



OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
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Prayer and Praise – August 19, 2026

Joel 1:3 (NIV)

"Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation."

Ghana: Field Director Emmanuel Asenso shared that from August 10-14, approximately 600 children from four regions—Ashanti, Greater Accra, Bono, and Central—participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS). The children learned how to preach, which was introduced this year as a competition among the local churches. They also enjoyed activities such as visiting the zoo, playing football, and participating in other local games.



The VBS is about more than learning the Bible. As future leaders, the children are learning to connect with children from other local churches, build friendships, and take on leadership roles. Parents have shared testimonies about the positive impact the VBS has had on their children. The program has also revealed gifts and talents in many of the children, providing opportunities to develop those abilities and strengthen their leadership skills.

From August 12–16, the Open Bible Standard Churches of Ghana held their National Youth Event. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout every session. Young people discovered their God-given purpose and experienced a powerful encounter with the Lord. We thank God for what He is doing in the lives of this generation and pray that the impact of this event will continue in the days ahead.



Please pray for the family of Rev. Kofi Asare, who pastored Open Bible Church—Ghana in the Ashanti Region. Rev. Asare suddenly passed away at the age of 47, and his funeral was held on Saturday, August 15. Please pray that God will comfort and strengthen his family, church, and loved ones during this difficult time.

Ukraine: Missionary Tammy Swailes shared that many Open Bible pastors minister in dangerous places throughout Ukraine. Kherson, a city in southern Ukraine, is shelled day and night.



Pastor Serhii, who ministers in Kherson, tells of God's mercy when he and his son escaped unharmed after a FPV drone chased them and dropped explosives on their car. Only the car was damaged. Tragically, the next day, the enemy tracked down the car again and completely destroyed it.

But thanks be to God for protecting Serhii and his family! Pray for Open Bible pastors throughout Ukraine, many of whom continue to minister under the extreme conditions of war.

United States: Missionary Rich Kopp testified, "After a long process, we are grateful that Patti was able to transition from a very expensive heart medication to just a baby aspirin! The prescription medication also had very negative side effects, which are mostly gone now that she is taking only the baby aspirin.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Patti and for your continued prayers for our ministry. Glory to God!"



Uganda: Field Director John Bosco praises God for the Bugiri Open Bible Church in Bugiri District. It was the first Open Bible church constructed in Uganda in the early 1990s. Over the years, the building had become very dilapidated, with wooden shutters, and its poor condition was especially noticeable because it stood in the middle of town.

"We thank God for the people who came together, mobilized resources, and worked to rehabilitate this church. We are also grateful to everyone who volunteered their time, effort, and skills to make this restoration possible."



The church that had deteriorated has once again been transformed into the beautiful place of worship and ministry it has always been. We give all the glory to God for His faithfulness and for providing people who are willing to serve and invest in His kingdom!

Please share with your congregation or with other interested individuals. Thank you for praying and caring.

Northern Mexico: Missionary Fayth McConnell shared an update on her recent cataract surgery on her right eye. Following the surgery, her eye became very swollen, and she was unable to see anything except light. She spent the week using eye drops every hour of one kind and three other types of drops every four hours, while also resting as instructed.

Because she needed to regain her vision before having surgery on her other eye, there was some concern about whether the second surgery would be possible. However, her doctor asked her to come in for an earlier appointment to examine her eye. He was pleased with her recovery and said that her eye looked very good and that her vision had improved significantly. As a result, her second cataract surgery is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday.

Fayth praises God for this good news! Please pray that her upcoming surgery goes as planned and that she has a quick recovery without complications.

*The 2026 Global Harvest Offering, titled “**Build Hope for Africa**,” invites us to join in a powerful revival sweeping across the continent. Through this initiative, we will collaborate with our missionaries and national directors to fund thirteen new church building projects in thirteen different countries. God is working through dedicated missionaries and local leaders to multiply churches, develop leaders, and bring the life-changing hope found only in Jesus to communities in need.*

Our goal is clear: raise \$200,000 to fully support all thirteen projects.

Your generous support does more than construct buildings—it builds hope, strengthens communities, and advances the Kingdom of God.

*We deeply appreciate your partnership in this mission to bring hope to Africa. If you would like to take part in this incredible opportunity today and transform lives, please visit OpenBible.org/Africa2026 to donate online or by mailing a check payable to Open Bible Churches and write “**Hope for Africa**” in the memo line to our address below.*



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