

**February 2012**

## **A Day in the Life**

Dear Friends,

Last month I told you how important Mrs. Mercy Abbeyquaye is to our mission in Akrampa, Ghana. Now I'd like to more fully explain why. It was in November of 1994 when I was introduced to Mercy. She already had the village of Akrampa in her heart because of their special needs. Mercy took us there when she learned that First Lutheran and I had come to spread the Gospel. Mercy had two main things in mind - one that she told us - and one that she held in her heart. First she told us that she prayed that the people of Akrampa would be "liberated from the worship of idols through the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It was her hope and prayer that Akrampa would know Jesus and come to live for Him!

Mercy's second prayer for Akrampa - which she held in her heart till 1998 - was that the village would be provided with a basic school. Unknown to us then, she had previously singlehandedly managed a village creche for the very young children of pre-school age. It was in a shed made from palm tree branches and supported with sticks in the ground. The children sat on the ground and were taught by Mercy! Sadly, due to severe lack of support and logistics, the small school failed. Mercy is still reverently referred to as 'Madam' to honor her role as teacher.

I am so pleased that the two missions that God put on Mercy's heart have been made a reality: liberation from idol worship and development through education. The villagers of Akrampa no longer tend to the idol at the entrance of the village. And Akrampa has a modern school building that will have been educating students for 15 years as of September 2012!!! Hallelujah!!!

God has done great things with your continued support and prayers! May the Lord continue to bless you all, as you continue to be a blessing to Akrampa!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Ben*