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2012 CLC Board of Missions Central Africa Visitation

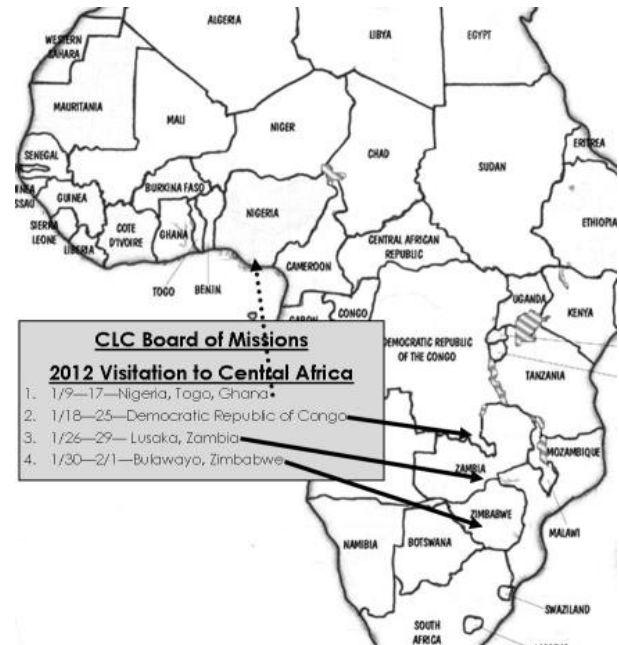
It has been the goal and practice of the CLC Board of Missions to maintain a regular schedule of personal visits to the various church bodies we are privileged to work with around the world.

Missionary Matthew Ude lives and works primarily in India with the CLC-India and the BELC, but part of his duties include annual visits to the West African country of Nigeria. During his visits there he meets with the leaders and many of the pastors and seminary students of the Nigeria-CLC. Because of security concerns, he is unable to spend time at the NCLC headquarters in Efa, but rather the leaders and pastors come to the large port city of Lagos for a pastoral conference. This works out well as leaders from our affiliate churches in Togo and Ghana are also able to attend this pastoral conference. Missionary Ude will be in Nigeria from January 9th-17th.

Following his visit to West Africa, Missionary Ude will meet the chairman of the CLC Board of Missions, Pastor Todd Ohlmann, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where he will be introduced as the visiting CLC missionary to the ELCC and CCLC. They will spend their time in the DRC visiting with the leaders of these two church bodies, visiting and preaching at congregations of the ELCC and CCLC, meeting with the joint translation committee, and teaching at a joint pastoral conference.

The CCLC has been active in conducting mission outreach over the Zambia border where new CCLC congregations have been established. The visitation team is looking forward to visiting these congregations to encourage them and the pastors with the truth of God's saving word.

The visitors are also planning to see how the Lord has blessed the ELCC and CCLC over the past year and half since the last CLC mission visitation in working to put their differences behind them. As was reported, following the August, 2010 visit, three officers from each church body joyfully signed a resolution and agreed to forgive the sins of the past and work together for the glory of our Savior and for the expansion of God's Kingdom in D.R. Congo. You can read the history of our involvement in the DRC at: <http://lutheranmissions.org/history/congo-history/>



After six days spent working with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the DRC, the CLC visitation team will travel to Lusaka, Zambia. They will meet with Pastor Ibrahim Karioki, who was trained at St. Peter Lutheran Seminary in Himo, Tanzania, before responding to a call from friends in Zambia to establish a confessional Lutheran church where proclaiming the whole truth of God's saving word is the priority. The time of visitation will be short, but will allow an opportunity to visit the newly established congregations and meet with the evangelists that Pastor Ibrahim is currently training to be faithful shepherds.

Following the Zambia visit, Missionary Ude and Pastor Ohlmann will travel by bus to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe to conduct the first face to face meetings with Pastor Apostle Liberty Atawa. (See article on page 2) A few days will be spent studying Scripture together as we strive to establish fellowship based on unity of doctrine. Please pray that the Lord will bless this time spent in His Word.

On February 2nd, the two CLC visitors will part ways in Bulawayo, with Missionary Ude traveling on to Chennai, India to resume his work and Pastor Ohlmann returning to St. Louis, MO.

Mission Contact in Zimbabwe

Our internet website has proven to be a valuable means of spreading the word worldwide of our Christian fellowship and teachings. From time to time we receive inquiries from other countries. Some of the contacts have developed into establishing fellowship relations and joint mission work, while others have not progressed very far.

Missionary Ude and Pastor Ohlmann will be traveling to Zimbabwe in southern Africa to meet with Pastor Apostle Liberty Atawa who is one of those promising contacts. Pastor Atawa first made contact with us via the internet in October 2010, making an appeal for us to partner with his religious organization in spreading the gospel in that region of the world. Their church group is involved in Prison Evangelism, Hospital Evangelism, and in Crusades which they hold in rural areas. Pastor Atawa heads up this organization which has a number of evangelists under his supervision.

In response to Pastor Atawa's appeal, we informed him that it is important for them to



Pastor Apostle Liberty Atawa

know and agree with the confessional teachings of the C.L.C. Pastor Atawa agreed to go through the Bible course of "Shadows and Substance," a course produced by President John Schierenbeck for adult instruction. Pastor Atawa in turn went through the material with his fellow workers. Upon completion of this Bible course the CLC Board of Missions decided to send representatives to have face to face meetings in order to determine if there is doctrinal unity between us.

2012 Mission Helper Trip to East Africa

The Lord has blessed us with the following fellow Christians who will be traveling to East Africa on the Mission Helper Trip this summer: Gretchen Eichstadt, Emily Tester, Christiana Schreyer, Jessica Ohlmann, Jennifer Grabow, Kate Oster, Tom Naumann, Ashley Elliott, Matthew Kranz, Kirsten Gullerud, Lucas Brown, Jordan Horillo, Randy Wittorp, Loren Hansen, Pastor Mike Gurath, and Pastor Todd Ohlmann.

These sixteen mission helpers will be divided up into four teams. They will work with pastors and members of CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Kenya to carry out child evangel-

ism. The pastor-trained members of this team will preach in our sister congregations and conduct pastoral training sessions.

In preparation for this trip the team will need a passport, take the recommended vaccinations, and get a prescription of malaria medication. Most important of all, they will be studying the Bible materials they will use in sharing the message of our

