



In Jars of Clay

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*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Cor 4:7*

The changing geography of missionary sending

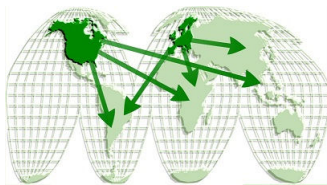


As God leads...

...we continue to be excited about the unique vision of GLO and our opportunity to serve.

As God called us, we allow him also the honor of supplying what He knows we truly need. Our part is to lay before His people what we are doing and what would enable us to continue.

It used to be that missionary sending was from the "west" to the "rest" of the world.



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Now that the community of faith has grown extensively in the global "south" and other parts of the world, Lutheran Christians are yet to equally

expand the geography from which missionaries are sent in joyful response to the Gospel.

At GLO, we like to say that now is the time for it to be "from everywhere to everywhere."

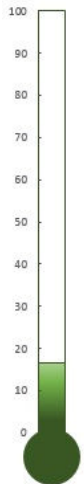


"from everywhere to everywhere"

Dale's present calling as Inter-

national Missionary Developer for GLO took him again to Africa in May to talk with Christ's servants there about how we might adapt to new global opportunities. It was a full and exciting 4 weeks.

To more effectively provide a quick overview of all that happened and what was learned, I summarized it in a short "prezi" (online presentation) that you can watch at <http://clayjargon.wordpress.com/> (If you don't have internet access, ask us for a printed summary.)



Many of you received a mailing that revealed the financial status of our support as of April and invited anyone so led to join in helping us. At that time we were at about 6%.

We rejoice in God's provision and are grateful to so many of you for gifts

large and small that, all joined, encourage us to keep at it! As of mid-June you've tripled that amount, and counting monthly gift commitments through the end of 2013, it is now at nearly 25% for the year!

Gratefully,
In Christ,

Dale, Cheryl and
Jason Talsma

New missionaries for Botswana!

We are excited to announce that we are preparing to help send some missionaries to assist the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA) in their outreach efforts in Botswana.

From West Africa: *The Gbeanquois*

Dixon and Christiana Gbeanquoi will be serving in the capital city, Gaborone, working with outreach to university students and the urban community in general.



As God is the one who is bringing this about, only He knows fully how He has

uniquely prepared Dixon, a Liberian, and Christy, a Nigerian, for the work he has set before them in Gaborone. His greatest resources are His people, and when His Holy Spirit works in them a passion to go and be his witnesses, we rejoice in the surprising ways in which He extends His kingdom! Dixon, who fled Liberia's civil war as a refugee to Ghana, ended up in Nigeria to study to be a pastor and, especially, as missionary. Christy met him there and together they have set their hearts on serving God as missionaries declaring the Good News in Word and deed!

From Concordia University Texas: *Liz Callahan*

As the Lord of the harvest, Christ can lay it on anyone's heart - anywhere - to be eager and ready to serve him in cross-cultural mission. Liz Callahan is

another young lady who loves her Savior and is eager for others to know his salvation too. She has completed studies for Director of Christian Education, and now, with guidance from Concordia Univ., is going to Botswana under GLO's "Student Mission Experience."



She will be supporting mission outreach both among the Tswana and the Bushmen populations. It will be great experience for her before she continues, God willing, further studies in nursing, with a view to further missionary service in the future.



REMEMBERING WHAT HE HAS TOLD US

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant ... **as you hold out the word of life.**"*

(Phil. 2:5-7, 16)

One year down...



...and the next full of changes!

Cheryl completed her first year teaching at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran School. It also marked a transition as the principal and half the teachers are not returning next year. In addition, the congregation said farewell to their pastor of 13 years, Rev. Dan Czaplewski. And not only that, they also decided to shift the learning model to "blended learning". Blended learning seeks to combine personalized computer-based instruction with teacher-directed learning in one to various small groups depending on need and most effective learning style. Cheri had the privilege, with Rev. Czaplewski's help, of piloting the model for 5 weeks this Spring.

As we are still seeking the best place from which to carry out Dale's missionary service, Cheri accepted to come back next year to teach. A lot still needs to come together before school starts again in about 7 weeks. We pray for God's guidance.

To support the Talsmas in this mission:

* Please include them in your prayers!

* To contribute financially:

Tax-deductible donations can be made through GLO's website or by mail.

Checks can be mailed to:

Global Lutheran Outreach,
6709 Ficus Drive, Miramar, FL 33023.
(Make check out to "Global Lutheran Outreach" with "Talsma" in the memo line.)

To donate online, go to

www.globallutheranoutreach.com/Talsma and click the "Give" button. Automatic withdrawal is available.

Asante! Sosongo! ¡Gracias! Thanks!

"Whoever has two shirts..."

John the Baptist called his hearers to a repentance shown, for example, by sharing one of my two shirts "with him who has none". If so under the Law, how much more under grace!

In this newsletter, we highlight a unique opportunity where Christ's members in wealthier parts of the global church can help support missionaries from poorer parts. The servants God has prepared in Africa do not lack when it comes to the gifts of the Spirit or the wealth of God's Word to distribute, but they come from churches with much less material wealth. In the Body of Christ, the diverse parts of the Body have worked together to fulfill Christ's purpose and mission to the world (2 Cor. 8-9; Phil. 4:15).

GLO seeks to help foster ways of uniting the diverse global resources God has variously distributed from country to country. The Gbeanquois have



energetically begun to discover supporters in Nigeria. I was encouraged by their readiness to creatively explore ways to raise financial support in a country conditioned to regard themselves as recipients—not donors. Yet, it remains true that the average income in Nigeria, for example, is less than 1/25th what it is in the US. Roughly, the level of sacrifice it would take to give \$10 in Nigeria is like giving over \$250 in the US.

If any of you would like to help support the Gbeanquois, we can help you contact them. You can also visit their GLO webpage (www.globallutheranoutreach.com/gbeanquois/) where you can make online contributions. If you are in Nigeria, you can make deposits to an account set up for them there. If you are elsewhere and can't make an online donation, contact us. We are very committed to further develop our global capacity for sharing the resources of the global community in support of missions!



Engaged!



We are happy to share that our son Toby and Molly Dorth are engaged! He proposed last month while visiting Molly in Taiwan at the end of her student teaching stint there. She has graduated from Concordia Wisconsin and will start teaching at a Lutheran school in California. Toby works as a nurse in Wisconsin. Wedding is planned for Jan. 3. We thank God for his grace in their lives as he guides them and they continue to seek to follow where he leads!

Entrusting all into the Potter's hands, please join us in prayer

- Gbeanquois and Liz Callahan: for success raising support.
- For numerous other people contemplating possible missionary service.
- The Funkes: For God's sustaining hand, language learning, open doors.
- Guidance as GLO seeks to respond to missionary service opportunities.
- For other international Lutheran leaders to join GLO as board members.
- Opportunities for mission visits to congregations/mission-minded people.
- The Friedrichs family as they transition to stateside study and service.
- God's guidance and provision for at Shepherd of the Coast school.

As we give God thanks for...

- Traveling mercies around Africa (16 different flights without a hitch!)
- The Church continuing to grow and move forth in mission.
- The Gbeanquois: new baby, good orientation session.

Let us know if you would like to schedule a MISSION VISIT to YOUR congregation, school or missions group.

We would love to help arouse greater enthusiasm about global needs and exciting opportunities for Lutheran outreach—worshiping, praying and sharing God's Word with God's people! datalsma@gmail.com, (260)804-8460