More Than Nets—and More

More Than Nets, a two-year partnership ministry between the BGAV and the Ghana Baptist Convention, has a mission to provide mosquito nets and start churches in Ghana’s Yendi region. Many churches have sent short-term mission teams to work toward these goals. But when Dr. Wayne Guynn and a team of six members from Olive Branch Baptist Church outside South Hill went to the Yendi region in March 2014, they felt God calling them to do more. What they saw in that area of Ghana prompted them to set another goal: to bring accessible, clean water to the people there.

While some areas of Yendi are equipped with ample water wells nearby, other villagers have to walk for miles to get clean water—taking a whole day to complete the journey. The fact that water wasn’t simply available to all the people weighed heavily on the heart of Constance Hammond, one of the church’s mission volunteers. “It was shocking to see people walking seven miles for water,” she recalled. “They found it hard to hold church services because there was a constant, daily need for water.”

She and her husband, Dan, returned home and felt led to act. They aimed to raise enough money to provide six boreholes (a type of well that costs $2,500) for the Yendi community. They planned an event that included church members and the local community: a
missions banquet that offered a four-course meal, an auction, and a raffle. Rev. Kevin Rosenfeld, pastor of First Baptist Church of South Hill, is a trained chef who offered the food for the meal at cost. Pastor Emmanuel “Muss” Mustapha of the Ghana Baptist Convention, who was in Virginia at the time, attended the event and spoke firsthand about the needs for his homeland.

While their receipts fell short of their original goal, they were able to raise over $11,000 to purchase four wells. The mission group is looking forward to going back to Yendi in March 2016 to see the wells they helped finance and to continue to do the work of More Than Nets.

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