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## Pray with Ghana Sunday, December 16, 2018

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***Lectionary Selection: Luke 3:7-18***

***Prayers for Ghana:***

Spirit of compassion, Spirit of giving, Spirit of change, on this Third Sunday of Advent we hear the message of John calling us to change our lives from self-serving to compassion.

This day as we lift-up the people of Ghana, may we learn from them the willingness to freely be giving of ourselves, to be open to the hospitality of others, and to learn that together we can make God's world a better place. May we learn the joy of going out of our way in the service to others. We give thanks for the people of Ghana to teach us.

We also pray for our partner, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, especially, the faculty and students of the seminary at Peki. May their ministry of compassion and caring continue through their service to the people in Ghana.

***Mission Stewardship Moment from Ghana:***

John the Baptist, a man without means and who lived a life in the wilderness, enters our lives on this Third Sunday of Advent and challenges each of us to change. He calls us willingly to be servants of others.

In the short six weeks we have lived among the faculty and students of the seminary at Peki and with the people of the community in Peki, we have experienced hospitality freely given and are often surprised when the hospitality is unexpected.

Recently, we needed a small Philips screwdriver. Not a big need and surely not one that is life changing. I took the small screw to our neighbor, Theresa, to show her the size needed and asked if she might have a screwdriver. She shook her head and said, "No."

About thirty minutes later, there was a knock at our door. To our amazement, Theresa had walked to the seminary (about one quarter mile) and sought out screwdrivers from the students. Later, two students came to make sure our need had been met and to see if they could help with our project.

John calls us to compassion even if it takes us from our ease. This Sunday, we hear John's call. This Sunday we see how a simple action can bring a large change.

(Prayer and Mission Moment by Larry and Deborah Colvin)

***Global Ministries Mission Co-workers in Ghana:***

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## Ghana

Ghana is located in Western Africa, bordering the Gulf of Guinea, between Cote d'Ivoire and Togo.

Ghana is one of West Africa's most stable countries, financially and politically. It receives thousands of refugees from neighboring countries, such as Sierra Leone, where strife is abundant. Ghana's vibrant tourist industry attracts thousands of tourists annually. The country has large Muslim and Christian populations and the two groups work hard at good relations. Our partners in Ghana are the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Christian Council of Ghana.

Pray for: The outreach of the Christian Council of Ghana to refugees from neighboring countries; the Rev. Frances Amenu of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana as he ministers to the large expatriate Ghanaian community of London, England.

Population (2014 est) – 25,758,108

Area – 148,200 mi

Capital – Accra

Ethnic Background

Akan – 47.5%

Mole-Dagbon – 16.6%

Ewe – 13.9%

Ga-Dangme – 7.4%

Gurma – 5.7%

Guan – 3.7%

Grusi – 2.5%

Mande-Busanga – 1.1%

Other – 1.6%

Exports – oil, gold, cocoa, timber, tuna, bauxite, aluminum, manganese ore, diamonds, horticultural products

Imports – capital equipment, refined petroleum, foodstuffs

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 63 F 68

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 38.52 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 28.5%