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Newest News & Prayers

We are settling into our home, awaiting the arrival of our household goods from Kenya. Kindly pray they show up soon.

Walter has been assisting the pastor at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, with communion and Bible Study.

He is also scheduled to teach a Luther Seminar to the 4th Year students in October.

Robyn begins her Fall Quarter of deaconess classes this month.

Next month we are to fly to Bohol, the Philippines, for the International Lutheran Council meeting. Please pray for safe travel there and back.



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A New Pastor Is “Born”



Ordination & Installation of Pastor Ticong

Although my alb and stoles are still on a ship, bound for The Philippines, I was invited to participate in the ordination and installation of a new pastor. Rev. Shaolin Paca-o Ticong was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor of Mount Sinai Lutheran Church, Sinipsip, North Luzon, The Philippines. District President, Rev. Felipe Ehican presided and President Antonio Reyes preached.

The words Pastor Ehican spoke to the new pastor, as he installed him as pastor of this congregation were so fitting. The seminarians of The Lutheran Church in the Philippines do not wear a clerical collar. Rather, at Pastor Ticong's installation, the collar was put in his shirt. These words were spoken: "May this collar remind you that you are always to speak God's word to your people." Then, the stole was put on him with these words: "Bear the yoke of Christ, the burden of the Office into which you have been called." Finally, he was given a cross (a crucifix). Pastor Ehican charged him always to Preach Christ Crucified. Join me in praying for young Pastor Shaolin Ticong, as he begins his ministry in the highlands of Northern Luzon. There is much work to do. There will be great challenges. There will be great sorrows. Yet, there will also be abiding joy in Christ.

In Christ,

Walter

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Public Transportation In The Philippines



A Reach-Back to Kenya

We received the joyous news that a very successful pastors' continuing education and training was held in Kenya.

Our good friends, Dr. Thomas Aadland and Rev. Charles Froh, among others, taught a variety of subjects.

In the center of this picture is one of Walter's prior students, now an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, and a key man in his diocese.

Walter is also continuing to assist the Africa Region with curriculum development at the new seminary in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

In all this we are committed to Spread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran Churches, and practice Mercy worldwide.

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As we continue to wait for our official work permits and visas, we occasionally need to make the five or six hour trip from Baguio City to Manila. The best way to do this is by bus.

A few weeks ago, when we checked into the various options, we discovered a bus with rather unique seating. Well, not exactly "seating" Rather, it is bus with individual sleeper compartments. So, we gave it a try.

It was a little tight. (We Americans are generally a little bigger—and wider—than the average Filipino!) But it was good to get my feet up for the long trip to the capital.

We did successfully get our "biometrics" taken for our permits. Now, we wait some more. Thank you for your prayers.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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