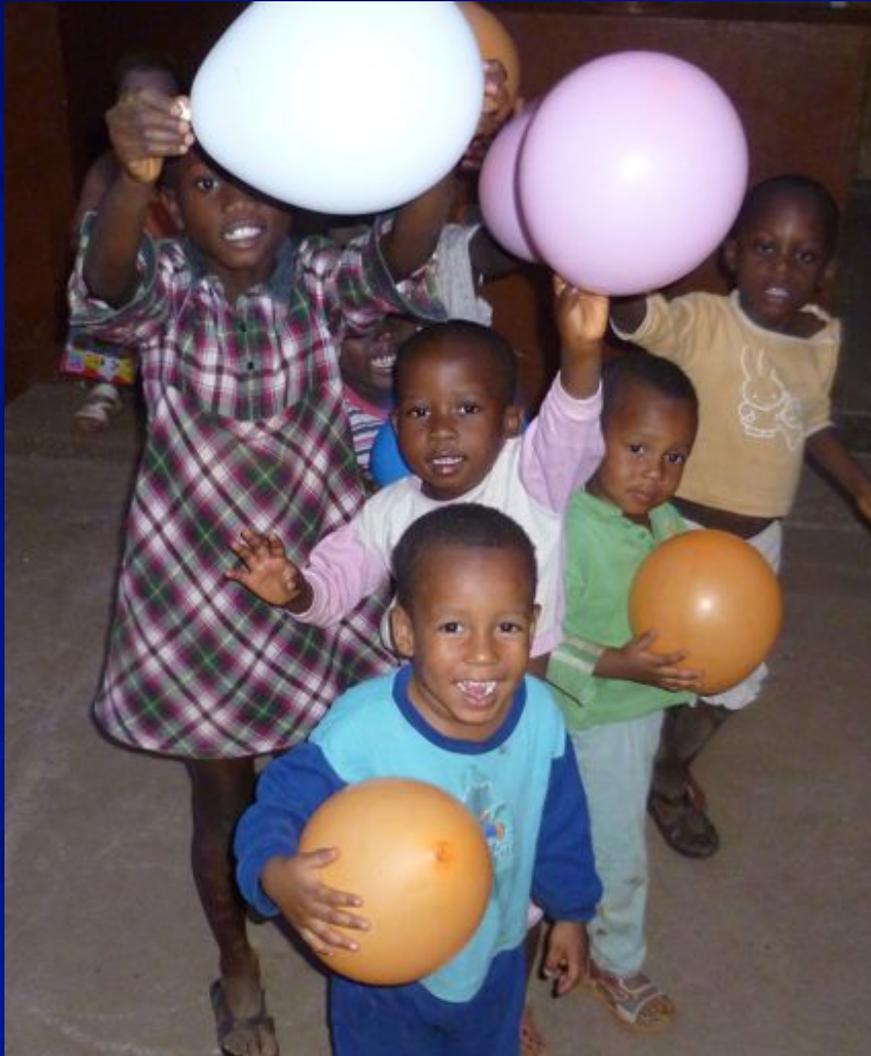


# Daily Routine

- **Readying supplies for the next day**



# Weekend Special Chores and Fun Times









■ Washing, mending,  
replacing mosquito nets

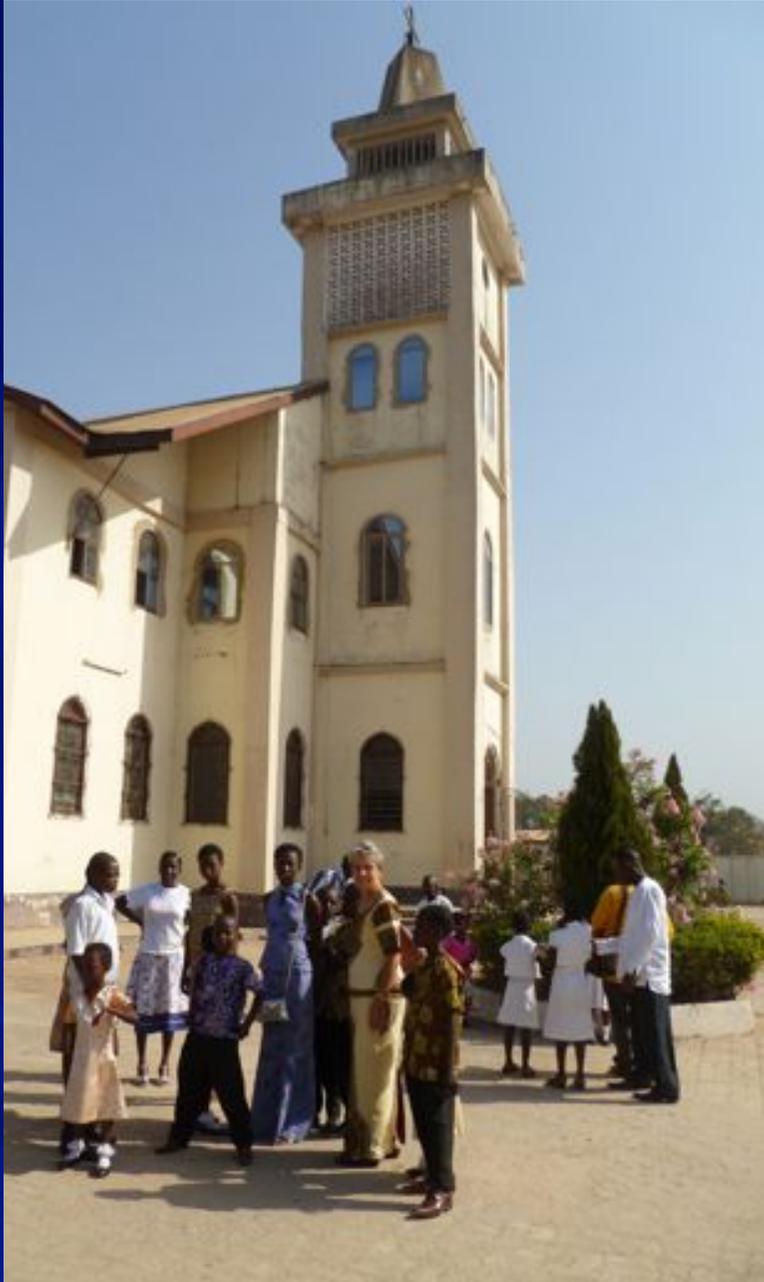






# Going To Church

Presbyterian Church with English speaking service & Sunday School



A close-up photograph of a cluster of bright pink bougainvillea flowers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing the white center and yellow stamens. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage and a light-colored wall or fence.

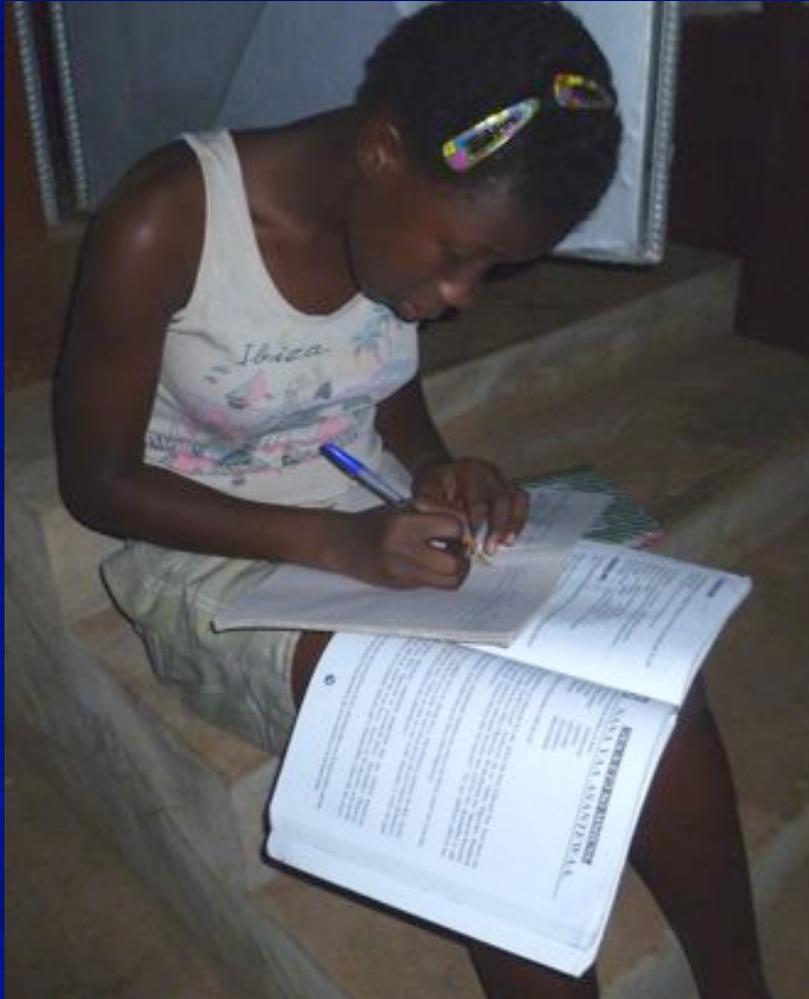
*“What does the Lord require of  
you?”*

*Micah 6:8*

# What Can Volunteers & Donors Do?

- Work with **The Kids' Shelter** children
  - Teach/Tutor                      -- Play games
  - Bring joy to sad little ones
- Help provide needed items
- **Sponsor** children
- Give **funds/Euros** to the [Alafya Foundation](#)
- Organize **fund raising** activities

# Help with school homework





■ Bring joy & smiles to sad little ones



## ■ Help with quiet projects



■ ... and lively activities



- Organize games
- Teach a new skill



# ■ Involve the children in special projects such as carpentry



- Enrich the children's diet with donated food





■ Help problem solve ... supervised activity area for small children

- Provide and supervise beads stringing by the children



# School & Family Sponsorship



Local housing  
architecture

- The North-East Region is particularly impoverished and needy



- Children such as these have big smiles of hope when they are sponsored and can go to school



# Sponsorship Opportunity

- Families such as this just need a little help to stand on their own feet



# Development of New Property



- Grading a dirt road here would provide vehicle access to the Shelter

# Prayer Requests

## ■ For Gerdy

- Strength to do the work
- Wisdom and love to handle the children with their difficult backgrounds

## ■ For the staff

- Motivation and commitment

## ■ Sufficient funds to continue providing for the Shelter and projects in Bolgatanga

# Thanksgiving

A message from Gerdy:

Through 35 years in Ghana, God has been faithful and provided all what was needed for my nursing/medical work in Bolga during times of great scarcity of supplies, for the current work in Sunyani and Bolga, and in my private life. It helps me to trust God for the future.

*“I will hold Your people in my heart.”*



Thanks for  
caring

Hope to see  
you soon

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