

SUMMER BITS

HCCF'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND CURIOUS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

# THE BILLS FAMILY-Making Ghana Home

#### WRITTEN BY 'TEAM BILLS'

'No surprise, life at the moment can get pretty harried. As you might imagine, there are plenty of tasks to be checked off in order to move a family of six across an ocean. Stir in the emotion of preparing to say goodbye to home, mix together with the unanswerable "what-ifs" of the fast-approaching new chapter, sprinkle on a pinch of general anxiety for good measure, and you can understand the stress of our transition. Sometimes we feel like a mercurial middle-schooler. Oh yeah, got one of those, too.

When it begins to feel overwhelming, we remember the road that brought us here. We trust the road because we believe in the God who walks behind us, beside us, and ahead of us. Our faith helps us to reimagine the "we" in "we've got our one-way tickets" to include more than just our six, sometimes distressed, selves.

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"We" includes a host of folk whose prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts that have launched us into this venture. Team Bills is sent by three partnering churches--Cedar Lane, Central, Cole Mill Road--and an inspiring crowd of others (individuals, a few more faith communities, and a couple of trusts)."

#### THE BILLS FAMILY-MAKING GHANA HOME cont.

The Bills family--Jenni, Nathan and their children, Sam (12), Ruby (10), Judah (8), and John Moses (5) have been invited to join the work of Heritage Christian College starting in August 2019. Nathan will teach in HCC's Theology Department as well as the Heritage Bible Institute. The children will attend American International School where Jenni will work as the school nurse and receptionist.

#### BRINGING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SIGN LANGUAGE In his words-Zion Awuku Danyo

'I am one of the pioneer students of Heritage Christian College. I am now in my final year studying Business Information Technology Management. I am the only child of my mum, but the first of six siblings of my dad. My parents are divorced and this has taken a toll on my education. I completed secondary school in the year 2015 and worked as primary tutor for a few months. I also worked at a computer shop for a few months for experience. I had to stay with others due to the conditions at home.

I have always been indebted to others who help me get food to survive and who help me pay my fees, so coming to Heritage Christian College is a dream come true. Although I had a lot of problems and challenges with tuition, food, housing and laptop fees, I got a lot of

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support from HCC in the form of a partial scholarship as well as support from some staff and faculty members.

I was the student chaplain at Heritage Christian College for three years and thus have been so much involved in helping shape the moral and spiritual lives of my colleagues. HCC has given me the right environment to grow and nurture my dreams, and to help me improved my sign language skills. I like volunteering to help in sign language interpretation to deaf persons at church and elsewhere, and to teach others sign language. I would like to start a business in this area and help teach others to bring the gospel of Christ through sign language.

Heritage Christian College has also provided the opportunity for me to explore my talents and skills especially in E-Commerce. At HCC I was provided a laptop, and with that I have begun making some money through E-Commerce. In the future I want to use my E-business skills to help others start up their own businesses.'



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