

# News from the Langdjis--May 2018

## Yaounde, Cameroon

### Schedule is taking shape for our US visit

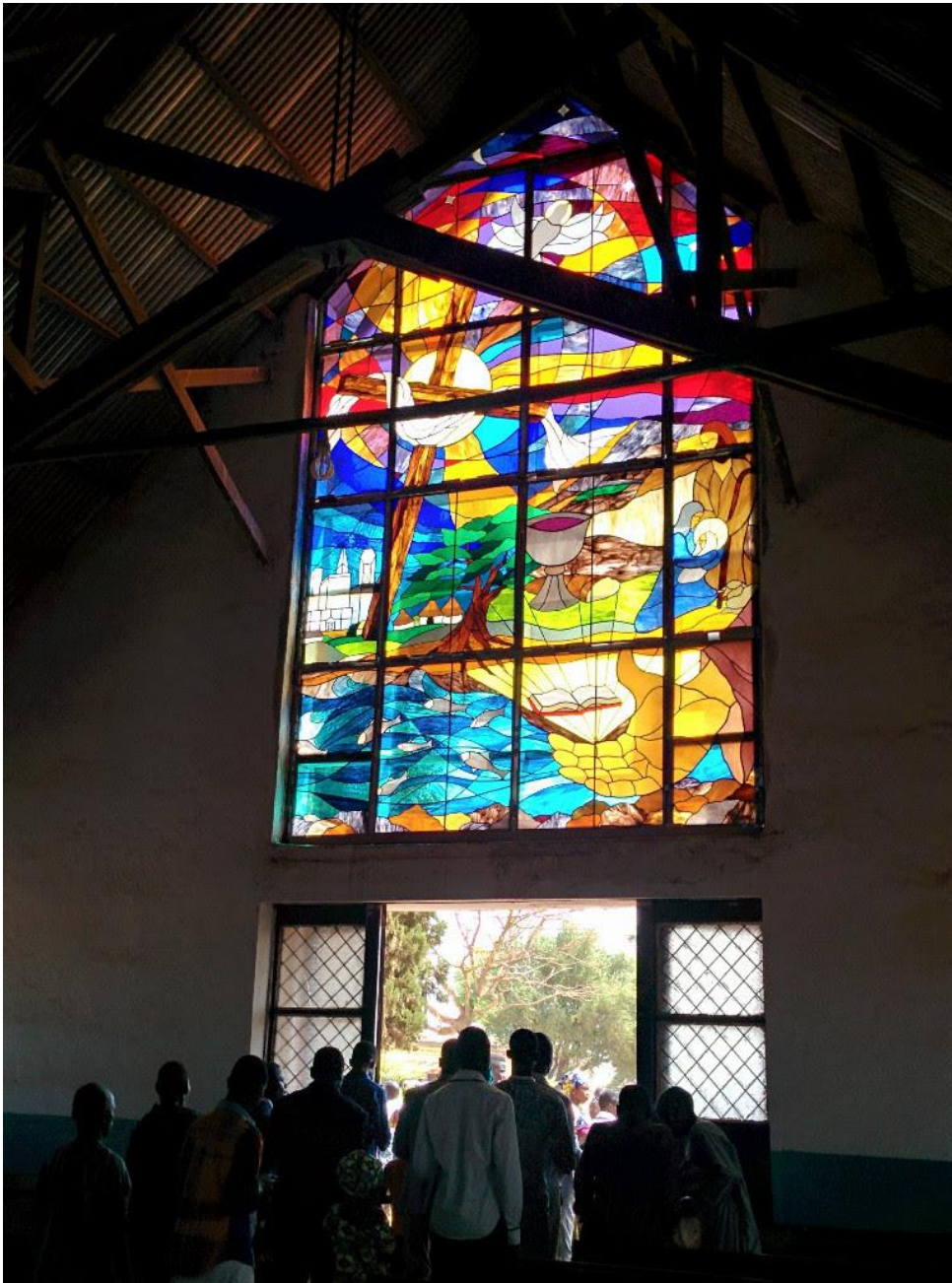
Every two years we travel to the United States in order to share stories about the work we are involved in and the experiences of our companion churches and organizations in Madagascar, West and Central Africa. We attend Summer Missionary Conference, attend some meetings and try to visit as many of the congregations that have committed to sponsoring us as we can. Planning is like doing a jigsaw puzzle: I like the challenge, but I also get frustrated and quit and come back to it later! Here I will share with you the draft schedule. Some of you are the contact people for your congregations and have been in touch. I hope you will look at this and let us know what you think. For others who haven't been in touch and might want to fit in to this schedule, let us know! We'll see what might be possible. For friends and family, we hope we get to see some of you as we travel around. We are also happy that we get to spend a week at Holden Village in Washington state for some continuing education. The week we will spend there we will also have a mini-reunion of some folks from Europe and the US who lived at a Lutheran retreat centre in England when my family did in the 80s.

For congregations that we will visit, we ask you to contribute to our travel expenses. I have tried to estimate mileage and a flight and the average cost to each congregation would be \$200. We don't want this to be a reason not to invite us if we are going to be in your area, so please do contact us anyway if you would be interested in seeing us. If you have been in touch, but don't see your congregation's name on this schedule, it might be because I am still trying to figure out how to arrange those visits, particularly for North Dakota and South Dakota. But you can always send a message as a reminder and even suggest a time based on this draft.

Thanks to all of you for your support of us in this work that we are called to do!

<b>June 29</b>	Willie, Anne, Micah to Madison WI
30	To Hancock WI
<b>July 1</b>	Church visit: Central WI?
2-4	Independence Day Holiday and vacation days
5	Travel to Minneapolis
6	Travel to New Orleans 12:35
7	New Orleans LA
8	St Paul, Baton Rouge LA: worship and luncheon program
9	Travel to TX, Evening at Faith in Bellaire TX
10	Faith Schools and Camps, Bellaire TX
11	St Paul's, Brenham TX
12	Travel to Minneapolis 8:15am
13	Rest

14 CAR-Cameroon Returned Missionary Picnic Mpls  
 15 Trinity, Arlington SD; Drop Micah at Ne-So-Dak camp; Evening visit  
 Webster area churches at St. John's in Webster  
 16 Glenham and Mobridge churches  
 17 Beresford or Elk Point or Leganger?  
 18 SD visits  
 19 SD visits  
 20 Rest in Windom MN  
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 22 Church visit: MN near Mpls?, 5pm Fly to Chicago from MSP  
 23-27 Summer Missionary Conference at Loyola retreat center  
 27 Fly to Helena MT 6:43pm  
 28 Rest  
 29 St John's Helena MT, Travel to Chelan, WA  
 30-**August 4** Holden Village  
 4 Travel to Helena MT  
 5-8 Helena for medical appointments  
 9 Travel to ND  
 10 Powers Lake or Bottineau  
 11 Our Savior's Larimore in morning, Grand Forks congregations evening  
 12 Our Savior's, Hillsboro ND  
 13-14 CAR Network in Fargo  
 15 Our Savior, Valley City morning  
 16-18 Western ND synod visits  
 19 Trinity, Bismarck ND  
 20 Travel to MT  
 21-31 Vacation  
**Sep 1** Depart for Cameroon from Helena MT, arrive 2nd, school 3<sup>rd</sup>



Installed recently in Meiganga, Cameroon, a stained glass window made by Lisa Schwartz of Forest Lake, Minnesota, former Cameroon missionary kid (daughter of Blundells)



In early May Anne traveled with Rev. Dr. Andrea Walker, our area director for Madagascar, West and Central Africa, to Ngaoundere, Cameroon to attend the partners consultation with our companion, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (EELC). Above you see pictures of our time there. Dr. Andrea with Dennis Koffa, driver and mechanic, as well as Elie and Judicael Sanda. Mr. Sanda is the ELCA's local administrator of property and accounts. Mrs. Judicael is a nurse at the Lutheran hospital. Leading the partners consultation is EELC National Bishop, Rev. Dr. Ruben Ngozo. Those gathered gave thanks to Drs. Joely and Solofo Rakotoarivelo of the Malagasy Lutheran Church, who, with support from the ELCA, have worked with the health system of the EELC for over 20 years. They will retire soon and will be greatly missed! We give thanks to God for their service and ask God's blessing as they return to Madagascar at the end of this year.



Enjoying lunch out with visitors: Drs. Joely and Solofo Rakotoarivelo, missionaries of the Malagasy Lutheran Church who work with the health system of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, Flavie Kelembho, ELCA scholarship recipient from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (EELRCA) and Angele Yaiman, midwife who works at the Bohong Health Center of the EELRCA.



Angele Yaiman, whom we have known for 20 years, came to visit her sister, Francine, who has been working with a project here in Yaounde that was relocated from Bangui during the violence 5 years ago. It was fun to have them stay with us for a while.

We ask you to continue to keep this region in prayer. Several countries in the region we cover are experiencing violent conflicts: Cameroon, Nigeria and CAR. Several are experiencing political upheaval: CAR, Cameroon and Madagascar. There are also serious public health concerns: Nigeria,



*Micah will have his first communion the first Sunday of June and we will give him this cross to remind him of this special day.*

Cameroon and CAR. We know that God is present.

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[www.ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch](http://www.ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch)

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Anne is on Facebook where she shares personal news and photos (and points-of-view) but also lots of pictures and news from our work and visits: Anne Ruedisili Langdji

We are grateful for how you walk alongside us as we seek to do God's work in this place.  
Thanks for your prayers, support and assistance.  
Peace, Willie, Anne and Micah Langdji