

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH — TUESDAY, MARCH 19



Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

— Colossians 3:23-24

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus—not to be confused with Joseph of the multicolored coat or Joseph of Arimathea who ministered to Jesus at his death. I especially like that Saint Joseph is known as “the Worker” and the patron saint of workers. He was a carpenter who doubled as a carpentry teacher of his sons and probably other boys in Nazareth.

Each day our paths cross those of workers and laborers who make life possible. Those who farm and bring food to market. Teachers who go above and beyond. Janitors and housekeepers who clean our places of work. The list doesn't end.

Few work harder than John Awinsor, a master carpenter and headmaster of a carpentry school for disabled boys in Teshie, Ghana. John's prayerful work and ministry bring blessing to the boys under his care, his community and all with whom he comes in contact. He puts himself into his tasks “for the Lord.” An inspiration to us all.

— Brian Sellers-Petersen

To read more of John Awinsor's story, and other stories of people who work to serve the Lord Christ, please visit Brian Sellers-Petersen's blog at:

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