

Updates from the Ghana Partnership Committee, August 20, 2017

We have added several new members to the committee, which now consists of:

Marv Friesen (pastor, leaving in December), Rogers and Paulette McLane, Fidele and Leah Lumeya, Mary Derstein, Bart Moyer, Jeremy Gernand, Jim Rosenberger, and Fran Osseo-Asare

Updates include:

1. Godwin has finished his course work at the seminary. We are waiting a report on where he and his family are now, and if the seminary has been able to recruit a new Mennonite student. If not, UMC will need to decide if we wish to donate the money to the new Student Scholarship Fund the seminary is establishing.
2. Humphrey Akogyeram has graduated from the Lutheran Seminary and Fran and Osseo were at his graduation. We do not know what has happened yet with Eddie. Fran has written to Humphrey for updates.
3. We have no more information about the seminary's software problems, but have just heard that Jennifer, who is the seminary's Administrative Secretary, was recently hit by a car and has a hip injury. GNTCS has asked us for prayers for her.
4. Marv Friesen has agreed to contact Rev. Wes Bergen to see if his church (Morgantown Church of the Brethren) would like to become a partner with UMC, Mennonite Mission Network, and GNTCS.
5. We need to decide whether to renew our covenant agreement and/or send another team to Ghana/invite someone to come and speak on the seminary's behalf, or Ghana missions, etc.
6. The committee plans to have a meeting in September to discuss these ongoing issues, and recommends at this time that UMC continue to budget the same amount of money for a student scholarship and other activities as we have in the past. Jim Rosenberger donated \$400 additional monies to the new GNTCS scholarship fund the seminary has set up that were not used for arranging and hosting a speaker this year.

Submitted by Fran Osseo-Asare for the Ghana Partnership Committee