

Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



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Did you know that:

—Walter & Robyn are still in Tanzania?

—That our East & South Africa team meet Monday to Friday over the Internet for daily prayer and devotions?

—That each Sunday we also gather over the internet for worship?

—That we pray for you, for your safety, health & wellbeing?

—That ministry does not stop even while we are in relative isolation?

—That Christ is risen, and has overcome sin, death, and the devil?

—Yes, He is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!



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Chuma Huchungia Chuma



Walter and a Tanzania Pastor Discuss Christ and the Gospel

Chuma huchungia chuma! Iron sharpens iron! So the old saying goes.

One of the important tasks of Theological Educators is to engage in discussions of our Christian Faith with leaders and pastors in the churches where we serve. And that does not only mean Lutheran Church leaders.

One of the joys I have had recently is learning Swahili and speaking about the Faith with a pastor outside of our Lutheran fellowship. I believe that one of the tasks and blessings of being Lutheran is communicating the grace of God clearly to all we meet. He and I both know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is my brother, our brother, in Christ. To be given the privilege of making the Word of God more fully known helps to sustain me while we are technically isolated because of that pesky virus going around.

COVID-19 cannot stop the Gospel from sounding forth. And we find ways to continue to speak. Yes, we do all we can to protect ourselves from that pest's reach, but Christian fellowship cannot stop because of it. (For those who might be worried, let me assure you that we both followed proper precautions before and after our handshake.)

Please continue to pray for our continued safety, for our language studies, and for the telling of the message that **Christ is Risen!**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- As our formal language training draws to a close, that Walter will find ways to prepare for the Fall classes he will be teaching, which include Hebrew and Old Testament Introduction.
- That we all use this time to deepen our understanding of the Word of God, since our Lord uses trials and tribulation to draw us to Himself in prayer and deep into His Word.
- That your pastors in the United States remain encouraged. Not being able to gather with the saints for normal worship is more taxing on them than most people realize. They are likely laboring on your behalf twice as much as you know.
- That funding for International Missions and missionaries continue and even increase. This pandemic is actually increasing the opportunities for opening up doors for the Gospel!

We know that COVID-19 is having a significant impact on your lives: economically, socially, mentally, and spiritually. Christ our Lord suffered. Indeed, He even knows isolation. He knows what it is like. Yet, even in the midst of suffering, indeed by means of it, He overcame sin and death. He, who is faithful, will see you through this as well. Now is the time for us to cling to him, knowing that He truly will work all things together for good.

We thank God that our partners have continued to support the work to which we have been called, despite economic and social challenges. Your love, support, and encouragement is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your expressions of love and concern!

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