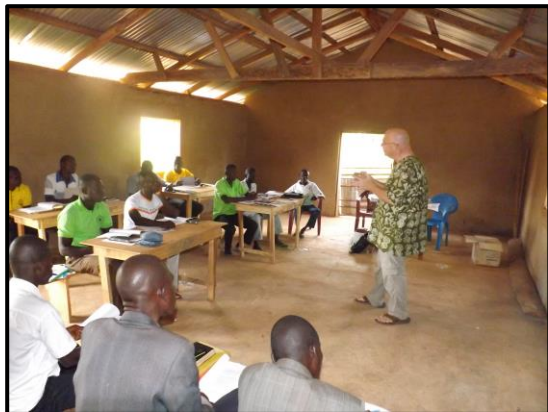


The Glories of God in Ghana

Psalm 87

News from the Kastars, Serving the Lord in Ghana



Drawing Connections

October brought us to the village of Bakpaba, a small collection of buildings south of Yendi, which is our final training spot for this go-round of training. It was a great gathering of students. When we arrived at the church in the morning, we often would find them reviewing the class lectures from the day before and sometimes even go further in our books, preparing for what was to come. That was so encouraging to us. Teaching here is not like the USA. It can sometimes feel that you are leading rote memorization. So, when your students are pressing on to understand, you should praise God for their wisdom and their thirst to learn!

The training just finished included a history of the Reformation as well as an introduction to the Lutheran Confessions, both taught by our partner, Rev. Mark Moss. Meanwhile, Dale has been teaching a survey of the Old Testament. It was a lot to accomplish, an introduction to every one of the thirty-nine books that were given to us through Moses, Samuel, David, and all the prophets. What we made sure of was this: that they understood that Jesus Christ is there in every book of the Old Testament. From the very first pages of Genesis where our Lord was active in creation and then promised as Savior, to the very last pages of Malachi where the Lord is promised to come to His temple, Jesus is there. He is found behind every tree and rock; He is the spiritual food that fed them and the spiritual drink that refreshed them (I Corinthians 10:4). When people begin to draw those connections, then it is that the Bible begins to speak to them.

This is because Jesus isn't just a good idea that God had after all else had failed. Jesus was not God the Father's last resort. Jesus was the eternally-planned Savior of the world. Throughout the Old Testament, everything is leading to Jesus. You see Him in the people who were "types" or patterns of Him. Joseph was the beloved son of his father who was rejected by his brothers but who, through rejection, comes to rule over all things, just like Jesus. Nehemiah stood at the king's right hand; but when he saw the sorry estate of his people, he left his privileged position to save them, just like Jesus. Isaiah, whose very name means "Yahweh saves," prefigures Jesus in word and deed throughout his prophetic writings. Jesus is the heart and center of everything that God's Old Testament Word delivered to His people of old and still delivers to His people of today.

It is those connections to which we desire to bring people. We don't just talk about Jesus. We have Him in His Word, the Church is His body, we are a part of His presence in this world. We bring people to Jesus when we connect them to the life-giving Biblical proclamation. And we connect them when we open our mouths and tell them the on-going story of salvation.

Whom do you know who needs this connection? Who is it that God seeks to bless by bringing them near you and to the Biblical proclamation that continues in your mouth? Open your mouth. Tell the Good News that is Jesus. If they should make fun of you, glory in the chance to bear the shame (Matthew 5:11, 12). But if they should hear, if they should say, "Tell me more," then rejoice even more as even the angels in heaven do (Luke 15:10)!



Prayer Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- Pray for our travels and visits with partner ministries.
- Thank the Lord for our training season just finished.
- Pray for the church in Tamale that God would keep it in His care.
- Pray for our team in West Africa. In Ghana:
Rev/Mrs. David Erber,
Rev/Mrs. Mark Moss,
Rev/Mrs. Steven Schumacher, Rev/Mrs. Doug Thompson, and
Rev/Mrs. Ryan McDermott
In Togo: Rev/Mrs. Micah Wildauer, Valerie Stonebreaker, and Rev. Jacob Gaugert.
In Burkina Faso:
Rev/Mrs. Gary Schulte and Rev. Fred Reinhardt.
- Pray for Bishop Fynn, head of the ELCG.
- **Pray for our daughter-in-law, Sarah, and Rachel, the baby she carries, as well as daddy, Joshua.**

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Drawing Some Connections at Home

Our home service has just begun and it already has been a blessing to us. We were able to spend a wonderful full day at the International Center where, among a multitude of meetings, Dale was able to make a presentation concerning our work. On the next day, we were on Synod's KFUD radio station being interviewed about our work. You can still catch that interview at www.kfuoam.org/2016/10/28/missionary-family-kaster.



Among many great professors Dale had at seminary, Dr. Norman Nagel and Dr. Ronald Feuerhahn were the tops. With the free time we had, were able to thank these men the best we could. We visited Dr. Nagel at an elder care center. And since Dr. Feuerhahn went on to be with the Lord, we visited his wonderful bride, Carol, at her home at the seminary. Just being with these saints was an encouragement to us. We thank God for what they have done for us in the past and for how they continue to shape our teaching now. It is a comfort to know Carol is praying for us and that Dr. Nagel offered us a blessing. God keep us all until we meet before the throne of the Lamb in His glorious kingdom.



Connections with the Saints at Immanuel, Bossier City, LA

We were blessed to visit with one of our supporting congregations. It was a warm welcome we received from their pastor, Rev. Mark Koch, and the congregation. We thank you all so much for our time with you! God bless you all as you hold out the eternal Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Home Service Schedule – Come and See Us!

November 5 (midday) – Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
November 5 (evening) and 6 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE
November 7 – Afternoon meeting with Zion Lutheran Church, Shelton, NE
November 8 – Meeting with pre-seminary and pre-deaconess students at Concordia University, Seward, NE, in Rev. Blanco's class
November 9 – St. John's Lutheran Church, School, Catechism Class, Seward
November 13 – St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Cornelius, OR
November 20 – Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, VA
November 27 – Celebration Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL
December 3 and 4 – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mt. Prospect, IL
December 7 – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Nashville, TN

We commend you and yours to Christ Jesus, our Lord,
Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
Your Missionaries in Ghana, West Africa

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