



Pray for REV. GARY AND STEPHANIE SCHULTE
 WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA AREA DIRECTOR,
 WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR
 MERCY MEDICAL WORK



Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in West & Central Africa. As the Area Director for West & Central Africa, Gary supervises, facilitates and provides vision for the work the LCMS does in assisting its four West African partner churches (Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia and Togo) and nine mission field locations (the young churches of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Gambia, the two Congos and Burundi) in missionary pastoral training, church planting and doing mercy work. As the West & Central Africa Regional Coordinator for Mercy Medical Work, Stephanie envisions, facilitates and coordinates Community Health Education (CHE) initiatives, health clinics and the deployment of Mercy Medical Teams (MMTs) to these parts of Africa.

Gary was born in Lawton, Okla. He earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Over the years, Gary has served as a missionary in Togo (1987-2000) and in Côte d'Ivoire (2000-2003). Most recently, he served as the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Mo. (2005-2015).

Stephanie was born in Cheverly, Md. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, her registered nurse (R.N.) certification from Jefferson College, Hillsboro, Mo., and a bachelor's degree in nursing (B.S.N.) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Stephanie has worked as a home health care nurse, a staff registered nurse in trauma/acute care surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, and as an adjunct faculty member at Jefferson College. She also served with Gary in Togo and Côte d'Ivoire.

Gary and Stephanie call St. John's Lutheran Church, Arnold, Mo., their home congregation. In addition, they have four adult children - Tim, Tom, Jeff and Ariana.

Pray for the Schultes as they serve in West & Central Africa. Ask God to give them and their four children strength as they are so far away from each other. Pray God continues to preserve Gary and Stephanie's good physical and spiritual well-being while they are on the mission field. Ask God to grant them success in sharing the life-giving message of the Gospel as they seek to free people from the bondage of their traditional beliefs. Pray that God continues to raise up faithful indigenous pastors throughout the region. Ask God to grant success to Stephanie's new medical ministry in the midst of such great physical need.

• **BIRTHDAYS:** Gary – Aug. 7, Stephanie – May 6

• **ANNIVERSARY:** May 31 • **HOME DISTRICT:** Missouri



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 Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte**

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