



The Central African Sentinel

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Pray that, with the US the new hotspot and on the EU no-fly list, we will someday soon be able to return to Brazzaville. We are feeling discouraged!

Pray for our new Africa Regional Director - Rev. Shauen Trump.

Pray that Steph and Sarah's many presentations will bear much fruit as many other missionaries excitedly put these wonderful concepts to work!

Thank God that we have been able to find a wonderful Assisted Living facility for Steph's mom!

A Return to My First Love!

Dear Christian friends and ministry partners,

During the Covid-19 shutdown, like so many around the globe, our work life has been totally transformed. We had been on the road in Africa more than half the time. For the last 3 months, our work has been limited to sitting at a desk in the end bedroom of an apartment in States staring at the pixels of a computer monitor pretty much all the live long day. However, the crisis has given me a wonderful opportunity to return to my first love - teaching the Christian faith!

I told you in the May edition about my daily devotions by email that I call RT5M - Beginning With Moses. Well, there are over 150 African pastors (and a few lay people), both English and French speakers, receiving them daily along with over 100 of my fellow Americans!

One afternoon, I was working on the update of one of these teaching devotions when I got a call from my boss, Rev. Dan McMiller. As he spoke to me, I slowly began to realize I'd be returning even more deeply into my first love - not just teaching the faith, but teaching it to French speaking Africans!



The upshot is that I am no longer the Area Director for West and Central Africa. I am now a Theological Educator for francophone Africa, which, being 8 countries currently, comprises the bulk of the region. The reasons for the change were several. The biggest one is the loss through attrition of most of our team over the last 3 years and the struggle to recruit replacements. For example, it's down to just me and Rev. Jacob Gaugert serving the francophone churches. Pastor McMiller pointed out, quite correctly, that it would be silly wasting my teaching and language gifts "administering" such a small group.

The other big reason is that i was wearying of the administrative portion of the job, especially being the 'yes or no' guy on scores of grant project requests from the

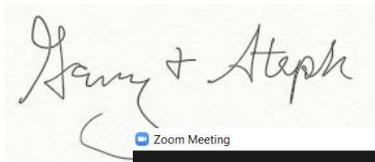
local churches every fiscal year anyway. It was money, money, money all the time, with a very negative twist, as I was saying 'no' and 'not that much' a lot, trying to wean these young churches off of financial dependency. I told Steph a while back that it was starting to erode my soul. Now, I can just be a missionary again, just as I intended to be when we re-deployed in 2016 and then was asked to step in and serve as Area Director late in the fund raising stage.

Please keep Rev. Shauen Trump in your prayers in this regard. The former East and Southern Africa Area Director is assuming the job as Regional Director for all of Africa. The Area Director position is no more. God bless him! I usually found just my region alone to be a huge handful by itself. Now he's handling both!

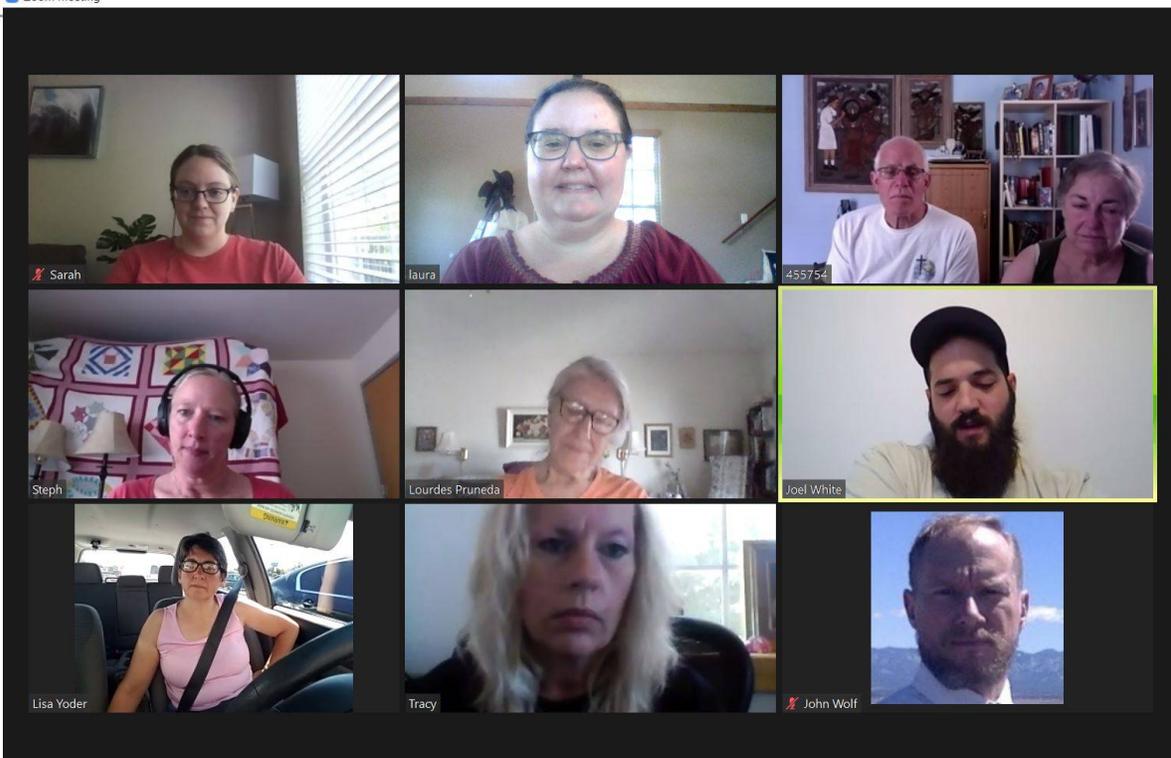
While I create and translate theological material for the African church, Steph has been extremely busy promoting the concept of CHE to our own stable of LCMS missionaries, all of whom are as restricted as we are during the shutdown. Steph and Sarah Kanoy have led 6 two-hour long Zoom sessions presenting "An Introduction to CHE - Community Health Evangelism" and 3 hour-long presentations on the theme, "Development vs. Relief / Avoiding Dependency". Over 30 co-workers have gone through the CHE Introduction and about 20 have participated in the Dependency presentations. What an amazing impact! Everyone is so excited!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and prayers!

Your partners in the Gospel,



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