



# McDermotts in Africa

## Serving the Lord in Togo

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### Walking By Faith

*For we walk by faith, not by sight –*  
2 Corinthians 5:7

If you have been getting our newsletter for a while, you have read of our journeys near and far. Wherever we go, it is a walk of faith!

Since our last newsletter, we made visits to congregations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky, and Illinois, as well as having our Reconnect visit to the International Center in St. Louis. Then we got to arrive back at our home base in Wisconsin!

Memorial Day weekend, we celebrated Kaj's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with a quiet party at home before heading off to visit more partners in Minnesota.



On 2 June, we were blessed to be part of an African extravaganza at Mission

Central, where we shared our work with folks from as far away as Grand Island, NE, along with some of our colleagues from Ghana and Kenya. Then we spent over a week visiting churches in Omaha and all over Iowa.



This newsletter is being written while Ryan sits in the exhibit hall at the Iowa East District LWML convention in Cedar Rapids. This month, we will also visit the LWML conventions of the South Wisconsin and Minnesota South districts. Come say hello if you are attending!

All this is to continue to build and strengthen our support network, so that we will hopefully be able to return to Togo soon. The hope is that we will go in August.

However, before we can be cleared to make our return plans, we need to make up



#### Prayer Requests:

#### Thanksgiving for:

- The work of Mission Central
- Gracious hosts throughout our travel
- Another year of life for Kaj

#### Praise for:

- Safe return to WI
- New partners joining our network
- Safe travel thus far

#### Pray for:

- Our ability to return to the field
- Our students, colleagues, and friends in Africa
- The congregations and individuals who support and encourage us

the deficit in our account that was largely caused by our moves from country to country. Currently, we need about \$20,000 in order to bring our account back positive.

It is a challenge to wait for the Lord to provide what we need, but we walk by faith and not by sight. We know that He will provide for us, and we pray that His will be done among and through us.



**Nous rendons grâce à Dieu !**

## *Photos from our travels*



*Kids making a new friend in Claremore, OK*



*Our first visit to Kentucky!*



*With the wonderful crowd at Mission Central*

*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. – 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

Rev. Ryan & Emily McDermott  
Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua, and Kaj

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PO Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

OR

Mission Central  
40718 Hwy E16  
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### Home Service 2018

As we have been announcing for several months, we are now arrived in the US for our home service. We will be traveling around, visiting congregations and mission partners, and catching up with friends and family along the way. Here is what the next few months will look like for us. If you happen to be in the area, or would like us to come see you, please feel free to contact us!

#### June 2018

					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
<b>3</b> Zion (West), Omaha, NE	<b>4</b> St. Paul, Emmetsburg, IA	<b>5</b> Trinity, Knierim, IA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> St. Peter, Elma, IA  New Hope, Charles City, IA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Bethany, Omaha, NE	<b>11</b> St. Paul, Whittemore, IA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> IED LWML Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA	<b>16</b> IED LWML Convention
<b>17</b> Trinity, State Center, IA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SWD LWML Convention, Waukesha, WI	<b>23</b> SWD LWML Convention
<b>24</b> Christ the Life, Waukesha, WI	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> MNS LWML Convention, Mankato, MN	<b>29</b> MNS LWML Convention	<b>30</b> MNS LWML Convention

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### July 2018

<b>1</b> Trinity, Farmington, MN	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Higher Things, Northfield, MN	<b>4</b> Higher Things	<b>5</b> Higher Things	<b>6</b> Higher Things	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> St. Matthew/ Silver Creek, Almena, WI	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rhys' birthday	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> St. Peter/ St. Paul, Osseo/ Whitehall, WI	<b>16</b> NWD Deaf, Wausau, WI	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Prince of Peace, West Salem, WI	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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