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## DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION



Rev. Mark Seeger,  
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

I am not ashamed...

*"I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is God's power to save everyone who believes it..."* Acts 1:16

In our Bible, the letter to the Romans was written by Saint Paul. It is a great letter that teaches many major doctrines, including Sin, Salvation, Grace, Faith, Righteousness, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, Death and Resurrection. Those are all important things to know, and if you aren't sure what they mean, ask your pastor, deacon, Bible class leader or email me ([MarkJLCD@AOL.com](mailto:MarkJLCD@AOL.com)). But it is the above verse that I want to discuss in this issue.

No Christians should ever be ashamed of the Gospel. Without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there would be no salvation. Without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we would be stuck in our sins forever. Without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there would be no way for us to get to Heaven. But the Gospel, the good news, is that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. He did remove our sins, he did open Heaven for us.

So, because we have the Gospel and we know we are going to live forever in Heaven with Jesus, we aren't ashamed of the Gospel,

right? If you ask any Christian, "are you ashamed of the Gospel?" they will probably answer, "NO!" Ask almost any Christian, "are you willing to share the Gospel with your friends, neighbors and co-workers" and they will probably answer, "NO!"

No? Why not? Fear? Afraid your neighbors, friends and co-workers will reject you? They might. Or they might not. They might listen to you, the Holy Spirit can work in their lives to give them faith and they might believe. They would then be part of God's forever family, just like you and me. They would live in Heaven eternally with our Great God!

If you are not ashamed of the Gospel, don't be afraid to share it with others.

Saint Paul said, *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is God's power to save everyone who believes it..."* I agree with him. I pray that you do, too, and that God will give us the words, the wisdom and motivation to share the Gospel with all people.

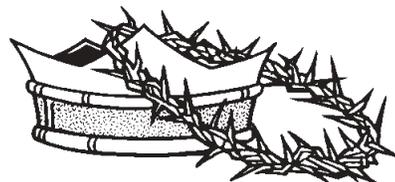
Blessings to you and yours!  
Pastor Mark Seeger,  
ILDA Pastoral Advisor



Palm



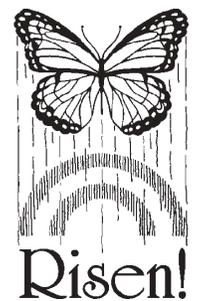
Sunday  
April 1st



Good Friday  
April 6th



EASTER  
April 8th



# Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! And for a wonderful new year 2007.

Thank God and His great work as lately ILDA President Pam Kane is recovering from stage 4 cancer. She has completed chemo and months of radiations. Cancer is now gone but she is sore, and trying to get back to eating food thru mouth. She has lost pounds so wait until you see her in Baltimore and you will be surprised!

A few more months we all will be greeting each others in Baltimore, Maryland. If you have not already done so, please fill out and send in your registration forms and hotel reservations. Don't forget about the Banner and Choir competitions, and tours. Visit Baltimore 2007's web site for forms and info.

ILDA committees are reminding all of you for names for officers nominations and Right

Hand Award. **Scratch & Help fund raising is still going on.** New coupons with July 31st expiration date has been sent to ILDA Regional Presidents for distribution. If you have not already done so, please get it going and send the funds to ILDA Treasurer John Krause. **Please help us with this project.**

Great news that ILDA's Mission Project has reach its goal!

Bad news that *The Deaf Lutheran's* checking balance has reached a dangerous low of \$841.65 in November 2006. Therefore, we have to cut this Spring 2007 issue to 8 pages from our normal 12 pages to save on printing and mailing costs. Business Manger, Larry Ginter, is working hard to get our subscription fees back up to normal. Form found on back cover of this issue.

God Bless you all,

David G. Brown, Editor



## Host(s) for 2011 ILDA Convention

As stated in ILDA's Handbook, six (6) years is suggested for properly planning for a convention. Future host(s) are asked to submit their request on their church's letterhead. 2007 convention will be in Baltimore, Maryland and 2009 convention will be hosted by Rochester, New York. Hopefully a midwest or western location would host. Contact ILDA President Pam Kane for more information at: PK1974BK@sbcglobal.net.

## 2005- 2007 ILDA Mission Projects Report...

Ending February 1, 2007, **\$27,370.31** has been collected toward 2005-2007 Mission Project Fund. The Board has adopted \$27,300 as ILDA's 2005-2007 mission project goal and to date; it is **100%** of the goal.



**SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS**

If you wish to give a donation, please make your check payable to **"ILDA 2005-07 Mission Project"** and mail to: John Krause, ILDA Treasurer, 9905 Madison ST NE, Blaine, MN 55434.



# Great! JOB!

## Business Manager...

We would appreciate help with support to our travel fund. This fund shall help us travel to future Regional Conferences that we dream to attend and to report on.

Please send any donations to: Larry D Ginter, D/L Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Dr., Parma, OH 44134.

**Thank you.**

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## Remember to renew your 2007-2009 ILDA dues!

Forms are found on the back page of this issue.

Thank you.

## ILDA Regional Conferences...

New 2008 conferences listing will begin this fall. Please inform your Editor the dates, locations, themes, and contacts.

# Missionary's Trip...

By Dawn Polzin  
of Wisconsin



This letter explains about my 1st mission trip experience. It is one of the most exiting highlights of my trip this year.

I would never thought of myself that I would be on a mission team. We the team left on cold/windy day on Saturday October 28 to fly out from O'Hare, arrived Kingston with the feel warm/humidity. When we arrived at the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf campus, the deaf kids were thrilled to see us. The kids made the team feel welcome and adjusted to make new friends with us quickly!

The team focused on working inside of the building on the campus, which the new families are supposed to move in January 2007! We pray that it will be complete.

Most of the times, we painted the walls, applied putty, painted the black trim and other things - that needed to be repaired at-the dorms.

Denise Pulfer, our team leader, set up devotions every morning. She did a great job handling the team. We have Pastor Tom Phillips from Jacksonville, Illinois who also led us in prayer and devotion every evening. I learned that everyone could be a Mission team. Even, we have

two of my members who are in 70's joined the team. There are 7 people from Madison, one from Janesville, and 2 from Jacksonville, Illinois. It was the greatest team I ever worked with even we found a way to have some fun while working; especially, deaf Jamaica children. They bright up my day when they smile! One of their favorite games we taught called "spoons", they were excited playing! On Friday evening, the staff and kids set up song, "Hands in Praise" Choir group gave us the perform and mini drama. My favorite part is when the whole kids gave the team their homemade cards. I will never forget them.

We did have spare time to visited Knockpatrick Campus and Jamaica Deaf Village. The one at Knockpatrick Campus is the largest school with over 125 students. It is the one where the students go after finishing 9th grade and enroll the Vocational School to help prepare for their future. There are factory rocking chairs that are hand made by deaf people. Really beautiful rocking chair! We stopped at the Dunn's waterfall in Ocho Rios. It is an amazing waterfall. (600 feet) We walked up toward to the top of the waterfall.

I recommend everyone to go to Dunn's waterfall! After we completed our mission work, we flew to Montego Bay for a two day break before we headed back to Wisconsin.

## Reminder...

2007 Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand" Award...

See page 11 of Fall issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* or contact

**Mary Tingler** at [rmtingler@comcast.net](mailto:rmtingler@comcast.net) or write to 60 Bashore Dr, Martinsburg, WV 25404. **The deadline is April 30, 2007.**

See web site <http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/UCJones/UCJones.html>

## ILDA Nomination Report...



Jennifer Bonura, TX



John Krause, MN

Greetings to our faithful ILDA members and ILDA Board of Directors in Jesus' name.

From two of our seven planned ILDA Regional Conferences, ten fine people were nominated. Seven responded to their nominations. Four were nominated for ILDA President-elect and another four for ILDA Pastoral Advisor. They all either declined or not responded. The remaining two, **Jennifer Bonura**, Secretary and **John Krause**, Treasurer accepted their nominations and both are eligible for a second term according to the ILDA Constitution and Bylaws. So, the Nomination Committee will need to seek new leaders for both ILDA President-elect and ILDA Pastoral Advisor. Nominations for every ILDA officer positions can be made from the floor at our coming ILDA Convention this Summer. The ILDA Nomination Committee greatly encourage everyone to continue serving the Lord in what they like and enjoy. Your continuing association, mission and love with Lutheran Deaf people, pastors and leaders is greatly appreciated.

*"Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be ready and will have everything needed to do every good work."* Timothy 3:17

In Christ together we gladly serve,

Larry Gorton, Chair  
ILDA Nomination Committee

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## Seminary Names Rev. John Reinke as Director of D.I.T...

Rev. John P. Reinke of Janesville, WI, began serving last fall as director of the Deaf Institute of Theology (D.I.T.) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He succeeds Rev. Roger Altenberger, who is LCMS World Mission's facilitator for "Ablaze! Connection."

The seminary's seven-year-old D.I.T. trains deaf and hard-of-hearing LCMS members as pastors, deaconesses, and lay leaders. Courses are conducted online or thru DVDs, with sign-language video clips, and the seminary track includes mentoring by a local pastor.

Students also gather on the Concordia Seminary campus each spring for a weeklong seminary.

The D.I.T. program expects to graduate its first pastor and deaconess this May, and six students are beginning the seminary program this spring.

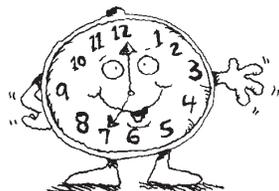
Also available thru the D.I.T. is "DeafPAH!," a program designed for deaf and hard-of-hearing laypeople who want to learn more about their faith and how to share it with others.

To view and download resources, or for more information about deaf ministry, visit the Deaf Lutheran Mission Society Web site at:

[www.deafjesus.org](http://www.deafjesus.org) or send an e-mail to: [deaf\\_jesus@yahoo.com](mailto:deaf_jesus@yahoo.com)



# News from around the Regions...



**Daylight Saving Time**

**March 11, 2007**

New time  
change date!



Next Deaf  
Lutheran  
deadline is  
May 1st,  
2007.

Reminder to  
send to the D/L  
editor your  
church's  
newsletters!

## Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... Last October one of their original Building Committee members and architect, **Mr. Gil Rekken**, was laid to rest. Jesus has also called home **Earl Lehman**.

Western Washington... Our Lord, Jesus, has called home **Mary Margaret Bowlen**, age 98, on October 22nd. Also joining Jesus are **David William Harmon** of Phoenix, AZ and **Dorothy Jean Ketchum**.

## Pacific Region...

Pinole, California... Pastor Robert C. Royland II's wife, **Sheryl Royland**, has been called home by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on January 16th.

## Midwest Region...

Calvary, Des Moines... **Rev. Dennis Konkkel** will be going to India this spring to help the India Mission Team.

## Central Region...

Our Savior, Madison... their Women's Guide celebrated its 25th Secret Pal anniversary last December.

Holy Cross, Delavan... **Alice Klein** has joined Jesus in Heaven last October.

## Dixie Region...

Austin, TX... our Lord Jesus has called home **Carol Christ** last November.

## Great Lakes Region...

Christ, Cleveland... **Patterson G. Mitchell** has joined Jesus in Heaven on January 7th.

Trinity, Pittsburgh... Our Father in Heaven has called home **Edmond Rukta, Herbert Johnson, Nettie (Cohen) Kramer, and Ruth (Gussy) Ludivico**.

Alpha, Rochester... members are working hard to prepare for the upcoming **2009 ILDA Convention** in New York.

Good Shepherd, Toledo... during the Thanksgiving banquet, Honor was given to **Gary Kriegar, Keith Perry, Bill Ewald, Jim Richter, Ted War, and Ed Zarn** for their hard work putting in the new windows.

## Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... Our Father has called home **Gilbert Eastman** on December 2nd. Jeff Padon and his team are working hard for the upcoming **2007 ILDA Convention** in Baltimore. Visit [www.LCMSdeaf.org/ILDA](http://www.LCMSdeaf.org/ILDA) web site for information and registration.

*Editor's Note:* visit web site <http://home.flash.net/~ronfried/newsletter/index.html> for an interesting article from Editor Don Peterson's Happy New Year, page 2 of January issue. It's about bad news/good news. Interesting!

## "When the cats are away, the mice will play"

That is an old saying or proverb which means that when the boss is gone the employees goof off. In this case, when the pastor and vicar are both gone, the members don't do much.

In the past, Peace Lutheran Deaf Church, Indianapolis, has Sundays when the pastor was out of town. The congregation tried many avenues for keeping the congregation together while pastor was not able to lead the worship service. We tried guest preachers who can sign, guest preachers with interpreters, video tape sermons, written sermons for someone to sign, prayer service, cancelled worship service but nothing seemed to work.

Recently one Sunday for some reason, Pastor Munz was going to be out of town. Pastor set up a prayer service. For that, pastor planed for the congregation to gather on Sunday morning for prayer. Each person would pray silently in his own way and then leave their offering on the altar and leave.

However, the congregation decided to have a hymn fest. People signed up to sign ASL one of their favorite hymns. Afterwards, everyone felt as if they had worshipped the Lord in song and on praise. The old saying or proverb that the mice will play when the cats away has now changed from skipping church to being very active mice on the Sundays pastor and vicar are out of town.

On September 10, 2006, the members decided to have a Pastor and Vicar Appreciation Sunday. They showered both Pastor and Vicar with a hymn fest. Both Pastor and Vicar really had a wonderful appreciation Sunday and were thrilled to worship with the church mice that Sunday.

## News about our former ILDA secretary...

Tim Johnston of Royal Oak, MI was recently married to Katie Ann Breedlove of Fishers, IN last July 1st, 2006. They just celebrated their 6-month wedding anniversary on Jan 1st, 2007 Here is a created photograph of our love to be shared with our sisters and brothers in Christ of Lutheran faith. The wedding was taken at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf in the larger chapel of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, MI. The wedding was officiated by Reverend Thomas Dunseth. The entire wedding party was consisted of their nephews and nieces (four from his (Tim's) sister, Michelle's and three from her (Katie's) brother.) About 100 relatives and guests attended. The reception was taken place at Bloomfield Open Hunt in Bloomfield Hills, MI. They honeymooned in St. Simon Island, Georgia and St. Augustine, Florida (so can attend another friend's wedding as a couple.





## ILDA's Fund-raising...

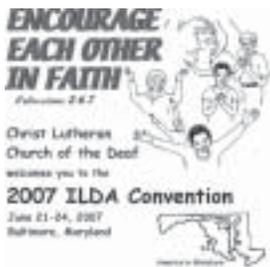
During the April 2006 Executive Board meeting in Austin, TX, ILDA President Pam Kane introduced a fund-raising project called **Scratch & Help Put The FUN In Fund Raising**. Your regional presidents should by now have distribute all the booklets to your groups/churches. If you haven't gotten a booklet to help, please contact your regional president or your church.

This fund raising is to help with ILDA's board expenses—meetings, meals, travels, lodgings. Each booklet will raise \$100.00. God's 1000 Club normally support the expenses but for several years, the club has not raise enough money to meet the bills. At the April meeting, God's 1000



Club's fund balance was less than \$400. This is **NOT ENOUGH** to cover the Board's expenses in Baltimore 2007.

*Please help us. Thank you.*



## Next ILDA ... 2007 ILDA Baltimore Host at Work...



Visit ILDA's website for more information & registration on the next convention...  
[www.ChristDeaf.org/ilda2007](http://www.ChristDeaf.org/ilda2007)



God also helped us through the challenges...

- Harmatton was very bad – the dust from the desert
- Same foods everyday – rice and fish and eggs – smile
- Frustrating traffic
- Stolen cell phones – yes one of ours was stolen.
- Gossip against us for teaching the Gospel
- So many people under the weight of the law and not seeing the Gospel
- And many many more

We thank God he kept us safe and guided us.

Please continue to pray for the Deaf in Ghana.

Pray for the leaders – that God will give them courage and wisdom.

Pray for their families – that God will protect them and help their faith grow.

Pray for all the children – that God will provide ways for them to learn His Gospel.

Please also pray for the teams that will go to Ghana in May, August, and again next January.

Pray for God to guide faithful people who are willing to come with us and teach.

I also THANK YOU!! Without your prayers and support these Mission trips would not be possible. Thank you for your support through your prayers and your financial gifts to help spread the Gospel. We pray as we prepare these leaders and vicars through the next two years that God will open many more doors for us to share the saving story about Jesus love and forgiveness.

I pray the Holy Spirit will also bless you.

His Word will grow deep and strong in your faith and life!

Serving Jesus together in America and around the world!!

*Pastor Reinke  
Missionary-at-Large/Deaf,  
South Wisconsin District – LCMS  
Director, Deaf Institute of Theology*

## Ghana Update Final Jan 2007...

If you haven't been receiving all of the updates or would like to know more about the various mission projects of Deaf Lutheran Missions, check out our website: <http://www.deafjesus.org/html/missions.html>

We are home again – smile. I want to thank God for the 4 brave ladies who came to teach His people. They faced the challenges of the unknown, trusting in God to guide them and give them His strength!

God blessed this trip with many examples of the Gospel spreading...

- The 4 new Deaf Vicars.
- The soon to be 4 new Evangelists preparing for May.
- Our leaders coming all day, everyday to learn His Word!
- The openness of the schools to share the Gospel (even in Muslim areas!)
- The Deaf leaders inviting more Deaf from around Ghana to come study with us.
- The desire to temporarily begin the Lutheran High School on the Kumasi compound until the buildings at the main site are ready.
- And many many more...

# January 2007 Ghana Deaf Lutheran Mission Team...

Ghana Deaf Mission Team left on January 9, 2007 for another trip. Leading the group was Rev. John Reinke. Returning for a second trip was: Karen Hale (Northern Illinois) and Linda Zoiss ( South Wisconsin ). Went for the first time are: Betty Jo Lucero (Northern Illinois) and Sandy Pittaro ( Phoenix ). Sandy is one of the people who attended the DeafPAH workshop in Phoenix this past August. Highlights of this trip include visits to two of the deaf schools – in Cape Coast & Tamale – and the four evangelists becomes vicars in the DIT program.



*The team celebrating Pastor Reinke's birthday.*



*John & Sandy learning how to use the camera.*



*Linda*



*Enjoying the sights.*



*Betty Jo enjoying lunch in Ghana.*



*Happy Birthday... Pastor Reinke's birthday in Ghana.*



*Ghanaian friends*



*Shopping*



## Sandy writes:

**January 22nd, Monday** – HELP! HELP! HELP! I couldn't remember what I had for breakfast today? My light bulb turns on in my head! Now, I remember for breakfast – Pastor Reinke and Karen cooked fried potatoes with onions, fresh pineapple, bread and cup of tea. It was really good and something different but thanks God for no EGGS! (smile!). Wow, I had 10 students came to Bible Study. Karen and I taught together about God's Word all afternoon with our actions. I believe it was really great teaching them about God's Love too! For dinner – GUESS WHAT! Yup, again for RICE but this time, it is mixed RICE with spaghetti sauce – GUESS WHAT!, the sauce is really good but still very spicy - not like ITALIAN sauce! After dinner, there was Blackout – no class this evening. So, Karen, students and I went out taught some God's Word outside till gets dark. There is nothing we can do more this evening so I went to bed early around 8 PM. Good night and may God touch your hearts.

**January 23rd, Tuesday** – Wow!, Karen and I slept over 10 hours sleep but Pastor Reinke and I woke up with "fever". We think it was from HARMATTON season (hot wind blowing down from North Sahara Desert to bring the dust) here in Kumasi town. Karen cooked French Toast with bacon, fresh pineapple and cup of tea. GUESS WHAT! Pastor Reinke taught me how to cut fresh pineapple and make pineapple juice. I ate 3 pieces of French Toast because it was really so good breakfast especially pineapple juice – good for both of us with fever! All afternoon and evening (1 PM – 8 PM), I had 12 students in my Bible Study with Questions and Answers. All the students is very much interested to learn from wrong to right answers but I still pray for them to understand for their future with great spirit in their hearts. For dinner, we ate boiled plantain with stew and of course RICE! But still very good and again for spicy taste! It is really long day of teaching with 12 students but it is really touching my heart with them. And now, it is time for me go to bed. Good night and remember to count the cows jumped over the fence. May God bless you all!

**January 24th, Wednesday** – Wow! Really God bless Pastor Reinke and Karen cooked for breakfast – EGGS turn over, fried toast, sausages and cup of

tea. I never realized all deaf Ghanaians came for breakfast to eat with their own hands even dinner, too! Very big different culture from American people! I thanks my Lord send 15 students to my Bible Class today from the morning to afternoon (9 AM – 4 PM). At evening, there was having a party for celebration dinner – Fufu with RICE balls in soup. I am not too crazy about Fufu but it was pretty good. One of Evangelist gave four of us a beautiful color African dress and African shirt for Pastor Reinke. It was really busy day and evening, I thanks to God for a wonderful celebration day! Good night and have a sweet dream! God be with you always!

**January 25th, Thursday** – Amadu, Enoch the driver, Karen and I went to North Tamale (over 6 hour's drives) to picked up Betty Jo and Linda. The roads is horrible with so much bumpy and the drivers is impossible – worse than USA! The weather is really horrible hot with very heavy humidity as both of us were sweating like a "pool" especially me with still fever to make a worse. Both girls were so glad to see all of us and visited their deaf school. I really felt so bad what I see and I don't know if I could handle with this because it is really broken my heart what I see those all deaf children – it is very hard for me to explained about this and I still pray to Lord to help the deaf children to learn how to write and read for their better lives. Then I sat myself in the back of the truck because the weather was unbelievable and again, long ride – feels like another 4 hours to Mole National Park to stay overnight at the motel. Image that my hair becomes "red hair" from all the dust evens my clothes from longest ride – eekkkk! The motel is really nice place but there is no water because of low water so we all use bucket water. Ate dinner there – all of us share the foods – RICE with beef, 2 RICE with chicken plates but the foods really very good. GUESS WHAT!, I saw mother boar pig with babies was eating the grass back of the motel. Took a shower to remove all the red dust from my hair and felts so good but not with fever! Really I have no idea what time I went to bed because my watch shows Arizona time! Sorry! Good night and pray for me to get my fever goes down!

**January 26th, Friday** – Woke up early morning and still have a fever – oh brother! All of us went to Safari trip by our truck with one guide. After about 1/2 hour later, we saw 2 huge elephants were walking across the road path – what a beautiful natural animal! Then, we saw more elephants walking through the field – beautiful watch those animal and I really wish I could touch the elephant. It was about 2 hours ride to see other animals – mostly elephants, antelopes and boar pigs – ooops!, saw different kinds of deer's, too. When we got back to the motel, we saw 15 elephants cooling themselves in some water and one came, alone, near the motel building. (Pastor Reinke says it was "kicked out" of the herd). Very interested sight seeing and glad I went! Ate breakfast – of course again – EGGS with vegetable, bread and teas. It is very different taste of eggs but still delicious taste. Again, I sat in the back of the truck all myself – good enough – I almost slept all the way to Kumasi – (about 6 hours) and my "red hair" came back again! I still can't believe what I see all Ghanaians driver is impossible with so many cars and trucks together – the road is good for one car on one side road but can you image 3 or 4 cars on both side of roads but thank God for Enoch is really terrific driver! I thank my Lord for all of us arrived home safe. Linda and Betty Jo ate Fufu with rice balls in soup. It was very sweet of Pastor Reinke bought us Vegetable Pizza. Mmmmmmm, it is so good. Took a shower again to take all the red dust off from my hair and my body. Went to bed but still don't know the time again. Good night and have a sweet dream!

**January 27th, Saturday** – Woke up with little fever! Pastor Reinke cooked eggs, sausages, meat chopped, bread with jelly and tea. Karen and I sat in the back of the truck because I don't like crowd especially the weather! Still very hot and high humidity especially my fever to make my face dripping like a "water"! The traffic still terrible and still unbelievable as I would NEVER be able to drive like that! Again, long ride takes about more than 7 hours from Kumasi to Accra to our Lutheran Retreat Motel. It was very sweet lady, Debra from England made a supper for us – GUESS WHAT! NOPE, NO RICE! It was Lasagna with salad and fruits. Ahhhhh!, it was so good supper. All of us prays with devotion prayers for our safe trip. Went to bed pretty late and took shower because it was too much sweating and stinking body! After shower, felts so good. Good night and thank you Lord for safe trip for all of us.

**January 28th, Sunday** – All of us ate breakfast – GUESS WHAT! Yup!, you are right! We all ate EGGS with bacon, bread and tea. Again, long ride to Mampong to drop Pastor Reinke for his preacher in Mampong Secondary School for the Deaf. Linda, Betty Jo, Karen and I went to Primary & Junior Secondary School for the Deaf. Both of them had a little story about God's Word. The children are really so cute but still broken my heart when I see them. I met one girl who is hard of hearing and blind talked with me with sign languages on my hand and I think she is really smart kid with special blessing from God. Then, all of us went back to pick up Pastor Reinke go to Adamrobe Village with little long trip. This village for the deaf to live there but there some hearing people live there, too. Betty Jo and Linda tell the deaf adults and deaf children even hearing children, too to tell the story about "Moses". After that, all of us danced together then we all played a game "Elephant". Oh exciting game because all the deaf/hearing children enjoyed the games so much even deaf adults, too with lots of laughs.

Late afternoon, again long trip back home with full of dust/sweating to arrived our home around 6:30 PM. Again, so sweet for Pastor Reinke bought Southern Fried Chicken, RICE with chicken, RICE with beef and thin spaghetti –

HURRAH for spaghetti! Still delicious supper. Karen read the Bible Prayer – Pastor Reinke asked us about Jonah’s questions and then all of us say each prays. It is really wonderful feeling to learn more about Jonah’s story. I was LAST person go to bed because I was busy writing a post cards. Good night and May God touch your heart to be safe!

**January 29th, Monday** – Wow!, I was LAST person to got up this morning. Pastor Reinke cooked EGGS, granola cereal, toasted bread with jelly and tea. It is really good breakfast, blessing Pastor Reinke serve a wonderful breakfast for us! All day, have been driving around to Deaf Association Office to get “Ghanaians Sign Languages” books, then went to Cultural Center to see if our purchase order is ready to pick up but the lady forgot to bring the record book. The weather still terrible hot and more sweating like a “water”. Then, drive all over the places to help Akorful about business. Then, we stopped at his house as his wife, Joyce, gave us a dinner – RICE with chicken and salad. We got home around after 9 PM. All of us were very tired due the weather knocks all of us. All of us pray from Karen’s Bible story with verse about Jonah then we pray each turns. Again, I am LAST person because I had to type to update my journal report. Have a sweet dream and may God Bless You Always! We ended our evening with Betty Jo and I playing toilet paper football. We scored!! when one of our “footballs” got stuck in the ceiling fan . . . funny sight to see toilet paper going round and round in the fan.

My story tells you the ways I feels about Pastor John Reinke! I am telling you my truth, he is really wonderful blessing Pastor Reinke to be with us for almost 3 weeks in Ghana , Africa. He is really very precious taking care of his children, Karen (Illinois), Betty Jo (Illinois), Linda (Wisconsin) and me (Arizona). I’ll never forget for one thing – he was really very much concerned and couldn’t leave without me to arrive; LAST person at London airport.

My deaf Ghanaians students are wonderful and really eager to learn about God’s Word but at first, they were so interested to hear the story about “Noah and the Ark ” with my drew the pictures on the blackboard so all of them could see the picture with their vision mind.

And more, I really enjoyed sing with deaf guy name Edward together – “Jesus name is wonderful name” gives me so inspiration feelings. He had a lovely smile to make me more smile!

The Ghana foods are fabulous but not EGGS OR RICE in every single days! Ha.....

Ashanti School for the Deaf in Jumasi is about 45 minutes away from Lutheran Mission Home where I stayed for Bible Study with Pastor Reinke and Karen in Kumasi . Those deaf schools are really made me very sad because what I see all the deaf children for their life without learn how to write and read with no education for their own future. Even in Primary & Junior Secondary School for the Deaf in Mampong and also Adamrobe Village .

I can’t express HOW LUCKY I AM now because for all those 3 weeks what I have seen all the people and children (deaf or hearing) especially small children working with stuffs on their own head walking all over the street. I felt so sorry for all the women because they are NOT allowed to drive the car! Nothing like our USA! I pray with my precious Lord to please help this kind of life in Ghana, Africa.

This is my LAST journal and I hope all of you enjoyed to read my journal about Ghana, Africa.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Sandy

*Editor’s Note: Since all four ladies wrote long stories, I had to make a choice to use one which is Sandy’s as they all pretty much wrote about the life in Ghana.*

More letters are on: [www.deafjesus.org/GhanaUpdate.html](http://www.deafjesus.org/GhanaUpdate.html)



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