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Blessings of the Endowment Fund

Dear Friends,

My daughter Ida and I were excited to take the last few months to share with you a little more about our family. But now it is time to report some wonderful news from our mission village of Ak-rampa. The 2012 FLC Endowment Fund Project has been completed. This year we were able to complete the re-roofing of one of the school buildings! This school building is the first set of two blocks of buildings, each of which contains three classrooms. In these three classrooms, grades 1 -3 are taught. We began building this set of classrooms in 1998, and completed them in 2001. It was originally roofed with locally made tiles of cement, which leaked badly, over time. The floors were dirt, and the walls had never been plastered.

In 2011, First Lutheran's Endowment Fund made it possible, with a generous donation, for us to begin special projects to make those classrooms better for the students. We began in January by concreting the floors. In June and July of 2011 we were able to plaster and paint all three classrooms. The 2012 Endowment Fund blessed us with a new roof for those classrooms. The new roofing sheets are also locally made. But they are made of aluminum and zinc, and are commonly referred to as "Aluzinc". I am personally grateful for the Endowment money sent to update the school. It is a joy to see the relaxed mood of both students and teachers with the onset of the heavy rains this year. Now when the rain 'pours', the classrooms, school materials and students stay dry and clean. The teachers, students and their parents also thank you so very much. Photos of the 2012 roofing project can be seen on the Ghana board in the main hallway at First Lutheran.

Blessings, Pastor Ben