

# THE SANDY TEACHER

Deanne Gochanour's Newsletter,  
Nanny To Teacher Real Quick

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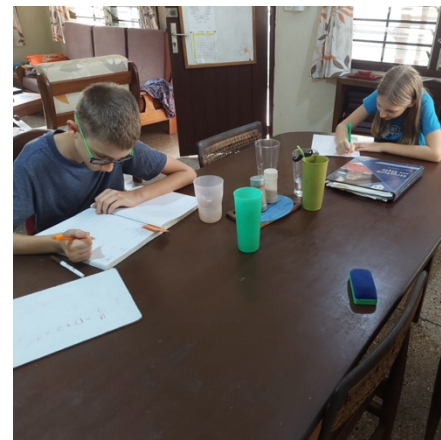
## From Tanzania to Ghana

Although I have been preparing to go assist the Olsons in Tanzania, their family has been experiencing various health challenges over the past few months. At the end of November, they returned to the US for Andrew to receive further testing and medical care. While some progress has been made, there are still many unanswered questions. Because of the uncertainty of his health and their return date to Tanzania, my plans were put on pause. However, God always has a plan and a couple other opportunities within Lutheran Bible Translators emerged. Now, I am going to Ghana to homeschool for the Federwitz family with a long-term teaching placement in the works for the fall!



## All About the Federwitz Family

Paul and Ali Federwitz have been living in Ghana for 15 years! They have 3 kids, Hannah, 15, is the oldest and attends an international high school in Accra, Ghana's capital. Levi is 13 and Eden is 11, both kids are homeschooled. Paul is LBT's Assistant Director for Program Ministries and Chief Information Officer while Ali is a Member Care Coordinator for LBT; Ali has also been in charge of all 3 kids' homeschool education since the beginning.



## The Need for a Teacher

Because Paul and Ali have busy roles within Lutheran Bible Translators, they would like a teacher to oversee Eden and Levi's homeschooling in order to dedicate more time to their roles. Ali has been the lead on their schooling, so she hasn't had the time to truly pour into her other responsibilities. I will be a huge asset to their family and am currently preparing to take over all homeschool responsibilities! With my education degree, I'll be able to jump right into their current curriculum and provide some fresh ideas and approaches to their schooling routine. I have the unique opportunity to create lessons specifically for Levi and Eden's abilities, before I move to a large group of students in a classroom setting.



## Tough Topic: Ghana's Budget!

I'll be in Ghana February through May, 4 months! I need a little less than **\$7,000, total**, in order to leave. **I have \$4,500** raised, and I cannot express my gratitude for the support I have received so far. The up-front costs are a round trip flight, a visa, insurance policies, and vaccines; this total is \$2,600. My physical housing cost for 4 months in Ghana will be \$400! Food, supplies, and other living overseas costs are about \$3,000. The remainder of the budget is for an upcoming opportunity. However, I must be fully funded in order to leave in February. In the works is a teaching placement for the fall, but I'm very limited on what can be said about this opportunity. It might be a full school year placement at an international school; the school provides housing and a few meals along with professional development which qualifies for international teaching certificates!



## Prayer Requests

~ Prayers of Praise for the amount of financial and spiritual support I have received so far!

~ Please pray that all legal needs be met on time. Items like visas have longer processing fees than usual right now.

~ Please pray for health and safety, and that neither factor may delay the expected leaving date.

~ Please pray that I reach my funding goal on time, so I will be eligible to leave to start homeschooling in February!

## Ghana, Then What?

Although I have this amazing opportunity to homeschool for Eden and Levi at their home in Ghana, LBT and I have another placement in the works. God redirected my career with LBT from using my education in a nanny setting to using every aspect of my degree in a classroom setting. The school I might teach at in the fall would also be a mission placement I would have to raise funds for. The budget will be unknown until these plans finalize, but monthly gifts will support my short term stay in Ghana along with my future long term teaching placement!

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deuteronomy 32:2

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