

## October 20, 2009 Tuesday

Hi this is Nadine, We made it!!! It only took us about 24hours!

Those of us from Indiana met at Bert and Rose's at 5:30am to check our luggage, load up, and pray before taking off around 6am thanks to the great driving skills of Dan Gingerich. There are 11 from Indiana Ken and Mildred Bontrager, Ira and Esther Diener, Wendall Stutzman, Eugene Martin, Anna Riegsecker, Jared Bontrager, Nadine Bontrager, and Robert and Lilly Riegsecker (who arrived in Ghana a week earlier. The ride up quite uneventful; so uneventful that Jared and Wendall had to entertain our boredom by trying to get their phones to correctly guess their commands and call each other.

The Indiana group arrived at the airport just before the Iowa group. Those is the Iowa group include Floyd and Charlene Helmuth and Fannie Coblentz. I believe they had to wake up a bit earlier than we did. We quickly organized all our totes and luggage and got to work checking in which didn't take too long. Quite a few of our totes were flagged and had to be opened and searched, but they packed everything back in and sent it through!!

Our first flight to JFK in New York went smooth and quickly and we got a few hours rest until our long 11 hour flight to Accra took off. We arrived this morning on time; but super early our time (about 4am:yuck!) Most of us didn't sleep too well or at all on the plane. We made it quickly through customs and got to work collecting our luggage. We got it all with no problems!!

Our bus driver Joseph met us outside and by the time we reached the bus Ron and Robert were pulling in as well. We loaded up and headed to Ron and Audrey's house to have a quick meeting about our plan for the rest of the day. Then we dispersed to where we would be staying so we could clean up and rest a bit before lunch and evening activities.

We are thankful that we made it over so quick and easily and glad to finally be here! Thanks for all your prayers!