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Pray for Jacob as he serves in Togo and Central Africa. Pray that God provides him with continued prayer and financial supporters in the United States. Pray that the Lord blesses CLET, its supporting congregations and other African partner churches. Pray that the burgeoning Lutheran churches in francophone Africa practice good stewardship in supporting the pastors and leaders of their church bodies with prayer and adequate salaries. Ask the Lord to raise up African theological leaders to serve as teachers of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the community. Let us give thanks to God for Jacob serving in this part of the world.

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