

## From West to East

Over the years we've been asked in different ways how long we will be in Ghana and our reply has always been that we'll remain here until God moves us elsewhere. Last year our supervisor shared with us a need in Ethiopia that would fit Paul's giftings. Although this opportunity came as a surprise to us, we began to investigate it further. With our kids being the ages that they are, it quickly became a family conversation, and we took an exploratory trip in September. It became quite clear to each one of us in different ways that moving to Ethiopia is exactly what God is calling our family to do at this time.

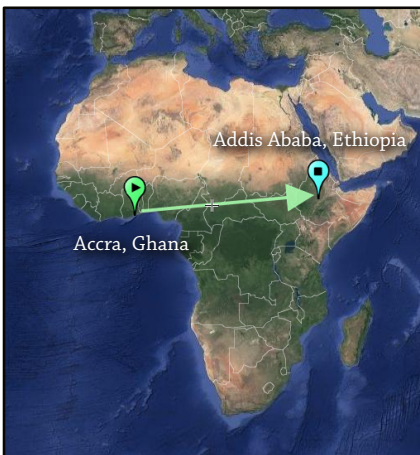


Having a traditional Ethiopian meal with fellow LBT missionaries Dr Chris and Janine Pluger.

In Ethiopia, Lutheran Bible

Translators is partnering with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, one of the largest Lutheran churches in the world with over nine million members and growing. The church is taking a more active role in managing translation programs as well as developing a specialization in translation as an option during seminary training. LBT has been asked to come alongside to support the church and seminary as they develop their capacity to support Bible translation in Ethiopia and beyond. LBT has asked Paul to provide leadership to this process.

Although the day-to-day tasks for Paul have changed significantly over the last fifteen years, it has always been easy to describe his role as being the "IT Guy." With technology being central to every part of Lutheran Bible Translators, Paul has gradually moved from focusing on the technology itself to helping people work together using technology. He has experience providing support to every part of the translation process from training translators to use specialized software, to building scripture apps, to managing data across projects. In this new role, Paul will combine this background and his training in organizational leadership to help others support all aspects of Bible translation in Ethiopia.



Our plan is to finish our school year and depart Ghana in early June, spending two months in the US before relocating to Ethiopia in early August. At this point, we aren't quite sure what our short time in the US will look like. We will want to spend time with each of our extended families and there will be a long list of items to purchase before moving to Ethiopia. We also hope to be able to make some visits to churches and share about our new ministry in person.

When moving from one country to another across the African continent, it's not possible to just load up a moving truck and drive! We will need to sell or give away the majority of our possessions here, including furniture and appliances, and then we will need to repurchase these things when establish our home in Ethiopia.

# Paul & Ali FEDERWITZ

Hannah, Levi & Eden

## ABOUT US

Paul is LBT's Chief Information Officer and Assistant Director for Program Ministries. He also serves as a computer consultant to missionaries and organizations in West Africa.

Ali is responsible for the home education of our children. She is also a Member Care Facilitator for LBT.

Paul and Ali's ministry is funded solely through donations from individuals and groups.

## CORRESPONDENCE

✉ Paul and Ali Federwitz  
Box CT 839  
Cantonments  
Greater Accra  
GHANA, WEST AFRICA

@ Paul-Ali.Federwitz@LBT.org

📧 pafederwitz.wordpress.com

📱 on.fb.me/138ZLI5



**Lutheran Bible  
Translators**

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Lutheran Bible Translators  
P.O. Box 789  
Concordia, MO 64020

Please make checks payable to Lutheran Bible Translators and designate *P/A Federwitz Ministry*

Online giving at  
<https://go.lbt.org/pafederwitz>

LBT has set up a special fund to help with these expenses. You can designate "PA Federwitz Household Setup" in the memo line of a check or choose it at <https://go.lbt.org/pafederwitz>.

Stay tuned for more information on our ministry in Ethiopia. It is a very different place from what we have become familiar with here in Ghana. We will have much to adjust to and learn about but we are excited for the new challenges that await us. Even though we know in our hearts that it is time to move on, we will all be in various stages of grieving as we close out this chapter of our lives.

## A Helping Hand

Deanne Gochanour is a volunteer teacher scheduled to come to Ghana in mid-February. Dee will take over the homeschooling responsibilities for Levi and Eden for the remainder of this academic year. This will allow Ali to shift some of her attention to her member care responsibilities. Ali has several projects that have been put on the back burner for a year or more and she would really like to have them completed before we leave Ghana in a few months. Ali also has quite a number of books dealing with member care topics that she has wanted to read. Dee's presence will allow Ali to work on these tasks along with the major undertaking of selling our belongings and packing up our personal items.



Please pray that Deanne will be able to raise all of the funding that she needs to come and help our family for 4 months. Pray also that traveling will go smoothly for her especially in this continued time of COVID changes and restrictions worldwide. Finally, pray that there would be a smooth transition for Dee and the kids in the handing over of homeschooling responsibilities. To learn more about Deanne or to support her work, go to <https://go.LBT.org/gochanour>.



We enjoyed activities together like this game of miniature golf

## A Family Christmas

We enjoyed a very special Christmas this year as Ali's parents were able to join us in our home. It has been several years since we have seen them and even longer since we have been together for Christmas. Unfortunately, Eden became quite ill soon after their arrival and required a 5 day stay in the hospital. We were grateful for grandparents who provided our family with extra support

and love during this time. Once Eden was able to come home, we quickly made up for lost time and enjoyed playing games and eating good food.

## Experience God's Word through Music!

Lutheran Bible Translators and award-winning artists have partnered together in the Living Water project. Using the English Standard Version (ESV), every verse of the New Testament is sung by vocalists to express the emotion and depth of the Bible.



Living Water captivates the listener with the beauty of God's Word. Subscribe to receive spiritual refreshment each day. Visit [lbt.org/LivingWater](http://lbt.org/LivingWater).