

A Moment in Mission ❖ from Bethany Seminary

International Scholar in Residence

Bethany Theological Seminary has initiated its first program to reach out to Church of the Brethren partner churches outside the continental United States. The International Scholar in Residence program has begun with the selection of Nigerian theological scholar Musa Mambula. Musa and his wife, Sarah, are living in the Bethany Neighborhood in Richmond, Indiana.

The purpose of the program is to establish a working academic relationship between Bethany and a non-US-based church body. The scholar will assist Bethany and the church body in developing an equitable educational relationship and will support the church body in selecting and preparing potential students for this educational opportunity. The scholar will have a term of one to two years.

Rev. Dr. Musa Mambula is a gifted teacher, preacher, administrator, and guidance counselor. He served as dean of the School of Education at Kashim Ibrahim College of Education in Maiduguri for sixteen years and was promoted to full professor of guidance and counseling in 2004. In 2003 he began a concurrent six-year term as president/provost of the Theological College of Northern Nigeria near Jos. He has served the Ekklesiyar Yan-Uwa A Nigeria (EYN) and related church bodies in various capacities, including six years as the elected national spiritual advisor for EYN. A prolific writer, he has published more than forty journal articles and six books.

Dr. Mambula attended Bethany in Oak Brook, Illinois, earning a master of arts in theology in 1983. He also holds a master of science in educational administration and supervision from National Louis University and a PhD in educational foundation from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria.

This past summer, an agreement to pursue a new educational arrangement was signed between Bethany and EYN. With guidance from Dr. Mambula and other EYN leaders, technological infrastructure in Nigeria is being developed, and Bethany course formats that enable Nigerians to join in real time are being developed. It is hoped that in the next one to two years, Bethany classes will comprise both students in an Indiana building and students on camera half a world away.

Bethany Seminary expresses gratitude for the many ways you have shown support for its mission. All are invited to take part in Bethany life, from campus visits, to support of a student, to inviting faculty and staff to provide a workshop for your congregation.