

MISSION TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

A Newsletter of Missionary Fred Reinhardt

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"On the evening of the first day of the week (Sunday!) when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side (marks to be forever retained in His glorified body!). The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.' And with that He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" (The Office of the Keys conferred on the Church)

John 20:19-23



"As the Father has sent Me, so I am also sending YOU!" This backs up and corroborates Jesus' "Great Commission" at the end of the Gospel of Matthew! Along with this commission, however, Jesus confers that peculiar power on His Church to forgive or retain sins, which we call the Office of the Keys. Yes, He really did this! It is for the use of the Church - not for any one single person alone.

In October and November of 2017, I was on official "home service," also known as "missionary furlough." Typically, furlough comes every two years, and lasts for a period of two months. One month is for vacation time, to rest and recuperate. The other month is for "mission advancement," or "fundraising," a large part of which is visiting congregations and speaking and showing slides.

In the photo at left, you see me doing just that at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Topsfield, Massachusetts! Here I am presenting a "Mission Moment" during the worship service. Later I also presented slides and answered questions, and was able to explain in depth everything that I do! While in that area during the first week in October, I was blessed to take some restful vacation time to view with

awe God's beautiful creation in all the colors of the Fall leaves in the New Hampshire mountains and other places.

This furlough was somewhat more spontaneous and "play-it-by-ear" since my Dad, who passed away at the end of December 2015, was not here to assist me in pre-planning and preparing as he usually would. This time, I rented a car which I kept the entire time, driving everywhere I needed to go during the furlough.

I was able to help staff a "Mission Central" booth at a large conference in the Raleigh, North Carolina area in early November. It was great seeing my old friend and seminary classmate, Rev. Brent Smith (middle), there, and meeting brand-new missionary Alexandria Rappe, who was raising funds to initially go to her field. Thank you "Mission Central" for all that you do in support of LCMS Missionaries! What a blessing you are.

Rather than take a solid month of "vacation" and then a solid month of visiting and speaking, I mesh those two things together throughout the entire two-month period, in order to take advantage of almost every Sunday by visiting a different congregation. Despite the difficulties in planning for the furlough, God was faithful and caused it to be a success! Thank you to all my hosts, and to all the Pastors who allowed me to speak and present and preach!



PRAYER REQUESTS

1) "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the **Lord of the Harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" (Matthew 9:35-38) Please pray for all current missionaries, as well as for new ones to be recruited and sent!

2) Please pray for the resourcing by faithful mission-hearted donors of Fred's "NSM Account." "NSM" stands for "Network Supported Missionary," and is the current model or structure used to support the life and ministries of LCMS overseas missionaries. Please prayerfully consider making a personal, individual donation, or also recommending Fred to your own congregation for ongoing support. Thank you to all for any past support.

3) Please pray for success and smoothness for Fred's next scheduled "Home Service," which would be in October and November of 2019. If you would like Rev. Fred to make a visit to your congregation, please contact him and your Pastor or Outreach Chairperson early! His email address is: **Frederick.Reinhardt@lcmsintl.org** . Your cards and letters of encouragement are very appreciated! These may be mailed to: Rev. Fred REINHARDT, 06 B.P. 10662, Ouagadougou 06, BURKINA FASO. Thank you in advance! You can also join Fred on Facebook.com under: "Frederick M. Reinhardt." Fred routinely posts pictures and text about his life and ministry there. Please thank God for all the prayers on Fred's behalf, even as you offer up your own. "He (God) answered their prayers, because they trusted in Him." (1 Chronicles 5:20b) Please know that I will also pray for you, my friends and supporters!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT FRED!

CREDIT CARD - If you would like to send a gift using a credit card, please visit my page on the LCMS website:
Fred's "Prayer Card" page: www.lcms.org/Reinhardt

CHECK - If you would like to send a check to support Fred, please make the check payable to "**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**." Please write "**Reinhardt-Burkina Faso Support**" on the MEMO line of the check.

The check may then be mailed to:

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	OR	Mission Central
P.O. Box 66861		40718 Highway E-16
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861		Mapleton, IA 51034

If you would like for your gift to be a repeating "automatic monthly withdrawal," please see the instructions at the above-referenced "Prayer Card" page online.

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