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# NETwork

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## We're headed back to Ghana

*Team of six leaves for Africa on September 18*



Pastor Sammy Larney

With the hectic days of Summer now in the past for most, our team of six is making final preparations for what promises to be another ministry project into the West African country of Ghana.

Our national director Sammy Larney informs us know that we will be conducting ministry an area of the country where we have never before traveled.

According to Google Maps our target area is some 125 miles northwest of the Capital City of Accra, a journey which will take nearly 5 hours because of the difficult "roads" and unknown variables along the way.

Pray for everyone involved in this ministry opportunity. Our US team is composed of Jeff Andler, Craig



Barker, Mark Chase, Roy Mason, James McLean, and David West, all who are veterans of multiple international ministry trips.

Although we are headed into a new area of the country there is nothing new about the mandate and message of the ministry. We will conduct dozens of



school assembly programs each morning and then present Christ through "cinema crusades" each evening. Because of the size of our team we will be able to have three school teams each morning and three villages teams each night. This will hopefully enable us to share the Gospel, face-to-face with more people than previous projects.

Please keep this ministry in your mind and in your prayers during the project (9.18-10.4) We are all counting on you and know that you will certainly keep us before the Father.





## STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART ...



Dr. Roy D. Mason, Jr.

As we have come to the end of the summer many people are talking about a time to Re-focus on the tasks at hand. It matters little what that task is, but FOCUS is the key.

When we say that we must re-focus, it is implied that we have once been focused and something has come along to draw our attention away.

Knowing people as I do, it is difficult for most of us to admit that the real problem is that we are people pleasers in almost every area of life. I know some of us have difficulty in admitting this, but I assure you, it is true. We want to please our boss, our employees, our spouse, our kids, our friends and occasionally, when we think about it, wanting to please God. Often in our effort to please others around us we find ourselves distracted from the real tasks at hand.

Why is it that we stop doing the things we know we OUGHT to do by involving ourselves in the things that we NEED not do? I think the real reason is that when we busy ourselves with the little things we are removing any risk from our own lives. When you begin to micromanage the people in our lives we know that we can be the hero in answering all the questions or concerns. In this we have no risk at all; in fact we know that each of those people will see us as heroes and superstars, but the truth is when we do this we have lost FOCUS on the main things.

All these little distractions are simply the clutter of life that prevents you from doing what you need to do. We must find a way to get the clutter off our desk, out of our office, out of our marriage, home, and life. Here's what I want you to remember **F**iltering **O**ut **C**lutter **U**nlocks **S**uccess.

Before the 1993 Super Bowl, coach Jimmy Johnson was asked what he told his players before leading them onto the field for the game. He said, "I told them if I laid a two-by-four across the floor, everybody there would walk across it and not fall, because their focus would be on walking the length of that board. But if I put that same board 10 stories high between two building, only a few would make it, because the focus would be on falling."

Johnson told his players not to focus on the crowd, the media, or the possibility of falling but to focus on each play of the game as if it were a good practice session. The Cowboys won the game 52-7.

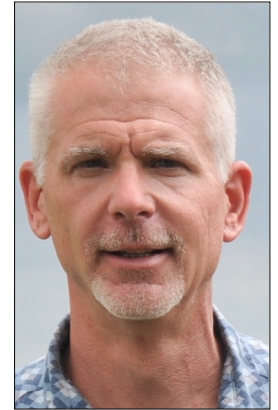
You and I are called to focus on each day of life. Yesterday is gone, but today is a new day. Don't live your life in the clutter of the stuff that is really unimportant, rather, as Paul wrote, "Brothers and sisters, continue to think about what is good and worthy of praise. Think about what is true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected ... and the God who gives peace will be with you." --**Philippians 4:8-9** ETRV **F**iltering **O**ut **C**lutter **U**nlocks **S**uccess.



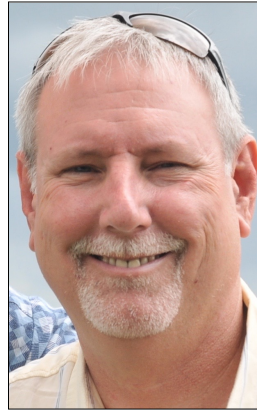
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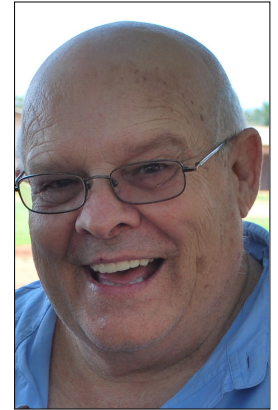
Jeff Andler



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Roy Mason



David West

Always be joyful. Never stop praying.  
Be thankful in all circumstances, for  
this is God's will for you who belong  
to Christ Jesus.

1 Thes. 5:16-18 NLT