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A Year to Remember...Looking to 2018!



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Dear Supporting Friends!

2017 is coming to a close and a New Year is being ushered in. Fortunately our God is the same any day of whichever year!

I'm sharing with you from Capetown South Africa where I have had the opportunity to visit the family that first hosted me when I accepted God's call to the Mission field. It's been Wonderful to return where the affirmation first began over 5 years ago!

I know this is where I'm supposed to be!

Thank you for your support and allowing me to be your "arms and feet" in doing God's work!

A few major supporters have been unable to continue dropping our support to 85%. Please continue to tell others about this ministry in Ghana and the work of spiritually, emotionally and physically rescuing girls from Trokosi.

A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

[Oct./Nov.2017 Journal which celebrates the "official" 1-Year Anniversary of this ministry]

I awakened this morning feeling relaxed and quiet though waking way before my alarm. Early morning Togo and the sun beams. My host family roof top terrace offers a breezy start to the day.

We celebrate the 1-Year Anniversary of this ministry being on the ground and what a year it's been! Full of excitement, unexpected bends and beautiful gifts, many of which shared in journals, blogs and Facebook.

Humility and compassion have been ongoing themes looking back. I'm absolutely humbled having the opportunity to enter the lives of Ghanaian people and the girls liberated from the Trokosi shrines.

Being in Togo is one of those "unexpected bends" on the journey. Learning an African tribal language (Ewe) based on tones is both amazing and extremely challenging. For example one word like "to" can mean; ear, mountain, father-in-law or herb grinding mortar, simply on pronunciation/tone used.

Needless to say I've made a lot of mistakes! Like announcing to the motorcycle taxi "Afi!" instead of "Afi" which means the difference between shouting "Mouse" verses "Here" (as in here is my house)! The gift of laughter, even at your own expense, is still a good one.

Looking forward, be it His will, I'm hopeful of the girls of BVTC experiencing the warmth and sacrifice of so many around world through this ministry as we strive together to be His Light and Love!

LOOKING TO 2018...

*S.E.W. Project- Sowing Empowered Women-2018 & Beyond. BVTC students utilize skills learned during Business Seminar and vocational training to design, create and sell products; window dressings, dresses, baked goods, skin care, etc in the community and abroad

*The healing through individual/group counseling and increased resources and opportunities birthed Ghana-ies; internships

*"Bring Yourself" Campaign -Short-term Mission Teams visit BVTC with the focus of fostering self-empowerment and sustainability by sharing of their skills, teaching mini-"how-to-do/make" student workshops, Train-the-Trainer, play/teach a sport, or share God's gift of compassion in small group discussions or one-on-one mentoring.

* Post-Graduation Initiative -follow up and monitor vocational skill utilization post-graduation, provide supportive counseling where needed and strengthen scholarship

opportunities

Please join me in prayer about all these things. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thank you EVERYONE for your care, support, and cards of encouragement over this past year!

“Miàga do go! Mawu le gbowò!” Until we meet again! God be with you!

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Happy 2018!:)

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