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Ayton Student At WLU

will Serve Crossroads Africa

Martin Bender, an Ayton, Ont., native, leaves Waterloo Lutheran University and the comforts of Canada June 23 for a summer of hard work in Africa as one of 300 participants in Crossroads Africa.

Mr. Bender, 25, who received his B.A. from WLU in 1965 now is finishing the first year of an M.A. program in geography, will work in the French Camaroons.

Like the other volunteers, he will live and labor in a work camp situation with local residents on a development project selected by the government as a needed work.

Crossroads Africa brings students from Canada and Africans together in a close person-to-person relationship, living and working together. As a private voluntary effort, it achieves acceptance by many Africans who tend to suspect the motives of government-sponsored aid schemes.

Mr. Bender will spend a short time in Ghana undergoing orientation training before proceeding toward the French Camaroons.

Service in developing areas is becoming a habit for the Waterloo Lutheran student. Earlier, he spent a year teaching in Trinidad under another university plan. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arno Bender, who farm near Ayton.