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Missionary to Work with Ghana AIDS Orphans ***Sue Kolljeski Takes Africa Assignment with The Mission Society***

NORCROSS, Ga. – The Mission Society has commissioned Sue Kolljeski of New Brighton, Pa., to work with AIDS orphans in the Upper West Region of northwestern Ghana.

She will join the staff of an orphanage operated by The United Methodist Church in the town of Lawra, Ghana. Kolljeski has been with The Mission Society's Global Resource Team as a specialist in child advocacy and children-at-risk issues. A missionary in Ghana and three other countries prior to this appointment, she plans to settle in Lawra by mid-March.

Kolljeski developed a deep affection for the African nation while serving in a Ghanaian village in 2007. Working with a group of nationals who call themselves Ambassadors for Christ, she led workshops in how to teach the Bible to children and youth and shared strategies on volunteer recruitment. In addition, she joined a prayer ministry team, visiting rooms to pray for patients' physical health and spiritual well-being.

"I felt as if God had given me a new home," Kolljeski said. "So to return for a long-term assignment is wonderful. I can't wait to see the faces of the children, whom I love. I can't wait to return to my Ghanaian 'home town' and to see old friends.

"Most of all, I can't wait to be Jesus to the children at the Lawra Orphanage and to the Dagaaba people in the Upper West Region," she said.

In Lawra, Kolljeski will serve alongside the orphanage's director while forming relationships, caring for children, teaching English and helping victims of the HIV/AIDS crisis. This role is the culmination of a call she said she received on her first overseas missions trip in 1996. While on that trip to Russia, she said God burdened her heart for the least, the last and the lost of the world -- the kinds of people she will serve in the region, which also suffers from widespread poverty and illiteracy.

To learn more about Kolljeski's ministry, visit www.themissionsociety.org or www.suekolljeski.com.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society recruits, trains, and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. At present, it has more than 200 missionaries in 39 countries. The Mission Society develops diverse programs and ministries in accordance with its missionaries' unique callings and gifts, ranging from well-drilling and the arts to more traditional ministries such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops, and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their own communities and throughout the world.

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