



Pray for

REV. RYAN AND EMILY McDERMOTT
EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY
SERVING THE LORD IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA



Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Ghana, West Africa. In this role, Ryan is involved with deaf ministry in Accra and helps train Ghanaian pastors (of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana) on how to accomplish deaf ministry in their congregations and communities. Through the relationships formed, Ryan and Emily seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Ghana.

Ryan was born in Los Angeles. His home congregation is Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minn. He graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn., with a bachelor's degree in theology and world languages. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Before becoming a missionary, Ryan served as a pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma, Iowa. Ryan's hobbies include reading, cooking, home brewing beer, geocaching and spending time with his family.

Emily was born in La Crosse, Wis., and her home congregation is also Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minn. She attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Emily's hobbies include knitting, reading and spending time with her family. Ryan and Emily have four children – Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua and Kaj (born May 26, 2015) – who join them on the mission field.

Please pray for Ryan and Emily as they serve in Ghana. Pray God gives them strength and peace as they transition to life overseas, learning the culture and the language. Pray God gives Ryan and Emily wisdom and patience as they help their children adjust. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads and guides them to do the ministry work set before them with joy in the Gospel. Pray the hearts of people here in the United States are moved to pray for and to financially support the McDermotts so they can “go with” this family on this journey of faith. Let us give thanks to God that Ryan and Emily answered the call to serve in Ghana, West Africa.



• **BIRTHDAYS:** Ryan – March 2, Emily – July 29, Rhys – July 13, Evangeline – Dec. 20, Joshua – Oct. 10, Kaj – May 26

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Aug. 4

• **HOME DISTRICT:** Minnesota South

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Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott

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