

The Whitcomb Family *Update*



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Hi! My name is Sheila Whitcomb. I'm 16 years old and a Junior in High School. I've been raised on the mission field here in Africa with my siblings – Sarah, age 15, Annabelle, 12, and John Paul, 9. We count it a privilege to serve the Lord alongside our parents, Rick and Donna Whitcomb.

We wanted to share with you all some of the highlights of ministry from our perspective. As you'll see, even though there's lots of intense spiritual ministry here, we have a lot of fun, too!



Sheila Whitcomb with 4-year old Jeff Kotei.



(Above): The AGM Adenta church choir, with Sheila pictured third from right.



Sarah and Sheila Whitcomb with the Agape House dance team, "Glorious."

This summer has been a great time of growth and ministry in my life. God has outdone Himself by giving me awesome opportunities to do things I love – sing, teach and dance. I began the summer teaching a reading class part time at our academy. It was so exciting to hear the little children read their first words, and it was a joy to help the older ones improve in their reading. I have been blessed to be a part of the Agape dance team and church choir. Now the Lord has given me the chance to be a part of the worship team for the new church we are planting!

My favorite opportunity God gave me this summer was the chance to get to know the teenagers in our home better. As I joined the youth group and began to spend more time with the older boys and girls, I found great friendships among them. Not only have I had many chances to minister this summer, but God has blessed me with many memorable experiences and friendships which have ministered to me. I am so thankful to God for all he has allowed me to do.

~Sheila

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Sarah (center) with her brother John Paul (front center) and the other Royal Rangers.

Hi, my name is Sarah Whitcomb. I have been blessed to participate in Agape Gospel Mission's praise dance team, Glorious. Dancing in Glorious has given me a chance to praise God through my dance while getting to know my fellow dancers better. I have also been teaching our third grade boys in the Royal Ranger program. As we meet weekly, we are learning more about God and His world. It is a great thing to watch God working in each of the young Ranger's lives. This summer I have been challenged spiritually by our Junior Bible College every Saturday morning. Hearing and sharing the Word of God with my peers has helped me mature in the Lord. I thank God for what He is doing here in Ghana. Thank you for your prayers and support!

~Sarah

Hi, my name is Annabelle Whitcomb. My favorite thing is playing with the younger girls at Agape Children's Home. Recently my sisters and I had a sleepover at the girls' home, where we played and watched movies. We had a talent night at ACH that included dancing, singing, comedy acts, and skits. We also had an art night where we painted and drew pictures. I am so happy I was a part of these activities that helped me know the kids better.

~Annabelle



Annabelle with Abigail (left) and Bernice (right).



John Paul learning a scripture with George at Royal Rangers.

Hi, my name is John Paul Whitcomb. The last few months have been a good experience for me to grow in Christ, especially in Royal Rangers where we have lots of fun learning about God. Also this summer we had a revival for kids 12 and under where kids like me intensified their faith in God. At the revival we sang and danced and heard sermons. One of the most powerful sermons was about forgiveness and saying sorry. I had so much fun this summer and I'm glad I was able to learn so much about God with the other kids.

~John Paul

We're really grateful to God for the honor we have of being missionary kids. Thanks to all of you for your support of our family and of the Agape Gospel Mission!

*Love,
Sheila, Sarah, Annabelle, and John Paul Whitcomb*