

February 19, 2018

Dear Mid-America congregations,

We are excited that Larry and Debbie Colvin have been chosen to serve with Global Ministries at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. Pending the raising of funds necessary for their appointments, the Colvins will leave for Ghana in September of 2018 for three years. You will find more information about this wonderful opportunity on the reverse side of this letter. Also, do know that Larry and Debbie are available to visit your congregation and talk about their upcoming mission. You can contact them at: larry.cma@sbcglobal.net. Also, check out: www.globalministries.org/colvins.

As you know, Larry has been serving on Mid-America's Regional Minister Team as a transitional member for the past two years. He lives in St. Joseph and provides support for our congregations and clergy in the NW part of our Region. In addition, Larry carries staff responsibility for Mid-America's Disciples Care Team and the Disciples Women. He also serves as a liaison for the efforts of Week of Compassion, Volunteers in Mission, and Global Ministries. In addition, Larry provides 20/20 Vision support for Mid-America's new church and vital church ministries. We continue to be very grateful for his ministry in our Region.

Global Ministries has invited our Mid-America congregations to partner with them in raising funds for the Colvins' three year appointment in Ghana. **Rather than asking you to budget outreach money for this effort, we are inviting you to do what we're doing...generate "new" dollars by holding fund raisers.** If each of our 240 congregations held one fund raiser per year for the next three years (2018, 2019, and 2020), just imagine how many dollars could be generated for this exciting overseas ministry! After all, Disciples congregations already excel at raising dollars through things like bake sales, spaghetti suppers and talent shows, car washes, chili cook offs, garage sales, bike marathons, and much more!

Please let us know if your congregation would like to participate by emailing our communications coordinator, Susan Moore at: ccmacomm@yahoo.com. We'd love to hear how you plan to raise dollars and then see pictures and stories of your fund raisers in progress. Your proceeds may be mailed to: The Christian Church of Mid-America, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119. Please make sure all checks are marked for "Colvins Ghana Fund."

Blessings,

Rev. Mike Williams, First Christian Church, Dexter

Rev. Patrick Overton, Arrow Rock Federated Church

Rev. Brian Kirk, First Christian Church, St. Joseph

Rev. Jacob Thorne, Community Christian Church, Manchester



Global Ministries



Greetings from Global Ministries! We are excited to share with you that Larry and Debbie Colvin have been approved as mission co-worker candidates to serve the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, pending the raising of funds necessary for their appointments.

With our current level of funding, Global Ministries already has reached the maximum number of mission co-workers it is able to support without additional funds. Therefore a new funding mechanism was originated in 2013 through action by the Common Global Ministries Board. This new mechanism allows Global Ministries to increase the number of individuals serving in mission alongside global partners around the world.

Global Ministries is raising designated recurring (quarterly or monthly) gifts and one-time gifts totaling **\$203,000**, to be received over a three and one-half year period. This will fund the Colvins' three-year appointments in Ghana and six months of home assignment in the United States at the conclusion of their time with the EP Church, Ghana. We are excited to share with YOU – friends and family of the Colvins, those with a mission connection to Ghana, medical work, or theological education, and friends of Global Ministries in the Colvins' home Region (Mid-America) - this new opportunity to send two mission co-workers.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your own role in participating directly in this new opportunity to walk together in hope with the Colvins and with church partners in Ghana.

To learn more about Larry and Debbie's placement and the work of the EP Church, Ghana, peruse our website at www.globalministries.org/colvins.