

Ed & Wilma Rupprecht

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The Rupprechts, after 22 years in the USA, have returned to the mission field. After much foot dragging, pondering, and prayer, Ed and Wilma are being drawn by the passion for mission to the country that was so much part of their early years together--Nigeria!

Ed and Wilma first met while attending the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) in Norman, Oklahoma in the summer of 1968. Ed was home on furlough from Nigeria where he was serving with the LCMS-Mission Board. Wilma had returned from Mexico where she had served as a short-term missionary. They were married in February 1969 at St. Paul's Lutheran church, N. Ukele, Nigeria.

Ed grew up in Richville, MI. At a young age, he felt God calling him to mission service. After attending Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI, he attended Concordia, River Forest. His call took him to Nigeria to work among the Ukele people where he served for 18 years. Ed was part of a team working on translating the New Testament into the Kukele language. Ed's role was literacy and education.

Wilma was born in Montana where her dad was the pastor of a small Indian mission church. Missions has always been a part of her life. After attending Grace University in Omaha, she went to California to work. While there she heard about the need for typist in Mexico City with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Her experience in Mexico made her realize that God wanted her to go to SIL for further training.

In Nigeria, Ed and Wilma served together for over 13 years in literacy, adult education and rural development. In 1982, they returned to the United States. Ed received his Masters Degree from Concordia, River Forest in 1983. He has taught in Lutheran schools and organizations and worked in development, mobilizing others for the Great Commission. 40 years in Christ's service!

Wilma has served by using her gifts in various church activities--LWML, choir, and Stephens Ministry. She has worked in the corporate world as Administrative Assistant and more recently at the LBT Service Center.

The Rupprechts have two children, both born in Nigeria, and five grandchildren. Paul, and his wife Noel of New York, are the parents of Brittany and Rebekah. Kim, and her husband Paul Klomhause, are the parents of Aaron, Nathan and Holly, and live in Wisconsin.

God is never done! Ed and Wilma have felt God calling them back to the mission field

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