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God's Word Illustrated

- 49 total pages on 36X24" laminated sheets
- 42 pages on the Bible
- 7 additional pages on
 - the Reformation
 - Prayer
 - Lutheran Worship
 - Islam
- More than 50 images per page on average.
- Over 2,500 images total
- 600 sets sent in last year's container shipment and trans-shipped from our house to churches in 8 francophone countries.

Let me paint you a picture!

Recently Steph and I were privileged to accompany Burkinabé missionary Pastor Joseph Napon as he made an evangelism visit to the village of Pissy on the outskirts of Ouagadougou. Pissy is the seventh of nine church planting initiatives he has undertaken in the last 3 years southwest of the Burkina capital! That Sunday morning he introduced the people to an evangelism teaching resource for the many in Sub-Saharan Africa who are not able to read. *God's Word Illustrated*, with page after page of laminated charts, containing images rather than written words that teach the love of Jesus in the form of thorough-going Biblical Theology, was developed by our dear old friend, Rev. Timothy Heiney, current missionary to Muslims in northern Guinea and an African missionary for nearly 40 years. Pastor Joseph learned how to teach *God's Word Illustrated* to others back in 2013 when he was still a student at the CLET, our international seminary in northern Togo, and Tim came to teach a 2-week intensive on it.



The small group gathered under a "hangar" in the middle of a vast millet field on the outskirts of Pissy town eagerly received this introduction and said with huge smiles how much they were looking forward to continuing both learning from this wonderful tool themselves and learning how to teach it to others. After church, as we drank millet beer together, we told Joseph that, as the Lord would have it, Pastor Tim himself would be a guest in our Ouagadougou home on his way to teach yet another 2-week seminar to a mix of over 40 current CLET seminary students and local Togolese pastors. Joseph was thrilled! He told us he'd really been wanting a refresher course. So, the next day, he and his co-worker Pastor Marcel came to our home



and spent several hours with Tim at our dining room table refreshing their memory as to how to teach *God's Word Illustrated*. As I observed them from the vantage point of my desk across the living room, I thought to myself how much, when I drove Tim to Dapaong and the CLET the next day, I wanted to tell his students about the passion of one Rev. Joseph Napon. "Let me paint you a picture of what God has in mind for you when you leave this place!"





- Praise God for the church planting efforts of Rev. Joseph Napon in Burkina Faso
- Praise Him for God's Word Illustrated. Pray the leaders will learn how to use it well.
- Pray for Rev. John Donkoh, newly elected president of the ELCG, his family, and his VP's and their families.
- Ask the Father to continue to protect His people against the advances of militant Islam.
- Pray that our God of the Harvest would raise up more LCMS missionaries for West and Central Africa!

Let Me Introduce You to Rev. John Donkoh!



I just met Rev. John, a veteran Ghanaian pastor, myself about a month ago while on a trip to Accra. Impressed with his humility and irenic spirit, I learned that he had received his training in Lutheran Theology at the Luther House attached to Oxford University in England. Why do I think you should know him too? On July 1, at a service attended by easily over 500 people including yours truly, he was installed as only the second president of the ELCG, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana, in its nearly half century existence.

In private conversation, Rev. John told me about his plans to bring much needed reform and renewal to a church body that, while blessed, remains beset with challenges. Publicly during his installation, he spoke of his newly elected counsel – the first ever in the church! His first VP is a pastor and Lutheran Scholar who is able to teach Greek and Hebrew. He is there to ensure theological accountability; to make sure all their teachings, translations, and publications are faithful to God's Word. His second VP is an Accountant from the church in the North. He is there to ensure fiscal accountability "down to the last pesewa". A pesewa is worth about 2/10 of an American penny. His third VP is a lawyer. He is there to ensure legal accountability in everything they do.



This is pure genius and was music to my ears! Please pray for John and these other three; that they remain accountable to these high-minded promises! Really pray for them! I told Pastor John the next day, before I prayed for him, that he and his family, and his brand new VP's and their families, will be under profound Satanic attack as they seek to do God's will. I should have said this in my prayer - "Let me paint you a picture, Satan – Jesus Christ crucified, risen and ascended in complete victory at the right hand of His Father! Enough said! Amen!"



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