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Dear Partners in Mission,

Our missionary lives are changing once again.

This evening, Paul and Ali Federwitz and their children Hannah, Levi and Eden will step on a plane and end their 15 years as Lutheran Bible Translators in Ghana. For many of those years, they have been our neighbors and dear friends.

As neighbors, we have been closer than just next door. Our houses meet in the front corner. We have shared electricity bills, water bills, security dogs and all sorts of things. We will miss our weekly devotions, frequent rides to church together and our lives together.



After a couple of months in the USA, the Federwitzes will step on another plane and go to Ethiopia where they will continue their work with Lutheran Bible Translators.

One of my toughest ministry challenges, at the moment, is helping a group of African pastors from Ghana, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda complete the online English Exam, Duolingo. Nine men have completed the exam. Four men are still having problems.

Our goal is to enroll these pastors in advanced studies in theology with Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Rather than sending these men to St. Louis, as has often been done, we want to conduct the courses online. This means these men will need to be able to use computers and the internet to take classes on Zoom. If they can succeed with the online English Exam, we hope they can succeed in connecting on Zoom and completing their advanced studies from home.

Also, at the moment, the seminary here in Ghana is making progress in securing their property line. Years ago, the seminary in Nigeria lost a large part of their property because other people started to build houses on seminary land. Once a house is built, the property was legally lost. We are starting to have the same problem here in Ghana. It is sad to build fences. But not building a fence will only lead to greater and longer lasting problems!



Thank you for your prayers for these endeavors and for the Federwitzes as they travel!

The Lord be with you!

David and Joyce Erber