



Mission News

David and Joyce Erber

Reformation Day 2020



Installation

Dear Partners in mission,

This morning, October 31, Lutherans in Accra, Ghana, gathered at All Saints Lutheran Church in Anyaa to worship, to remember the Lutheran Reformation and to celebrate that we are saved by grace through faith - a free gift of God!



Reformation Service

During this trying time of Covid19, the church in Ghana is trying to maintain as much 'normalcy' as possible. Yet they are also trying to be sensitive to the risks of the virus.

Last Sunday, October 25, the church in Ghana installed a new seminary principal, Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Boafo and a new director of deaconess studies, Dr. Mrs. Akosua Eghan.

The church in Ghana has three huge new training programs they are starting at this time:

1. Equipping selected senior Ghanaian pastors for service as seminary instructors.

This involves enrolling and mentoring four Ghanaian pastors in graduate studies in local theological degree programs and providing them with guided teaching opportunities.. This will increase the church's ability to train pastors and to pursue accreditation for our Lutheran seminary in Ghana.

2. Starting seminary classes for employed men who aren't otherwise able to attend seminary.

The church in Ghana has the goal of starting Lutheran preaching stations and congregations in all of Ghana's districts. Training men who aren't dependent on significant income from the church will increase the church's capacity for reaching out to new areas.



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3. Starting a Deaconess program.

The church in Ghana has 20 women in their first group of deaconess classes.

I am very involved in the developing seminary instructors process. And, I have been preparing to teach "Introduction to the Old Testament" through WhatsApp for the new training programs for pastors and deaconesses.

About the equipping pastors to serve as seminary instructors:

The cost for tuition and other assistance is about \$3,500 for each of our four pastors (per year). If you can help us with this financial need, please contact us!

Joyce and I remain in the USA during this Covid time and are working on these and other things.

Thank you for your prayers and support! The Lord be with you!

David and Joyce

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How to send financial support for our work in Ghana:

1. Write check to: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,
2. On Memo Line, write: "Support for Erbers - Ghana".
3. Send to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

or

Send to: Mission Central, 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034
Memo: "Support for Erbers - Ghana"

or

Go to our LCMS on-line giving page: www.lcms.org/givenow/erber

How to send financial support for training seminary instructors in Ghana:

1. Write check to: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,
2. On Memo Line, write: "Ghana Advanced Theological Education GH0007".
3. Send to: LCMS Mission Advancement, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

About the Erbers

Rev. David and Joyce Erber serve the Lord as Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) missionaries. They live in Accra, Ghana. They are presently in the USA because of Covid19.

Pastor Erber serves as a theological educator working on the programs described in the above. He works closely with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana.

Joyce serves as the business manager for LCMS work in Africa. She is responsible for managing the financial and accounting dynamics for 25 LCMS missionaries and 82 mission projects in Africa.

Pastor David and Joyce Erber have served as LCMS missionaries since 1986. Before Ghana, the Erbers lived in Nigeria for 25 years. Pastor Erber has served in various church planting, local church leadership training, seminary instruction, and mission administration capacities over the years. The Erbers have three children who live and work in the USA.