

Steeles in Mission: Rev. Dr. Walter Steele: Theological Educator & Robyn Steele: Deaconal Care & Training



Serving the Lord in Mission to Asia.

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Newest News & Prayers

–We made applications for three-year work visas through Philippine Immigration. However, we discovered that we are only able to get one-year visas as of now. Please pray that the renewals come through without delay and that in the future we can get them for three year-periods.

– Pray for Walter as he travels to Mindanao for a meeting with LCMS church relations and the *Tagakaulo Lutheran Church of Christ in the Philippines*.

–Walter is scheduled to travel to Madagascar to teach there in December. Prayers are appreciated for visa and travel safety.

–Robyn's work is extending into the Asia Region as she now will be caring for the needs of fellow missionaries as well as teaching deaconess students at the seminary.



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Teaching in the USA



Continuing Education Course

Home Service usually involves visits to congregations to report on the mission work in the field. But that is not all. This July Walter taught a continuing education course for Concordia Theological Seminary at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminister Massachusetts.

Six pastors and nine laity gathered for the three day course on Pastoral Theology of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Having a great mix of people with various vocations provided for some great discussions. And as any teacher knows, it is energizing when those in a class are attentive and not afraid to ask what is on their minds.

I want also to thank the pastors and congregations I was able to visit. It had been a long time since I had been in New England. That district is also a clear mission field. The days with these Christians were times of encouragement and strengthening for us all. For those we missed this time, we will be at it again in two years.

We are excited now to be back in The Philippines and with our pastoral and deaconess students.

In Christ,

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The New Academic Year Has Begun



Necessary Resources

Providing resources which are unavailable in the Philippines is an important aspect of our missionary work.

The Lutheran Study Bible is one such resource. Each year the incoming students are given their own copy for them to use in class and in their personal devotions and Bible study.

The look on their faces when given these is so encouraging. These are ours?" they exclaimed! "Yes, they are."

In the USA, where each Lutheran home may have several Bibles, here they are a precious gift and tool for study of the Gospel.

In Christ's care,

Walter & Robyn

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Lutheran Theological Seminary and Training Center begins the academic year in August. Our first-year students all passed the summer pre-theology courses and join the returning students for classes.

In addition to theological courses such as Bible, Doctrine, and Church History, they also meet each Monday afternoon, the men for pastoral formation and the women for deaconess formation. This year Robyn is leading the deaconesses in their course. Focusing on the character, habits and nature of a deaconess, she leads them in discussions and studies to help them go beyond mere doctrine and see how it comes alive in a deaconess's life.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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