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How well do you know Pastor Ben??

Would you like to learn more about Pastor Ben & First Lutheran's mission in Ghana, Africa???

Here is your chance to do just that! Starting in July, Pastor Ben will be writing letters to us, each month, in the *Lectern*!! Pastor Ben is looking forward to writing about his relationship with Jesus Christ, his education, his family and the mission in Akrampa, Ghana.

Did you know.....???

*Ghana is located in West Africa only a few degrees north of the equator. Ghana is 92,085 square miles in size.

*Pastor Ben was born in Ghana in 1952 & his wife, Julie, was born in Ghana in 1967.

*Pastor Ben & Julie got married in 1988, and they have four children - Bill, Isabella, Ida, and Benjamin.

*Pastor Ben was ordained into the ministry in 1988.

*The Pastors and people of First Lutheran met Pastor Ben in 1993 when he came to Ohio for a hip replacement surgery.

*Pastor Ben started the mission in the village of Ak-rampa, Ghana soon after arriving home from the USA.

*Pastor Jimmy went to Ghana for the first time in 1996.

*Pastor Ben returned to Ohio, with Julie, in 2003 for the 100th anniversary of First Lutheran.

*Pastor Woody went to Ghana in 2004, and again in 2008 with eight others from First Lutheran.

*Pastor Ben was in Ohio again in the summer of 2009 for a second hip surgery. Pastor Ben is dearly missed at First Lutheran, but we know his family and the mission needed him at home.

Check out the *Lectern* in July, as Pastor Ben begins to tell us the exciting details of the power of Jesus in Ghana!!!!