

# HOLMAN FAMILY!



## Surprise! No Worries, You Got This!

My friend came by to see me and in the course of just chatting I found a there were going to be some pastors visiting, in his words, “They are coming down from Yendi.”

Yendi is a region next to where we live. It is about a two hour drive. I meet with some pastors for training there. So, I mentioned coming over to greet them. Greeting is one of the most important cultural things you can do in Ghana. It shows you place value on the person. He let me know these were not the men I mentor, but thought me coming by to meet and greet them was a good idea.

I received a phone call later that day, around 7 pm. “Pastor Joe”, my friend said, “Tomorrow we are going to hold a small training conference for these pastors. It will be all day, starting around 10 am and go until 5:00 pm. Then the next day from 8:am until lunch. We want you to co-teach. We want you to teach on Spiritual Leadership.”

I agreed to do it. I went through my notes, thinking about the people I would be teaching, and

how to apply things to their culture. I put some teaching points down.

“No worries.” Denise told me. “You got this!” She could see I was stressed out a little bit with virtually no notice.

I arrived at the location and discovered something. It was not a group of village pastors from Yendi. I had nine Baptist leaders representing different Baptist conventions in four different countries, plus two pastors from Ghana. So, I was teaching leadership principles to country leaders, one of which is the Executive Secretary of a convention of 9 million people. I asked Denise for prayer. “No worries! You got this!” She answered.

By grace, it went well. It is also a great example of how we must be ready, always ready, to share what God has taught us. In Denise’s words, “This is why we are here. You got this.”

### HOW TO GIVE:

<https://ripeforharvest.org/joe-denise-holman/>

# SNAPSHOTS



MERCY SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH A GROUP OF MUSLIM STUDENTS

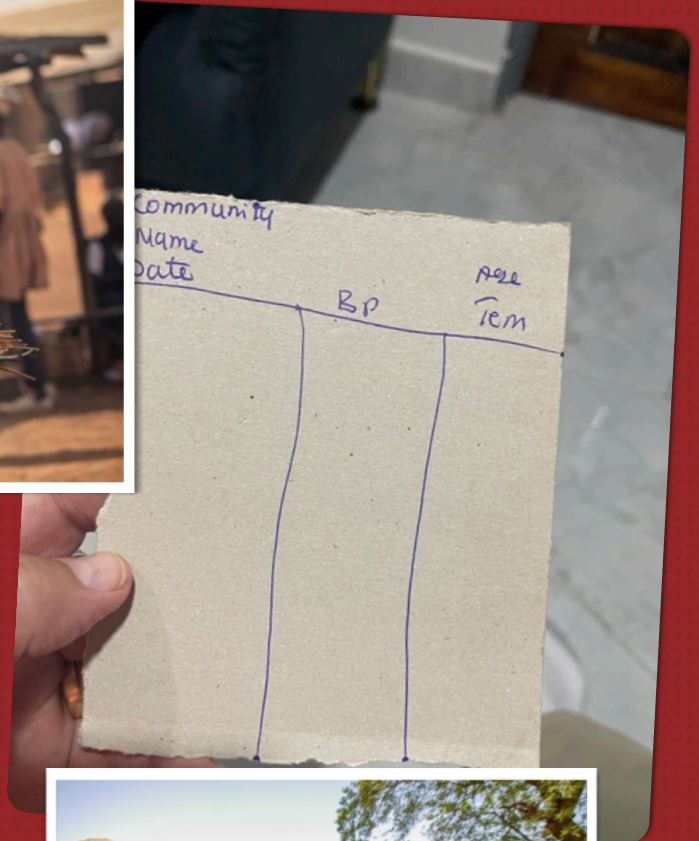
USING FIRST AID AND MEDICAL TO EVANGELIZE PEOPLE

JOE PARTICIPATING IN A NAMING CEREMONY. USED "HIS NAME IS JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS" AS A TEXT

DENISE PRAYING WITH A WIDOW WHO ACCEPTED CHRIST

THE PARENTS AND GRANDMA OF THE NEW BABY

# SNAPSHOTS



FAST FOOD STAND IN THE MARKET

HOW WE KEEP MEDICAL RECORDS IN VILLAGE

VILLAGE CHURCH

GROUP OF WIDOWS ABOUT TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND BE TAUGHT A SMALL BUSINESS SKILLSET

PATIENCE AND MERCY WITH LEADERSHIP OF COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

# SNAPSHOTS



MY GOOD FRIEND AND CO-WORKER JUST BECAME THE CHIEF OF HIS VILLAGE

JOE SPEAKING AT CHIEF INAUGURATION CEREMONY

PREACHING AT A JOINT CHURCH SERVICE

PREACHING AN EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH IN A VILLAGE

DENISE SERVING LUNCH

# SNAPSHOTS



SHARING THE GOSPEL AT A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT  
DENISE WASHING CLOTHES  
A YOUNG BOY IN A VILLAGE  
THE CHIEF'S FAMILY AT THE INAUGURATION  
PATIENCE AND DENISE WITH SOME YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE HELPED BY COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

# SNAPSHOTS



DENISE AND MERCY VISITING ONE OF THE ONLY CHRISTIANS IN THE VILLAGE

DRIVING TO AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING

JOE PREACHING AT CHURCH

PATIENCE AND MERCY OUTSIDE COMPASSION OFFICE

DENISE, PATIENCE AND MERCY IN THE CHIEF'S HUT

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## She Followed Me

We had a visitor come by our house the other day. It is a lady from our church. She needed financial help for her two children's school fees. We helped her, but in the process we asked to hear her testimony. It is fun to hear the spiritual stories of others.

She shared her story. She is a Christian and leads one of our churches evangelistic neighborhood studies. She asked me if I had seen this lady she knew. I had not.

"I shared Jesus with her a few times. She wanted nothing to do with Him. She is a Muslim and said she cannot be a Christian. But, I found out, she has been following me to church. She waits until no one else is coming and then listens at the door. Pastor, guess what! She prayed to receive Jesus on the church doorstep! She told me later that week."

We have the joy of hearing the salvation stories of person after person. God is working here in Ghana and we have so many opportunities to

share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people. Even though over 90% of the people we talk to are Muslim, they will listen to us, and apparently, follow us to church. It is such a joy. Life here is difficult, but the joy of people accepting Jesus makes it worth every struggle.

Your gifts make that happen. Thank you for them. You allow us to be here, and as a result (humanly speaking), this muslim lady will now be in heaven for all eternity because "She followed me to church." Thank you for being on our team. If you are not, please—don't wait, join it now.

