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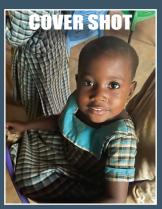
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# **New Places And New Callings**

Honoring our past while building our future

#### BY TRAVIS RUTLAND

lobal Servants has experienced a lot of change over the last 4 years. As Dr. Rutland stepped away from being the president, it forced all of us at Global Servants to have in-depth and honest discussions about where Global Servants was headed. We specifically focused on one major thought. What is God calling us to be about?

We did not have any desire to radically change what Global Servants has been doing for more than 45 years. However, we also needed to better understand where we are going. So, we have spent the last 4 years trying to understand what Global Servants will be in the future. We have prayed and

Earlier this year, identified four areas that God is calling us to focus on. These areas will be the Global Servants core values. These core values honor our past and build on our previous work. They will also allow us to launch out into new places and new callings. Our core values are; Empower,

Endow, Educate, and Evangelize.

discussed this idea at length.

**EMPOWER** 

The core value of **empower** is primarily focused on House of Grace in Thailand and Ghana. House of Grace Thailand currently has 103 girls and House of Grace Ghana currently has 30 girls. Global Servants has built dormitories, cafeterias, kitchens, gyms,

playgrounds and anything else girls might need as they grow. Global Servants pays all the medical bills and all the school fees. By investing in these wonderful girls, Global Servants is able to empower them to see the destiny that they have. Before House of Grace, it was almost impossible for these girls to see themselves having a future. However, through the empowerment of Global Servants, they know that God created them for a reason.

#### **ENDOW**

Our core value of endow manifests itself through our work in rural villages in West Africa and Thailand. We continue to dig

> wells and build toilets. The wells give the gift of water to isolated villages. The community toilets have also been an absolutely wonderful success. They have transformed the lives and health of people living in rural settlements. These projects have been rewarding. Global Servants is excited to continue to endow entire towns with these life changing endeavors.

#### **EDUCATE**

Education is such an important value. We have done much on this value but we want to do even more. We have built Trinity Foundation School in Kumasi, Ghana. Our school goes from daycare up to 8th grade. We have 154 kids in the daycare and 240 kids in the school. Additionally, we also educate all the girls »



at the Houses of Grace and pay for as much education as each House of Grace girl wants to receive. However, our issue becomes one of limited resources. How can we do all that God is calling us to do? We cannot build enough schools for every child in West Africa. We cannot construct enough Houses of Grace for every girl in Thailand. So, how do we reach them? We want to begin to resource children and teachers through schools that already exist. We do not have to build schools everywhere. Instead, we can invest in the kids where they are. We are committed to strategic partnerships with local already existing schools to resource them. This will allow us to do all that we can to educate as many children as possible.

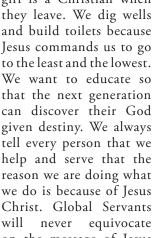
#### **EVANGELIZE**

Evangelism is how Global Servants started and we remain as committed as ever to it. This core value is found in all our other values. In Thailand, not a single girl that arrives at House of Grace is a Christian but every single

> girl is a Christian when on the message of Jesus

Christ. He is the reason that we do all that we do.

These core values are not a departure from anything that Global Servants has already been doing for the last 45 years. They are simply a distillation of the foundation that has already been laid. We have empowered, endowed, educated, and evangelized and we will continue to do that. We are excited for all that God has laid out before us and we are committed to continuing to do all that we can to help others around the world. ◀



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# **Empowered, Not Impaired**

The girls at House of Grace-Ghana have been selected, empowered, and set apart to accomplish great things

By Fay Inman

e recently had the privilege of being the first American team to visit House of Grace-Ghana since Covid. The trip was short and primarily administrative, with destinations Accra, Tamale, Gbimsi, Walewale, Yendi, Techiman, Asante Akim, and House of Grace-Ghana in Kumasi. There has been lots of construction on the campus, and everyone was excited and grateful for the multiple dedications. However, the most important occurrence was the last six of the original girls that came to the home in 2011 were writing their BECE (BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION). All six girls qualified to take the exam after completing their third year of Junior High School at Trinity Foundation School.

The BECE is a comprehensive exam that takes a week to complete. This exam is equivalent to the ACT or SAT in America. There are approved testing locations, and the Ghanaian government administers all

tests. The subjects included in the BECE:

- English Language
- Ghanaian Language and Culture
- Social Studies
- Integrated Science
- Mathematics
- Basic Design and Technology
- Religious & Moral Education
- Information and Communications Technology
- French (optional)

The results from this exam will determine where the girls at House of Grace-Ghana will attend Senior High School.

In Ghana, Senior High School is primarily dormitory based, modeled after boarding schools in the United Kingdom. In 2019-2021, students were placed close to their home village to assist in reunification with living relatives. Their home village can be 300 miles away from Kumasi (their home for over ten years). However, in 2022 we had three girls placed

in Senior High Schools in Kumasi, close to House of Grace-Ghana. After graduating from junior high at Trinity Foundation School, our girls visit their home villages and bond with their living relatives before starting high school to fill the Ghanaian government's reunification mandate for children living in children's homes. Each girl maintains a file at the Family and Children's Service with family and village pictures to authenticate this relationship.

While we wait and pray for the results of the BECE for these six girls, we also have four girls currently in senior high school. We drove over six hours one way to visit Juliana at her school in Yendi on our most recent trip. Even though the Director of House of Grace has been in contact with Julianna's teacher, we still needed approval from the school's housing administrator to see her. As we sat in his office and explained that we were Julianna's benefactors from the USA, the housing administrator referred several times to how impressed he was with Julianna.

She is president of her dorm, overseeing approximately 200 girls while maintaining excellent grades. He was impressed that Julianna had accomplished so much in senior high school despite growing up in an orphanage. Mrs. Ellen, the Director at House of Grace-Ghana, corrected him and said, "We are not an orphanage, but a home." Julianna was not impaired by living at an orphanage but empowered by being in a home.

When Julianna came into the office, surprised by our visit, the joy on her face said it all. She saw family! People who loved her, missed her presence, wanted to hug her tight and let her cry tears of joy on their shoulders. We brought a giant care package, like your Momma would, when visiting you at a far-away school. When it was time to go, we did not have dry eyes. It was difficult to leave, but she had to return to class. She is determined to make a difference in the lives of those around her. She expressed her gratitude and stated the opportunity she has been given is not wasted or taken lightly by her.

Elizabeth, a newer girl at House of Grace, attends school in Kumasi, and her sponsor sent gifts for her. Due to the circumstances surrounding Elizabeth's arrival at the House of Grace-Ghana, she is under police protection. We were informed that she is only allowed visitors with a police escort. However, after Mrs. Ellen, the Director at House of Grace-Ghana, spoke to the school's headmaster, Elizabeth was allowed to come HOME for three days. She did not go to an orphanage but came home to her family, that loves her. Elizabeth had a bed and placed her bag in her room with her other belongings not taken to school. She came home. After everything Elizabeth has been through in her young life, unconditional love, belonging, and the assurance of her safety brings her joy and happiness. She is loved and welcomed home, if only for a short visit.







All the girls at House of Grace-Ghana come from the northern villages of Ghana. There is a distinct difference between Ghana's southern and northern portions of the country. In villages north of Tamale, there is a central well, if any. The entire village shares water and outside latrines. All cooking occurs over a fire outside their mud hut with a grass roof. Chickens, pigs, sheep, and donkeys roam throughout the village during the day. Clothes are washed by hand and laid across a wood pile to dry. Wood is burned outside of every home to make charcoal for cooking. Most villagers do not wear

shoes, and the school children have one school uniform required to attend classes. School is in a mud or cement building with little ventilation and less distinction between grades. The students sit on the floor or in chairs with no tables. Every teacher tries hard to provide hope and ambition to children who do not know any other life. Food is scarce, and hunger is evident on the children's faces. There is no commerce or employment. Due to torrential rains, followed by unforgiving heat, the land floods, then the soil bakes solid, making propagation of vegetation difficult.







The drastic contrast between life at House of Grace-Ghana and life in the village is evident before leaving your vehicle. The grounds are lush. Plantains, bananas, oranges, mangos, and coconuts grow among Mrs. Comfort's flowers. The driveway is paved with no red mud, and the property is enclosed with a security fence providing protection with peace of mind. Trinity Foundation School, located on the property, is a three-story building with state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Every class is decorated with brightly colored posters, a chalkboard, and each student has a desk to store their books, paper, and pencils. There is a cafeteria serving meals

daily to the students. The school has restrooms, water fountains, and hand washing stations.

As you enter House of Grace-Ghana, you realize the bedroom for three girls is more extensive than most huts, housing an entire family. Each girl has a bed with a mosquito net instead of a mat on the floor. At the foot of every bed stands a wardrobe labeled with each girl's name housing her five school uniforms, play

clothes, toiletries, essentials, and a rack with shoes for different occasions. Every room has a private restroom with a shower, and each home floor has a kitchen with a dining room. There is a house mom for every ten girls, and she is lovingly called Auntie. There is a director who handles all the paperwork; she is also Auntie and a nurse everyone calls Mommy, although she could be the little girl's grandmother. There are other people at the home, whom everyone calls uncle, then the patriarch and pastor referred to as Daddy. There are no Mr. or Mrs., no formal titles, no job descriptions, just love and family names.

When other children come from orphanages, and those around them consider it an impairment or obstacle to overcome, the girls at House of Grace-Ghana have been selected, empowered, and set apart to accomplish great things.



Our goal is to Save Little Girls for Big Destinies! They genuinely are daughters of the King! "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14 NLT) ◀

Fay Inman is the Advocate at Global Servants. With over 25 years of experience as an advocate nationally for girls. Fay has been married to Kenny for over thirty years, and they have two daughters: Kennedy, Gussy and grand-baby Ophelia Fay.

How can you get involved? If you are interested in financially supporting Global Servants, House of Grace-Ghana, or House of Grace-Thailand, please visit our website at globalservants.org or call (888) 823-8772.



## Global Servants Gala

The 2022 We Serve Gala was a great success! Our faithful partners of Global Servants raised over \$347,000 in donations. All the donations from this event go towards our education initiative and bringing wells and sanitation stations to rural villages. Global Servants would like to offer a personal "Thank You" to every person involved in this wonderful evening. We are honored and grateful for your willingness to help others.

If you would like to learn how you can get involved to make an impact, you can contact our office or visit our website. On behalf of all the people that we serve on two continents and in 6 countries, "Thank you, and God bless you."



















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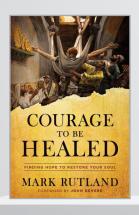


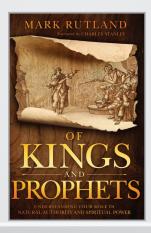


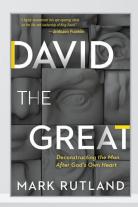




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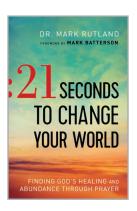
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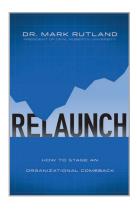
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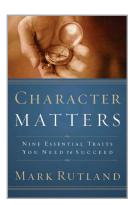
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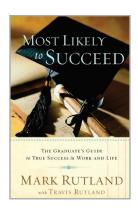
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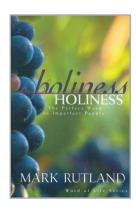
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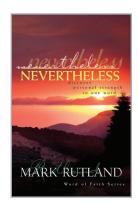
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## Ministry Update /



# **Growing The Faithful Fellowship**

Saying "Thank You" to those who have been faithful while welcoming new partners

By Rev. Ronny Brannen

you enough for your generosity and faithfulness to this ministry. You impact lives more than you could ever know. There are so many exciting things happening through our girl's homes, our school, our churches, and our outreach to the villages in both Ghana and Thailand. Also, as you read through this edition of the weServe magazine you will get a view of some wonderful things that are coming. We are continuing to search for ways we can be servants to the world around us by sharing the love of God as we try to meet the needs of others spiritually and physically. None of this would be possible without you.

I am always thrilled when people ask me "what else can I do?" Some have said, "We sponsor a girl, but what else can I do?" I am glad you asked because there are several ways you can help make a difference. First of all, Pray! Not just for the girl you may sponsor or for the village

where you have put a well, but for all aspects of this great ministry, its staff, the pastors, the teachers, those who travel, and for new ways to share God's love, the list could go on and on. Pray for God to expand our imagination and thus our reach. Another way to do more is to share the word of what God is doing through Global Servants. Not only do we have individuals that give but churches and businesses have held special events to support us. One church had a 5K run with the proceeds designated to a specific project they interested in. Some businesses have made matching donations of their employee's gifts to Global Servants. One of these made it possible for all of our high school graduates entering

a university to have their own laptop computer. Churches have begun to put us in their mission's budget. We partner with some churches to be their missions department. We work with them by leading mission trips and doing special mission services.

This past year an exciting new way to





share what we are doing with family, friends, and co-workers has been to host a Global Servants dinner. We have had these in Thomson, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; Franklin, Tennessee; and Buford, Georgia. At each of these, I and other members of our staff have come to different venues and not only have had a great meal together but have been able to tell others through stories and pictures of the impact you are having through this ministry. Also, by inviting those around you to one of these dinners you get to show something you are involved in and passionate about.

these dinners you get to show something you are involved in and passionate about. From every one of these dinners, we have received new sponsors for the girls at the Houses of Grace, donations for wells and sanitation stations, sponsors for students, classrooms, and schools, new church partners, new business partners as well as new prayer partners.

If you are interested in any of these ways to do more, please give me a call at our Global Servants office or scan the QR code below to find out the many ways you can do more. I will be glad to work with you to help make any and all of these things happen. Again, thank you for your generosity and support and remember together we can help Change Lives for Big Destines.

REV. RONNY BRANNEN is the Chief of Staff at Global Servants. He is a retired Pastor of 40 years, and the past Chair on the Board of Directors for Global Servants. Ronny holds an Associate of Arts degree from Reinhardt College, Bachelor's degree from Georgia State University, and a Master's of Divinity degree from Emory University. He has been married to his wife, Darlene, for 44 years, and they have two daughters and five grandchildren.





#### **Entrepreneurship**

are grateful for all the support of our new vocational labs at House of Grace-Thailand and House of Grace-Ghana. Special funding from Giving Tuesday 2021 allowed several entrepreneurial projects to be pursued. When the campus' were observing quarantine, time was spent wisely, exploring different hobbies and how those hobbies could turn into income. Financial planning, investment return, and work were all addressed and became teachable moments.

In Thailand, the girls started making all-natural soap; even though their



products were not for commercial sale, the girls enjoyed using the items themselves. Every summer, the annual birthday party is cause for cake, cookies, brownies, and assorted confections. This year, the girls could bake everything on-site while



learning to decorate cakes and cookies.

We are working on completing a three-story vocation lab in Ghana very soon. The bottom floor will be a bakery, the second floor will be a cosmetology lab with a complete beauty salon and the third floor will house the S.T.E.A.M. library. We are grateful for girls with big dreams and the people to support those dreams.



Both homes have completed fabric arts labs, and everyone is excited to see the wearable finished products.



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## What Do You Need Most?

God has called and equipped us to bring resources to those around the world who desperately need them

By Tyler Ellis

t always amazes me how certain words bear much more weight in other countries than they do here in America. A prime example of this is the word resource. Here in America, we live in a society filled with ample resources to aid anyone who may need it. We have education available to all children, healthcare, and an infrastructure that provides clean water, electricity, internet, transportation and many more resources we utilize daily. In the two places in which Global Servants operates (West Africa and Thailand), I see firsthand that resources are far more respected and valued by those we serve because, in most cases, resources for living are almost nonexistent. This is where Global Servants has decided to step in!

Here at Global Servants, we know that God has called and equipped us to bring resources to those around the world who desperately need them. For years, we have partnered with village chiefs, local governments, and donors from around the world to build wells, sanitation stations, schools, churches, and homes for girls at risk of human trafficking. Now, Global Servants has decided to offer another



resource to those in rural villages of West Africa and Northern Thailand, the resource of education.

By providing educational resources directly to students, teachers, and schools, we can change the trajectory of young lives by giving them tools to succeed in life and achieve big destinies. Through this new educational initiative, you can now partner with Global Servants to offer resources directly to a village student, a teacher in a rural classroom, and even offer resources to help an entire school.

How can you resource a student? There are two options. You can resource an individual student in a village school with a one-time gift of just \$50. This resource will give a student a backpack, water bottle, and general school supplies like pencils, paper, crayons, chalk, etc. Most students walk several miles through desolate terrain to get to school. The resource of being able



to transport the tools of their studies safely and have clean drinking water along the way is life-changing. You can also resource an individual student annually for \$300. By offering year-round support for a student, you can provide them with uniforms, pay their tuition, provide meal support, and ensure they receive the ongoing education that allows them to realize their destiny.

How can you resource a teacher? You can resource a teacher by furnishing a classroom (40 students) with a one-time gift of \$1,000. When you resource a teacher, you provide essential teaching materials such as books, flashcards, posters, blackboards, desks, and many other teaching materials that will empower teachers to impart as much knowledge as possible to their students. The teachers we have identified in these villages are hardworking, dedicated, and passionate people who care deeply for their students. However, they lack the professional tools necessary to provide their students with the education they desperately want to give.

How can you resource a school? You can resource a rural village school (200 students) with a one-time gift of \$5000. This gift might be a new roof, making it possible to have classes during the rainy season. It could be a well so students and faculty can have access to clean drinking

water throughout the day. It might also be resourcing a library, or building a sanitation station so that children have a safe and hygienic place to go to the bathroom during classes. When resourcing a school, we approach the headmaster of a school and ask, "What do you need most?" This is what resourcing a school is all about.

We can bless an entire school by fulfilling a need that positively impacts the overall educational experience for all students.

Education is not a new initiative for Global Servants because we have been investing in the education of young people around the world for decades now. On my last trip to Ghana in October 2022, »



I had the honor of dedicating the new school expansion of Trinity Foundation School on our compound in Anwomaso, Ghana. This state-of-the-art facility has taken us three years to complete. It is one of



the only private schools in Ghana to have a fully functioning S.T.E.A.M. program with three different dedicated science labs: physics, biology, and life sciences. The school computer lab can host up to forty students at a time where they learn to navigate the world of technology, placing them higher on the list for university acceptance and job placement. There is also a cafeteria where every student receives a freshly cooked lunch daily. Trinity Foundation School is also now home to a magnificent library. Thanks to the faithful support of donors from around the world, our students at Trinity Foundation School have access to shelves full of stories, history, and knowledge that can help unlock possibilities for them that they could have never dreamed of.

Now that the school at our headquarters is finished and furnished, it is time to take educational resources to those who desperately need them. I invite you to come alongside us at Global Servants

to help these children, teachers, and schools in both West Africa and Northern Thailand. Together, we can offer resources that help others achieve their God-given purpose and step into the big destinies for which they were created. To learn more about these great programs, please visit globalservants.org today.

Tyler Ellis comes from a background of sales in corporate America. He has been in ministry for more than 10 years now in various positions. He currently serves as not only the Chief Operations Officer for Global Servants, but also as the Family Life Pastor at Restoration Church in Bethlehem, Ga. Tyler has been married to his beautiful wife, Megan, for over 10 years and they have three children; Regan, Zeke, and Willow.





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# The Holiday Of Holidays

Christmas at House of Grace is the essence of what Global Servants does, not just at House of Grace but around the world

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omewhere around the thirteenth century the phrase "holy day" devolved into holiday. Likewise, about the same time in history "Christ's Mass" became Christmas. Hence, the Christmas Holiday. On the surface it may seem like a cultural decline but in fact holiday is better. No day is holier than any other because every single day is to be holy. This day. Today. Right now while you read this. This day is a holy day. It may not be a holiday but it is a holy day. This is the day which the Lord has made and that alone makes it holy.

Having said that, the holidays are special. On holidays we cease from our labors, celebrate, feast perhaps and gather with friends to enjoy the break from routine. Each holiday in every culture takes on a different flavor. In America, July 4th is all about fireworks and independence and grilling in the backyard. Memorial Day, though not always solemnly kept, is actually about "memorializing" or remembering those soldiers who died in the service of the nation. In Israel, Holocaust Remembrance Day or Yom HaShoah is, as you might think, a somber holiday indeed. However, Purim is wild and fun like Halloween and Mardi Gras rolled into one. Both are national holidays but they are vastly different.

Alison especially loves Thanksgiving and of course she does. It is so like her, warm and sweet and all about family and being grateful for God's grace and bounty. My favorite holiday is Christmas. Why not? It's a kid's holiday and I have managed to keep adulthood at arms length for 75 years. I love Christmas but not just Christmas Day. I love the whole season and I start celebrating as soon as possible. I adore the wonderful Christmas music, the food, Christmas Eve service at church, carolers at the mall and especially giving presents. I am a kid about Christmas presents but I get more excited about giving than receiving them. I buy presents early then find I can hardly wait for Christmas morning to give them. Sometimes, I

cannot wait and Alison loves it because she knows that my inability to be patient means that she will get another present on Christmas morning.

On Christmas I always and I mean ALWAYS, think of Christmas at House of Grace. Now, that is a holiday. I wish you could see and experience the wild joy, the bright eyed delight and innocent merriment of our girls. They love Christmas. Until they came to House Of Grace, none of them ever heard of Christmas or the Christ whose birth it celebrates. No girl arrives at House Of Grace as a Christian. Every one, EVERY SINGLE ONE of them is a Christian when they leave. And, wow, do they love Christmas. You would be amazed at the number of alumni who come back every year just to get in on the holiday of holidays at House of Grace. It is so gratifying to watch and participate in these celebrations. Mainly because Christmas at House of Grace is the essence of what Global Servants does, not just at House of Grace but around the world. Helping and serving others, telling them about Jesus, showing them the destiny and purpose that God has created them for. This is why Global Servants exists.

So, I pray your Thanksgiving will be a blessed family feast and that your Christmas will be full of joy. Rejoice, and again I say, rejoice. Unto us a child is given! Happy Thanksgiving...Merry Christmas...and Happy New Year! ◀

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