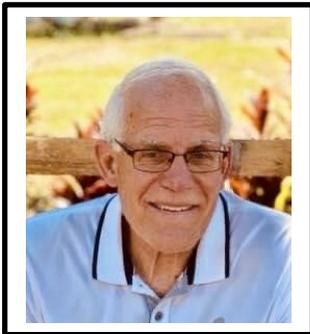




PNGMS and Friendship Celebration Host a Mission Festival, Sunday, July 3

765 W. Chinden, Meridian, ID
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 and 11:15 – Mission
Presentations
12:00 – Barbecue / Potluck



Rev. Ron Rall will be the guest speaker at the Mission Festival worship service, employing the theme “God’s Light Shining in the Darkness.” Rev. Rall is a 1973 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and spent the first eight years of his ministry in Papua New Guinea. Then after achieving his STM in 1983, he served with the LCMS Board for Missions in communications and then for thirty years as the pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis. In his retirement, he is serving again in Papua New Guinea as a seminary instructor with the Gutnius Lutheran Church. He and his wife Mary Anne were married in 1975 and have been blessed with six children and seven grand children

Krista Young (ne Adler) is a missionary kid, born in Papua New Guinea, who earned a degree as a Director of Christian Education (DCE) at Concordia, St. Paul, MN. Then after several years serving with congregations in Missouri and North Carolina, she and her husband served the LCMS in the mission field for five years in Kenya and Ethiopia. She currently serves the LCMS as the Partnership Coordinator Africa Region. There she works to strengthen partnerships between various ministry teams, US congregations and groups in Africa, as well as to support short-term and longer-term missionary persons to the African continent. Her work in the US involves helping congregations to understand the African context and build meaningful relationships across continental borders. As a part of the July 3 Mission Festival, she will be sharing information about her work with the LCMS in her role as facilitator between US congregations and churches in various parts of Africa.



Ruth Van Reken, co-author with David Pollock of *Third Culture Kids: Growing up Among Worlds* (1999), and this year’s guest speaker at the PNGMS gathering, will also be sharing her extensive international experience at the Sunday Mission Festival for the Friendship Celebration community. Ruth was born and grew up in Kano, Nigeria, where her parents were missionaries. Her family heritage includes grandparents in Iran, an aunt in China and other relatives in other countries. She spent middle school, high school and college years in the USA and then went with her husband David, son of missionaries in China, to serve for nine years in Liberia. She has traveled extensively studying and sharing information about the unique characteristics and challenges of persons who grow up and live in more than a single culture. In today’s world of ever-mixing cultures and people moving between cultures, her knowledge is invaluable.

