

Mueller Email Prayer Letter – November 2006 Volume 2, No. 6

Karibuni! The Swahili word for welcome – welcome to this next letter from the Muellers in Africa.

We just finished a whirlwind tour of meetings and visits in W. Africa. We started in Kenya, flew to Ethiopia for a night, then on to Togo to visit with the church and leadership there. Great people and great leadership! We then traveled by road to Burkina Faso for a flight to Senegal with a stopover in Mali. The next day we flew to Sierra Leone and spent a week with the LCMS missionaries and the church. Excellent visit. Finally we flew to Liberia – our old missionary home – and visited with the church and national leadership there. It was very rewarding! Our last stop before heading back to Kenya was in Nigeria for an LCMS WM Africa meeting. We did all this in 3 weeks! During most of the trip, five travelers from the US were with us – LCMS WM Staff and Board of Directors leadership. The visit they experienced and the people they met easily outshone the flat tires, burned bearings, hot peppers, outdoor toilets (read “trees”), cold showers, and bumpy roads.



Our fellow travelers for two weeks: Ron and Linda Reiser (LCMS WM BOD), Kurt Buchholz (LCMS WM Staff), Virginia and Burnell VonSeggern (LCMS WM BOD)



One of the many Lutheran churches we visited on our trip

The meeting we held in Nigeria was unfortunately cut short. We were to travel to another city, but political unrest there and uncertainty about travel made us change plans. Some fighting erupted and we thought it best to hold our meeting where we were. We missed out on a spiritual retreat, but we were able to finish what needed to be done.

At the moment, we are gathering our notes and files for the trip to the states. Since the last prayer letter, our stateside schedule has filled up. We are working hard at saving some time to be with family during Christmas! There are many meetings, visits, contacts, mission Sundays and road travel during the time we are home. We hope to see many of you during those trips.

And now a simple plea from us to you: we have found that many people and pray-ers are willing to support the work we personally do. We praise God for those partners. Unfortunately, many of the projects which missionaries need funded to do their work go wanting. In addition, wonderful projects which LCMS WM supports for the National Churches continue to need support dollars. We have attached a list of the projects in Africa which require support from people like you. If you find yourself being led to help fund fully or in part any of these projects, simply send your check with the name of the project clearly written on the check to LCMS WM. All the funds you send will go directly to support that project. If you need an explanation for any of them, simply write a quick note to us and we will send to you all the information you will need.

We want to once again note the following: the churches in Africa are passionately involved in sharing Christ with their neighbors. They have much to teach us about the Great Commission. But they do need your support and prayers. In the words of Dr. Unwene, former President of the Lutheran Church in Nigeria, “we simply cannot do this alone.”

Thanks for all your prayers and support. A few prayer requests to add to your daily list:

1. Safe travel as we head to the states. We arrive on November 9th.
2. The National Churches and their leadership we met in Togo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria. They have an unrivaled passion for sharing their faith.
3. Funding for the missionaries, their projects, and the projects which support the National Church.

If you wish to financially support our work in Africa or the projects listed in the attachment, send your check to LCMS World Mission, 1333 South Kirkwood, St. Louis, MO, 63122-7295 and be certain to add that it is **for the work of Paul and Joy Mueller** or **for the Name of the Project You Selected**.

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