

# Christ's Co-Mission International

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The Book of Nehemiah has been very encouraging these months. Quoted phrases in this newsletter are from Nehemiah and have significantly paralleled our circumstances in the Kroboland.

In the midst of the "distress" of 20% inflation in one month, the Lord has provided through donors for the mission to be able to offer more desperately-needed jobs. In addition to over twenty school personnel, twelve young men have been able to work and worship with us recently. The school facilities (owned by CCMI's affiliate) have needed significant repairs and improvements. So, starting with stones that needed to be cracked into gravel and a heap of broken wheelbarrows, within about "52 days" we "Your servants, who desire to fear Your name" shovel-mixed and poured over 40,000 pounds of concrete.



"Do not be afraid... Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives ..."

"The God of heaven Himself will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build..."



Having leveled and tamped the ground, we mix sand, cement and gravel, after which we bring it in wheelbarrows (repaired with our repaired welding equipment) and level it. One of these young Brothers lost his Dad last year and is working his way through high school. Another's wife is soon to deliver their first-born but he had become unemployed. Another faces some significant trials but is trusting God through them and is still a joyous blessing as we work together. Most of the others use the money to buy food, pay school fees and purchase needed educational supplies. Whether we are working, praying or eating together we are so blessed to join in the struggles of these disciples.

In I Thessalonians 4 and II Thess. 3 Paul writes: *work with your hands, ... so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

*We were not idle when we were with you ... we worked ... in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.*

In addition to serving educationally in the school, there are opportunities for U.S. individuals to volunteer to work alongside dear colleagues such as these. There is much more to accomplish. Handy men and women with humble, willing hearts may contact us for information regarding applying to "Serve and Grow" with CCMI in Ghana. Experience with us that *the joy of the LORD is our strength!*

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