

The Rev. Dirk, Sarah, and Eva Stadlander

After language and culture study in various settings in Senegal, the Stadlander family recently moved to Linguere, Senegal, where Dirk is serving with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Senegal. As Dirk describes the church's position in a predominantly Muslim context, "The ELCA's mission in Senegal has embraced a student-like position in the community, listening and learning to those around us as well as sharing the gifts God has given us and witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ so that we might be leaven in this 'loaf.'" Sarah shares in the ministry and cares for their three-year-old daughter, Eva, who is transitioning to the new home with lively and contagious joy.



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