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FROM THE MORGAN'S

March 19, 2005 saw the first Sunday service in Abura Nkwanta with **97** present and **many** professions. We are thankful. The bus has been bringing folks from this village for 3 years. The trip takes just over one hour each direction. 60 folks came the last time we bused them to Takoradi. They are ready for their own services.

The work in Takoradi has been progressing with folks making professions almost every week. One of the difficult problems we are facing is that nearly all of those who make professions and claim to be married are not. It took me a while to realize that just because they would confirm that they were married did not mean it was true. Now I found that almost all of those who come need to be legally and scripturally married. They are living in adultery. The churches here do not address this issue. Even some of the missionaries are ignoring it as it is a difficult problem. The people do not know as they have been led to believe that if they take a carton of liquor to the woman's parents meet with them at a particular time, honor the gods of their ancestors by drinking a toast to them, then they are married. This has gone on for generations. I am telling folks who have grandchildren that they are living in adulterous relationships. I am once again in 'hot water,' a place although very uncomfortable, it has become like home. Another problem is that for the first year or two I took people's word for it and did not know what questions to ask. Therefore I baptized people who were living in these circumstances. Well, God is working on the problem and He is fully capable of 'bailing me out of the hot water.' How do I know, He has done this before. Some folks are doing what is right. I married one business man and the one he had been living with for 18 years and their five children were present. Another man who was a Pentecostal pastor was married with his grand children present. We are thankful.

According to the one who is working on the radio frequencies for the station, it should become a reality by May. Wow, it is too quick and my ignorance concerning radio is great. Pray for me concerning this blessing. If the frequencies are issued, then we will have to pay the fees. I have no idea at this point as to how much it will cost. I have been saving some funds for this purpose but do not know if we will have enough. It is God's business and He will provide if it is to become a reality. When the frequencies are issued, we will have only 60 days to begin broadcasting. Also, we have to have a location and a studio for the inspectors when they come to make the final decision for the granting of the frequencies. I have begun the work which is needed to finish the building. We have 4 masons, 6 laborers, 5 carpenters, 1 demolition person, 1 painter and 3 preachers on work scholarships working 6 days each week. I am the supervisor and you do not understand what that means unless you have had the wonderful experience of trying to encourage African men to change their way of doing things in the interest of continuing to live. Ha -- Well, it is an interesting time and I am tired but thankful to be here. We currently have five broadcasts on 3 different stations and the stations just increased the price by 30 %. It is such a vital part of the ministry that is committed to the great commission. Also, in the last three months they have raised the price of fuel to nearly \$ 3.00 per gallon and increased the price of electricity by 50 %. Please pray with me about the costs and for wisdom to know how to proceed.

On a more difficult note, we certainly need your prayer concerning Linda's condition. The pain is great at times and even laying and sitting has become difficult. She is a good soldier and we know this is our place. With this condition she really struggles with the heat and it has been the warmest year since we left Nigeria. We are requesting only that you pray about this as God leads.

The prayer, thoughtful and encouraging notes, cards and letters and e-mail communication are always a source of blessing. **Thank you** for allowing us to be a part of your ministry.

We love you, sincerely, **Larry and Linda Morgan**

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