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We support Bible Translation by supporting Bible Translators. We believe that they cannot do their work unless they are properly equipped.

Come in and meet the family. Paul, Ali, Hannah and Levi live in Tamale, Ghana. We have been preparing for our ministry our whole lives.

We can't do this without you! Find out how you can join the team. Sign up to receive our prayer letters and email updates.

NEW WEBSITE

Our original website has been neglected for nearly the entire time that we have been in Ghana. For that reason, we decided to do a complete overhaul based on a system that allows us to update it more easily, so you should see updates on it more often. It contains information about us and our ministry as well as pictures and newsletters.

One new feature that we are excited to share is the addition of two weblogs. Paul's blog, "All Things Technical" will focus on some of the challenges that he faces in the IT department. "According to Sources," Ali's blog, will be more of a personal journal highlighting aspects of everyday life in Tamale and kids antics. As more details come together about our time in the US, we will also post our travel schedule and calendar. We hope that this will be a valuable tool that can be used to share about our ministry. Visit our new website at: <http://paul-ali.federwitz.net>

HOME ASSIGNMENT

The time is drawing near for our return to the US. Our first term in nearly completed! The plan is to leave Ghana in November and travel to Papua New Guinea where Paul's brother and sister and their families serve as missionaries. Upon arrival in the US in early December, we will have some debriefing meetings at LBT and then enjoy Christmas with Ali's family. Paul will begin online classes in January as he works toward a master's degree in Management Information Systems.

The main purpose for our return is to renew our partnerships with all of you. We will get to speak with many of you in person about the work that we have been doing these past 3 years and share with you our plans and goals for the coming years. Currently, we are focusing on traveling to Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa and California. Would you like to have us come and speak to your congregation, Bible study class, youth group, or day school? Contact us by email at pafederwitz@lbt.org or call Sharon Vega, LBT personnel supervisor at 1-800-53-BIBLE.

We haven't yet formed our travel plans but your requests will help us to create these plans. We are open to visiting other places as time permits. If you don't live in one of the states listed but still desire us to visit, please let us know and we will fulfill these requests when possible.



LBT MEETINGS

Each year, all of the LBT teams in Ghana gather for a series of meetings. During this time, we review the past year and then look ahead to what goals we need to set and steps we need to take in the coming years. It is also a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal. We just completed our annual meetings at the beginning of June. It was an exciting time for our ministry in particular as we plan for our second term here in Ghana. Although more details will be worked out during our time in the US, we will be returning to GILLBT for an additional two years as Paul continues work in the IT department.

Although not pictured, we have a new member of the LBT team in Ghana. Greg Meier graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin in the spring of 2008 with a degree in pre-seminary studies and theological language and then went to the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas,

Texas, where he received a certificate in Applied Linguistics. He arrived in Ghana at the beginning of June and will spend approximately one year here in an internship working along with David Federwitz and Nathan Esala in the Komba project. Please pray for Greg and his work throughout this year.



VOLTA REGION

In May, Paul traveled with GILLBT members from the *Scripture in Use-Print* and *Literacy 4 Life* departments to the Volta Region. The others had work to do in the area as well and it was great that they were all able to travel together. Paul's purpose for the trip was to complete Unicode conversions for the projects in the region. He worked with seven groups in 2 ½ days on their computer needs : Ntrubo, Avatime, Lelemi, Siwu, Sekpele, Tuwuli, and Sele. Although very tiring, the trip was a great success. Of the 33 language projects that need to be converted, we estimate we are about two thirds of the way through.

SPECIAL PROJECT

From time to time, needs arise above our regular budgeted items. For these things, LBT sets up a special project to fulfill this need. Paul is in need of a new laptop computer with which to do his work. He needs a high powered machine to handle not only his support tasks, but programming and media editing, so we estimate the cost of this computer and accessories to be \$2,500. To contribute to this project, send a check made out to LBT with "Paul Federwitz Computer Project" in the memo line.



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