



Have you driven on an unpaved farm road recently?

Pot holes are the norm, trenches from rain water are typical and rough rides are guaranteed. Add a lot of rain in the rainy season and one never knows just how deep the hole will be until the tire is in it!

The 'unpaved farm road' is the standard road for Seed Ministry's vehicles as you see in the picture. Since the vehicles are commonly used to transport mission teams along with staff, they are also full of people and the equipment they will need. Rough roads and loaded down, the vehicles have a lot of work to do.

The reason we are painting a 'vehicle picture' for you today is because two of our vehicles are at the end of their life. Because of the heavy work the vehicles have to do in the Ghanaian terrain, regular vans that are so popular in the US will not hold up in Ghana. Heavier duty vehicles are required which also makes them much more costly.

The two vehicles at the end of their life are:

- **1994 Toyota Land Cruiser** (donated from a church) - over 200,000 miles, has had the engine rebuilt twice and cannot be rebuilt again. This vehicle requires costly regular maintenance.
- **1996 Mercedes Bus** — over 300,000 miles and the odometer has been broken for a while. Don't let the Mercedes name fool you — these buses are common in Ghana, where parts are available.

Transportation is crucial to the ministry. In 2011, God's blessings allowed Seed Ministry to expand the Bible Clubs by 30 percent! To continue to minister in these new remote areas, **dependable** vehicles are required. We accentuate **dependable** because breaking down and being stranded at night poses security risks that must be avoided. We need vehicles that offer consistent and dependable transportation for us, our staff and mission team visitors.

Of all our needs, vehicles are the most expensive. We perform regular preventive maintenance on the vehicles and do as much work on them ourselves as possible, but eventually they have to be replaced. Due to government regulations, keep in mind that new vehicles brought into the country must be five years old or less. We need:

- One 2007 or later heavy duty, 3-seater, 7-8 passenger SUV to replace the Land Cruiser
- One 2007 or later 12-15 passenger bus

Unfortunately, these vehicles are expensive and will cost **more than \$50,000!**



Can you please help us?

We realize this is a very large need, and we offer it up to the Lord. Please ask Him if He wants you to help our ministry by helping to meet this transportation need.

Do you know someone who listens for and prays for God's leading about where to offer assistance? If you do, please make him or her aware of this important ministry need. God is working through us to bring the life-changing message of His love to the people of Ghana, but we must be able to reach them with the help of reliable transportation.

Seed Ministry needs YOU

Enclosed is my one-time gift to help replace the vehicles:

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Funds received above the vehicle expense will be applied to general ministry.