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God's Hand on Pastor Ben's Life - Pt. 2

Dear Friends, Each year when November comes I am reminded of my journey into partnership with FLC. Seventeen years have passed since that day in November of 1993 when I arrived at the Cleveland airport and felt the cold Ohio weather for the first time.

On the way home from the airport, that first night, Dr. Denis Radefeld asked me, "What will you do after your surgery?" Without hesitating, I answered, "If FLC would sponsor me, I would like to be their missionary in my native country of Ghana." I was simply saying that God's agenda was my agenda.

That question was never asked again during the five or so months that I spent in Lorain with my FLC family. On the eve of my scheduled departure, in April of 1994, Dr. Radefeld promised that the FLC Church Council and the congregation would discuss the option of a partnership with me. Dr. Radefeld had such a tremendous, practical faith in God. He seemed to see in me an opportunity to work with God in Ghana.

I believe that FLC saw this opportunity to spread God's word into Ghana, also. I went home in April of 1994, before FLC chose me to be their missionary. But God moved in the hearts and minds of those at FLC. In July of 1994 Pastor Jimmy called me on the phone, and sent a letter in the mail, asking me to be their Missionary Pastor! Below is a photo from 1993 of me with Dr. Denis Radefeld, and Pastor Woody and Pastor Jimmy.

In my letters to follow I will tell you how the hand of God is working in our Ghana mission, with the help of First Lutheran.

Blessings, Pastor Ben

