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Serving the Lord in Mission to the World



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Newest News

Pray for us as we conclude our service in Africa and make the move to The Philippines.

Remember our Matongo students as they take their final exams this month.

Pray for your LCMS missionaries throughout the world as they spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran Churches, and show the mercy and love of Christ to the world.

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Pastoral Resources



Teaching how to use the Pastoral Care Companion

While we are planning our move to The Philippines and beginning to pack and make our transition, our work continues here in Africa. Part of that work is providing the students with resources and training that will enhance their ability as pastors.

In March, I gave a workshop to our students who will be completing their final year of seminary. The *Pastoral Care Companion* is an excellent tool for them. I gave them an overview of this book and then took them through it, showing how they can use it as they provide pastoral care to those both in their congregations and in their communities. The men each received a copy of this book, courtesy of the generosity of LCMS Lutherans back home.

We will be departing Africa at the end of April for a time of preparation for our deployment to The Philippines. We expect to be there early July. We will then begin house hunting, as the seminary in Baguio does not have adequate missionary housing. Kindly pray that we quickly find a home that will allow us to serve God's people well.

In Christ,

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Deaconesses Demonstrate God's Mercy



Dedication of New Deaconess Home Economics Building

The dedication of buildings is not an empty ritual. It sets apart a space for the work of the Lord.

The critical need to improve deaconess training in Africa is understood to be so important that the Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya came to the campus to celebrate this day.

As we move to The Philippines, we also rejoice that they see the work of deaconesses as essential to demonstrating the mercy of Christ to the world. And we are both looking forward to strengthening that program as we have been privileged to do in Africa.



It has been a joy to me to see increasing resources for our deaconess students at Matongo. In March, the new Home Economics building, Wilhelm Loehe Hall was completed and dedicated to the glory of God. Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe was a Confessional Lutheran pastor in Germany and a major founder of the deaconess movement in the Lutheran Church. His work also resulted in the founding of Concordia Theology Seminary, now in Fort Wayne IN.

It is appropriate that this facility, which holds two lecture halls and space of teaching sewing as well as food preparation and nutrition, should be named in his memory.

I am happy that LCMS has partnered with the Matongo Seminary to make this dream come true for our ladies.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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