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## God's Hand on Pastor Ben's Life

Akrampa, Ghana. Dear Friends, So far you have stayed with me along the yesterday lane as I have recalled the events that brought me to Lorain. It is the 'Hand of God' that brought me to the USA to be a part of the First Lutheran family. The success of our partnership is a great inspiration to me.

I know it is the 'Hand of God', because I didn't choose FLC (never heard of you till I encountered Visa problems) nor did FLC (First Lutheran Church) choose me. May I say that FLC was simply being sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit to reach over to Ghana through the church's mission statement: TELL people about Christ; WORSHIP Christ every week; WELCOME all people into our fellowship of believers; PROVIDE spiritual, emotional, and physical support for all people in need. I am a PROUD TESTIMONY of the church's FAITHFULNESS and COMMITMENT to the Mission Statement.

Unknown to me, and unknown to FLC, God's plan was for the church to reach beyond their own community and native nation (USA) and bring the Love of God to the people of Akrampa, Ghana.

In 1993 I began to worship with the congregation and participate in the Life and Ministry of the FLC family. I was blessed to be able to preach at FLC and teach the youth (in photo). Next month I want to tell you about the start of the mission in Akrampa.

Ben

