



McDermotts in Africa

Serving the Lord in Togo

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Lightening the Darkness

For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. – 2 Samuel 22:29

Truly God does lighten our darkness! St. John tells us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. His Gospel brings life and immortality to light, so that we have hope.

It is this light that God has called us to bear as we serve Him in Africa. We are humbled and honored by His Call to serve His people.

Our big news this month is that we have been cleared for redeployment! Tickets have been purchased, passports have been renewed, and we are busy taking care of final details.

We will leave from Chicago-O'Hare on Wednesday, 15 August, headed for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After a layover in Addis, we will then fly to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. There, we will spend a long weekend with some of

our colleagues before heading home to Dapaong, Togo.

The new academic year at CLET begins with orientation the last week of August, with classes beginning 3 September. Currently, Ryan is planning to teach Greek and Catechetics, as well as a series of seminars about disability awareness and ministry.

We are thankful for all the individuals and congregations who have welcomed us into your midst in the last six months. It has not been easy to travel so many miles and be unsettled for so long, but we are grateful for the opportunity to share with you in this journey of faith.

We have made new friends and strengthened previous relationships. We have reported back to longtime partners and have established new partnerships. We have reconnected with those who



Prayer Requests:

Thanksgiving for:

- Warm welcomes throughout our travels
- Another year of life for Rhys and Emily

Praise for:

- Setting our redeployment plans
- Generous and joyful partners in the Gospel
- Safe travel thus far

Pray for:

- Preparations and travels for redeployment
- The next academic year at CLET
- The congregations and individuals who support and encourage us

work to support us in St. Louis and at Mission Central.

We are blessed to have received a few very generous gifts that have nearly cleared our previous deficit. Faithful partners have given and

pledged enough to make our return to the field possible. However, we ask you to continue to pray that our support network would expand and be strengthened, so that we can continue working in Africa.



We are excited to get back and get to work in Dapaong!

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu !

Photos from our travels



Kaj making a new "friend"



Birthday Robot!



Family game night at the cabin

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. – 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Rev. Ryan & Emily McDermott
Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua, and Kaj

To support the Lord's work through the McDermott family, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

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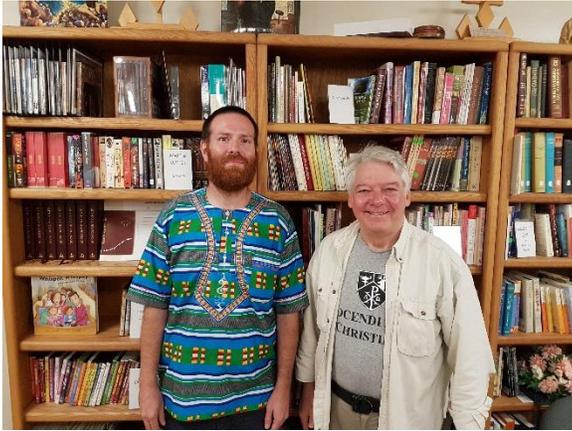
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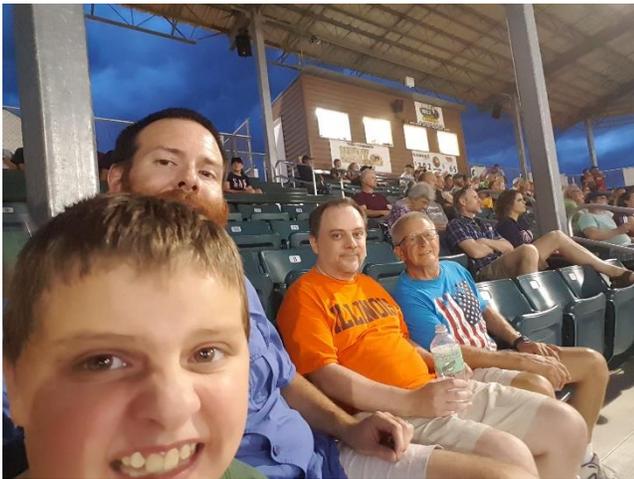
The Last Month in Photos



Ryan with Rev. Tom Aadlund, missionary in Kenya

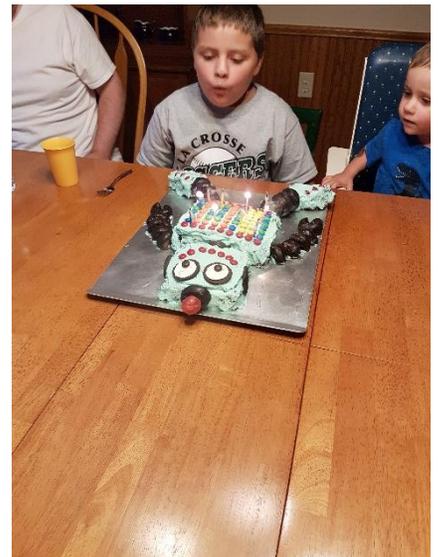


The McDermotts with the Paul Family,
longtime friends and supporters in
Almena, WI



Rhys got to celebrate his 10th birthday with a
“guys’ night out” at a La Crosse Loggers game.

Blowing out
birthday candles



Emily got to celebrate
her birthday at home
with family!

