

I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1: 3-5).

Ingrid and Andrew's Christmas Letter:

The Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Theology, Mission and Culture, where we have spent most time this year, is in many ways a unique institution. Its purpose is to further African Christian scholarship, to doctoral level and beyond. We have both been teaching there; Ingrid with special responsibility (among other things) for academic writing, Andrew particularly concerned with African Christian history, ancient and modern. The Institute has a link with the Centre for African and Asian Christianity at Liverpool Hope University, so we have also spent time there this year in June, both of us speaking at the Centre's conference. (This year's topic was War and Peace, so Ingrid's paper was on war and peace-making in South Sudan). Both here and at ACI we have been highlighting the significance for Christian history of the first African Diaspora that forcibly took millions of Africans to the Americas.


We have had two stretches in USA this year; the first was for three months, May – July, of Presbyterian Itineration, during which Ingrid and I visited churches, seminaries and universities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and California, and were encouraged by meeting many of you; we also both had the joy and privilege of speaking at the New Wilmington Missions Conference. In the other, Andrew gave his annual series of lectures on mission at the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven CT in November, and we rejoiced also to renew friendships at the City Seminary of New York. An unusual addition to our programme was the conference in Rome of the Documentation, Archives, Bibliography and Oral History Group of the International Association for Mission Studies. There have also been activities in the UK, for the Centre for World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh. Another aspect of our time in UK has been a series of medical reviews for Andrew. The outcome thus far requires definite changes in his work and travel schedule. These we look forward to implement starting in January 2015.

Overall, we continue in thanksgiving for the rich grace of God in our lives: Immanuel ever sustains and provides for us as stand in need. We are grateful to him and to each of you, for it's been through you that much of God's provision enters our lives; your prayers, emails, e-cards, letters, cards and financial support have made ministering Lord Jesus possible in Ghana and elsewhere. It is with joy and humility, we say 'Thank You.' And as in previous years, some of you have asked about supporting us, and ACI. How to do this? The best way—give by check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, for MCW Ingrid Reneau Walls, E200495 -individuals D507538 –congregations **or online, Give:** pcusa.org/give/E200495. For ACI, give by check to The ACI Student Assistance Fund – E051815. PC(USA) World Mission Office will acknowledge and send you a receipt. And please send me a note, so I also can thank you.

I send this along to you now with *Blessings* for you and your families as you enjoy a happy, holy, celebratory birth of our Lord Jesus, and welcome 2015 with thanksgiving, praise and worshipful adoration to Jah for his promises that will be fulfilled with/in your lives this year, amen.

In Appreciation,

Ingrid and Andrew






Please pray for...

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As a Research Fellow at the Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture (ACI) in Ghana, Ingrid, along with her husband Andrew, share in the institute's work of stimulating theology in relation to African cultures and promoting Christian scholarship in Africa. In doing so, she teaches, among other courses, Academic Writing and ESL, with a view towards strengthening and developing the scholarly works of the institute's mostly Pan-African student-body. Ingrid also contributes to the institute's Christian scholarship through her own continued research on the primal cultures and Christianity in South Sudan's pastoralist communities, as well as via her ongoing participation in Graduate forums that address and explore the links between African and African Diaspora Cultures and Christianity and the impact of the primal imagination in the post-Christian West. ACI is a postgraduate institute of university status.

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