

News Briefing

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Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area



On Mission

The Expanding Ministry in Sierra Leone, West Africa

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone continues to feel the powerful winds of the Spirit moving through their mission area. • A new Krio language Lutheran liturgy has been prepared (Daniel Mossima, above, is practicing the music). • New mission churches are being planted (Pastor Hannah Kargbo, right, is considering a new mission start east of



Freetown). • New elementary schools are under construction (St. Peter's, left). • Lay Evangelists are at work in villages across the countryside dramatically increasing the number of baptisms and confirmations. • The medical clinic

opened recently in Calaba Town serves hundreds at a time. • Pastor Kate Warn serves as NT-NL's missionary-in-residence in Sierra Leone. • And the development of leaders and programs in the ELCSL is gaining visibility and focus in the construction of a center for mission – the Jubilee Center in Freetown. All these missionary efforts are possible in large measure because of the generosity of the members of the NT-NL, especially through the *DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative*. Learn more about our global outreach by reading Pastor Kate Warn's engaging online blog (onmissionsierraleone.wordpress.com).



DiscipleLife Alive!

Transforming the Future
Fall Events



DiscipleLife Alive! Leadership Training Celebrations are taking place all around the NT-NL Mission Area this fall. Come hear about the progress of the DLA! Initiative, learn how to share with others the story and excitement that DLA! has generated, and plan ways to get your congregation involved in supporting this crucial work. Learn more at NTNL.org.

Nov. 2 (6 p.m.) – Our Savior, Mesquite
Nov. 3 (6:30 p.m.) – Preston Meadow, Plano
Nov. 5 (10 a.m.) – Trinity, Clifton
Nov. 8 (6 p.m.) – Christ, Dallas
Nov. 12 (10 a.m.) – Santa Maria, Irving
Dec. 4 (noon) – Briarwood, Argyle
Jan. 14 (10 a.m.) – Advent, Arlington
Jan. 29 (12:15 p.m.) – Calvary, Richland Hills

Congregational Leadership Academy 2012

The NT-NL Congregational Leadership Academy can help congregational leaders learn about congregations as dynamic systems, about the management of conflict, and the positive benefits of a mission-vision. Congregations are invited to send a team of 3 to 5 key leaders (including the pastor) to the three sessions of the Academy during Lent 2012 (each is a Friday-Saturday). The Academy will be hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor. Learn more at NTNL.org under "Leaders".

FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

November Emphasis: Lutheran Social Services

- ❖ **Briarwood's Annual Meeting & Fall Festival** on Nov. 6 includes entertainment, a discussion about Briarwood's programs and future, and a free meal. Reservations required. Info contact www.BriarwoodRetreat.org.
- ❖ **The ELCA Malaria Campaign**, approved by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, is underway to help address the death and misery that the disease brings to much of Africa. Learn more at www.ELCA.org/malaria.
- ❖ **The South Dallas Youth Conference** held in June was a terrific example of missional outreach and the supportive efforts of the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund. The program focused on teen suicide and on the effects of bullying. Learn more at NTNL.org (go to "Partners" and then "Mission Endowment Fund").
- ❖ **Feeling a Call to a Church Vocation?** High School Seniors, college students and second career folks are invited to meet the members of the NT-NL Candidacy Committee and attend a *Vocations Day* on Dec.17 at Briarwood. Learn more at NTNL.org (go to "Leaders" and then "Vocations Day").
- ❖ **GUSTO!** On Nov. 14, 10 a.m., Jacquelynny Floyd, columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, speaks on *What I Saw at the Media Circus*. Info contact www.KingOfGlory.com/Gusto.