



The Great Adventure

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At Home...in Lawra!

Greetings from my little house in Lawra, Ghana!

I have been in Lawra for three weeks now. My house has become my home, even with all the little odds & ends that need to be done. As we traveled north, I was able to buy living room and bedroom furniture. That, along with several items that were given to me by my colleagues, my house is lacking very few things. My bedroom has been made complete with a desk and chair. The living room has a nice storage chest as a coffee table and a small round table that I often use to study and work. Curtains, patio furniture & even a microwave have been given me to complete my furnishings. I still need to have storage shelves and a cupboard made by a carpenter.



I have been focusing on learning the Dagaare language. A friend, Rev. Victor Anderson, who lives in Ankaase, had given me the name of a man who taught him Dagaare 15 years ago. Rev. Anderson has always spoken very highly of this person. Well, the first day I was in Lawra was a Sunday. Guess who was preaching...Raymond Dery, the very person Rev. Anderson told me to contact! I KNOW the hand of God was in that! Dery has been coming Monday through Friday for 1/2 to 3 hours in the morning to teach me Dagaare. Then, I go into town or visit the children to practice what I have learned.



When I go to see the children, a chorus of "Mama Sue" is heard. That's what they call me, "Mama Sue." It is music to my ears. I can speak to them a little more today than I could three weeks ago. I practice my Dagaare on them. Sometimes they laugh and correct me. Sometimes they really can understand me! I consider that a miracle, a definite gift from God.



Life is different here. My mode of transportation is a bicycle. I buy fresh meat, chopped right off of the carcass, I burn my rubbish, do laundry by hand and iron even when the outside temperature is over 100°F. I get up at dawn, am ready to "chill out" by dusk. (OK, so that's not any different than when I lived in PA.) I am constantly sweeping my cement floors and I pray that I don't find any small four footed creatures in my house. I do have a post office box and I check my mail twice a week. Internet is slow and hard to connect. Things take forever with it. Electricity is often out and when it is on, it is very unstable. But, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else! God has placed me here & I am grateful.



Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9 AM to Noon
Language Classes

April 2011
School Break for Children

May 2011
Synod Meeting
Tamale

Last week of May
Ghana Team Meeting
Accra



Fun Facts:

- The temperature has been 100°F or higher for the last 8 days...topping off at 106°F.
- Toilet paper isn't put in the toilet. A small garbage can is used for it. Then, when I burn my rubbish, I also burn my toilet paper!
- My favorite Dagaare word (so far) is ko-lokolo (turkey). I like the way it rolls out of my mouth!



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I thank God every time I think of you. Your prayers, your gifts, your encouragement has meant the world to me.

I have received my February Gift Report and am grateful to God to be able to say that giving was up last month. I had many expenses because of the move, buying appliances, furniture, a bicycle, travel costs and a lot of expenses that come with setting up a new house in another country. Because of your faithfulness, all of these items have been covered.

I wish that I could write to each of you personally. You have all walked beside me during this journey. I am so thankful. I have so many fond memories of visiting you at your churches. Please give my greetings to your congregations.

If you have wanted to partner with me and have not yet done so, you may do this by [Credit Card Donation](#) or [Electronic Funds Transfer](#) just by clicking on the link.

Naa ngmen mal fo! (Northern Dagaare for "God bless you!")



RTs - Random Thoughts

~ I do have an address and would LOVE to receive mail. It is:

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~ While in Lawra, my internet connection is not strong or fast enough to receive calls on Skype. It can take up to 20 minutes for an IM to go through on Skype!

~ I try to post pictures on Facebook. It isn't always possible.

~ Keep up with me on my blog: <http://www.thegreatadventure-sue.blogspot.com> I have not been able to post pictures with my blog lately...sorry.

~ I saw my first scorpion this past week. Praise God it was not in my house.

~ The children learn English beginning in preschool. They don't begin to study their heart language—Dagaare - until fourth grade.

~ We had the first rain a week ago. It was wonderful...wind, rain, hail...it was so refreshing! The temperature dropped from 106° to 75°. After the storm, the temperature rose again.

~ Sometimes I think..."If I only had a Dust Buster..." There is so much dust because of the dry weather.