



August 23, 2021

Dear friend,

Grace and peace to you. I am writing to announce the great news that Tom Johnson is wrapping up his sabbatical and will be transitioning to a new role as the Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups with Coram Deo Association of Churches (www.coramdeoassociation.org). Coram Deo Association of Churches offers credential programs for pastoral and ministry leaders, church planters, and multiplication leaders in the church as they bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. In this new role, Tom will train Christian leaders in reaching French-speaking people groups starting in North America and the Caribbean, with a vision for equipping Christian leaders anywhere. This is a new position with Coram Deo that follows their recent launch of a Spanish language track. This role has been created in the hope that gospel-hearted Christian leaders will be identified, equipped, and deployed into the work of starting and strengthening churches for gospel work and mission. French is the third-most-common language in North America and it has been growing in use through the arrival of French-speaking immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean. Tom will begin this new role beginning October 1, 2021.

Tom is uniquely suited for this position and brings the ideal skillset to share the gospel in this way with unreached French-speaking communities. Tom and his wife, a native of Niger, are both fluent in French. During Tom's 15 years of missionary service in Niger, he equipped Christian leaders through training and consulting given in French and Hausa and saw the need for high-quality, low-cost, high-impact equipping models for training Christian leaders that do not require residential instruction. While serving with Many Hands for Haiti, Tom delivered Christian French content to Haitian pastors and chaplains through periodic continuing education and the building of a resource library that included French and Haitian Creole books and recordings. In addition, Tom recently completed the Coram Deo commissioned pastor program and understands first-hand the Coram Deo model for equipping Christian leaders.

I am excited to share Tom's new role with you and truly believe God has placed Tom in this role for such a time as this. I ask you to continue your support of RCA Global Mission in a new chapter of mission and ministry in partnership with Coram Deo through Tom Johnson's role as the Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at lruiz@rca.org or 616-541-0850. To make changes to or to renew your Partnership-in-Mission share(s), please contact Kathy DeKock at kdekock@rca.org or 712-737-4952. Your support will automatically renew for Tom if we do not hear from you otherwise by October 30.

Thanks again,

Rev. Luis Ruiz
RCA Global Mission Supervisor of Mission in North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean

P.S. Tom will be available to answer your questions and present his new ministry in person or via Zoom if you are interested. Please schedule this with Tom by emailing him at tjohnson@rca.org.