

# Andrew Philip Kulp's Attic

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*Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early in the morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones.*

*Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)*



## **Trinkets:** *That Trunk in the Corner of the Attic*

I have returned from Ghana! The trip was an extraordinary ministry experience that will have a great impact on my spiritual walk for many years to come. Thank you all for your prayers, as I was continually conscious of them throughout the trip.

By now, everyone on my mailing list should have received a commitment packet for supporting my ministry in the coming year. If you would like a packet and have not already received one, please let me know and I will get one out to you. A big thank you to all who have already prayerfully considered their part in my ministry and have responded. I encourage all of you to respond prayerfully and quickly to commit to a part in my ministry in the coming year.

My budget for the summer is turning out to be a bit tighter than I had initially anticipated, so the number and length of my support-raising trips is still uncertain until I can rework my budget. If you would like a visit from me in order to discuss in detail what God is doing in my ministry, let me know and I will do what I can to make a trip possible.

## **Ephesians 1:16:** *Thanksgiving and Prayer*

Thank you to all of you who continue to support my ministry with your financial gifts and prayers. Please concentrate an abundance of prayers over the next month on the *EMIM Discovery Weekend* curriculum and my support-raising efforts. Both of these hold great importance for my ministry in the coming year.

### Thank you:

MLH, JG, and GJ for your special efforts this past month. \_\_\_ for the new shoes.

### Prayers:

Supporter in FL with an abundance of struggles. Prayer supporter overcoming depression. Continued healing for Judson. Roommate changes coming in August. Carpenters for Christ trip to Ohio in August. Continued growth of new church in Apatrapa, Ghana.

## **Et Moi:** *Personal Comments*

I purposely chose to bypass the usual columns this month due to the incredible personal impact that the past month in ministry has had on me.

One thing that I heard repeatedly at the SBC Annual Meeting in Orlando was that there were hopes that every Southern Baptist would one day take part in at least one international mission trip. Now that I have returned from Ghana, I can honestly say that I have caught that vision. No matter how deep your faith is, as long as you are looking at Christ simply through American eyes, I am convinced that you are missing out.

Many of you know that Judson had an unfortunate encounter with a mosquito the first night in Ghana and came down with Malaria a week later. He has now returned to the USA and is staying with his parents while he continues his recovery. It appears that there was some error in the medications we were taking, which obviously limited our immunity.

I wore many hats while in Ghana: Worship Leader for the American Team, Evangelist (Door-to-door), Student, Counselor, Preacher, Electronic Technician, and more. I thank God for divinely placing Melody, a student at Southern, as my partner throughout the week. While she was fairly quiet in ministry, her impact was much greater than mine, as she stood by praying for each ministry I was involved with. I know that the prayers of my supporters and her gave me an unusual sense of power and boldness throughout my ministry in Ghana. My appreciation for gifted intercessors never ceases to grow as I continue to see them at work in my ministry.

I was simply amazed watching the Gospel at work in Ghana. American Christians have much to learn from the Ghanaians. Even those who are unsaved have an unquestioning trust in the truth of the Bible. In evangelism, all we had to do was show people the truth of Scripture, and they would be ready to accept Christ.

Well over 100 people accepted Christ through the course of the week, with approximately 120 at the first service of the new church. I missed the service because I was preaching at another church. I was told that I preach like an African preacher. I guess that's a compliment. If you have not already seen it, <http://www.newchurches.net> contains some pictures and other information related to the trip.

Many of you will remember my review of the International Missions Festival last fall. You will also remember a confirmation within my heart to be a sender. I have now brought that confirmation to a new level. Throughout the trip to Ghana I was convinced that I could adjust to the culture. I was quite comfortable and enjoyed nearly everything I experienced (except the food poisoning). My heart was overjoyed as I saw God at work in the Ghanaian people. Yet, I have renewed and greater confidence that God has called me to help others to find their place in ministry and to seek out those He has called to serve Him overseas through career missions. Are *you* willing to go?

Pressing on!

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