

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, June 24th, I attended church service in the village of Lokpano. It is in the Lokpano chapel and other mission buildings that the CEG Lokpano (junior high school) holds its classes. The project that I am involved in, working with the Children's Christian Concern Society, has given religion classes to all of the students of this school since the project began in January. The two pastors teaching the classes spoke to the students about baptism and confirmation during their instruction times. A number of students were very interested in knowing more, and special instruction was given to those who desired to be baptized and/or confirmed. Working around exam schedules and rainy season, the special church service was held in front of the Lokpano Chapel on June 24th. Pastors Kommenna and Djoinime baptized 10 students and confirmed 25 into membership in the Lutheran Church. Pastor Kolan Lamboni, National Church President, celebrated Holy Communion. As the students come from a number of different villages, the service included four different Lutheran congregations. The villagers walked, rode bicycles or motos to attend the service, which was delayed a couple of hours because of a rain storm. Thankfully I arrived, by motorcycle taxi just as the rain began. It is a joy and blessing to be involved with the CCCS kids- CEG Lokpano Project, helping to bring God's Word to these young people.

In Christ's service,
Valerie



A group photo of students and pastors in front of the chapel.