



Rockrohr News and Notes

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Our website has the latest news of our work and family!

Visits to S. Africa, Ghana and the Midwest

Carl traveled to Africa from August 28th to September 8th. The main purpose of the visit was to attend a meeting of the faculties of Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) and the School of Theology of the University of Pretoria (UP) on September 2nd. A number of other helpful activities also took place.

South Africa – Carl was invited to attend the LTS quarterly board meeting on August 30th. He was introduced and started to know the specific board members responsible for setting policies of the seminary.

Instructor Tanya VanWyk of UP gave Carl a very interesting tour of the campus on Sept 1st. Carl was introduced to the

School of Theology staff and building, the university library, the student center and other important locations. UP has 45,000 students on campus with another 20,000 distance students.

On Sept. 2nd, five LTS and seven UP faculty met for the first time as the “Supervisory Board.” This board is responsible for approving and coordinating all aspects of the academic partnership. Carl was elected as the secretary of the board.

Ghana – After the South Africa meetings, Carl visited Ghana for several days to meet with old friends and discuss current developments in pastoral training for Africa.



Tour of University of Pretoria

Midwest Support Raising Tour – Carl and Deborah traveled Oct. 1-19 through Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska making 14 presentations and giving 8 sermons.

Thanks to the Kusch, Pranschke, and Mattson families for taking care of Ted in Michigan during our travels!

Renewed Seminary Website

www.lts.org.za is the website address for the Lutheran Theological Seminary. One of Carl's responsibilities is to assist with the operation of the seminary website.

With the help of seminary

administrative assistant, Mrs. Salomé Smith and webmaster, Mr. Martin Drewes, a renewed site has been launched as of October 12th.

Visit it frequently as we continue to improve it!



Lutheran Theological Seminary
Training Lutheran Pastors and Deaconesses for Africa

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On Friday, the 2nd September some of the the Lutheran Theological Seminary staff members had the first introductory session with the various heads of departments in the theological faculty at the University of Pretoria (UP) to establish the Joint Supervisory Board to regulate the academic program to be offered in cooperation and



Deaconess Deborah presents at Redeemer Lutheran, Sioux City, Iowa on October 9th.

The Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA) will soon write a new page in deaconess history. For the past two years Deaconess Grace Rao of LCMS World Relief and Human Care has provided two-week intensive courses twice per year to a small group of women,

Deaconess Insights: A New Page in Deaconess History

and on October 28 the LCSA will commission its first deaconesses.

Deborah is the director of the new full-time residential deaconess training program that will launch at Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Pretoria in 2012. She looks forward to becoming better acquainted with these women who will shortly become colleagues in the mercy work of the LCSA. Thanks to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Deborah will be in Pretoria with these deaconess

students for their final days of training and will attend their commissioning on October 28. Deborah's visit in late October will facilitate a smooth transition from the initial intensive training to the new full time program and permit development of professional relationships with the new LCSA deaconesses and others who will be resources for the new deaconess training program.

Deborah will be in South Africa Oct. 22 – Nov. 5 to attend the commissioning.



"Lutheran" tractors? Carl and Deborah's midwest support-raising tour took them through the town of Concordia, Kansas on October 6th.

Support and Departure Schedule

As career LCMS missionaries, Deborah and Carl's missionary budget is in the *Missionary Support Network (NSM)* program. Under this program LCMS missionaries are responsible for raising and maintaining the funds necessary for all costs of the missionary work.

The Rockrohrs need to move to South Africa in December in order to be in South Africa on time for the new academic year for both the seminary and Ted's schooling which starts in January 2012.

Carl and Deborah are at 39% of their support level as of October 21. In order to be given the "green light" to leave for South Africa in December, their support level must be at 75% by November 30th.

If you are planning to support Carl and Deborah's work, if possible, please make your pledge or donation by November 20th. A pledge or donation by that time could be counted towards the crucial 75% level so they can leave for South Africa in December.

The telephone number to give by phone is:
1-800-433-3954

You can find the links for online giving at:
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