

Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



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—COVID has struck again. Classes are on hold until this wave subsides.

—Walter & Robyn are using the break in classes to prepare for next semester.

—Robyn has been asked to teach two Home Economics courses: one next semester and one beginning in August.

—Walter participated in a PhD seminar (via Zoom, of course) on Luther and Lutheran Pastoral Theology.

—We have bid farewell to our good friend and coworker, Dr. Thomas Aadland, who has retired from the field. He will be missed.

—Perhaps the Lord is calling you to consider international missions. The need to train pastors, deaconesses and evangelists remains. If you ever have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to email us.



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COVID Cannot Stop Gospel Preaching!



Preaching at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in Nyamira County, Kenya

A beautiful day in April, the Third Sunday after Easter. COVID has closed the campus for a while. But no virus can stop the Gospel of our Lord Jesus from sounding forth. An invitation was given. “Professor, will you come and preach to us?” Such is the hunger for the Word of God in Kenya.

“Of course I will!” So, we made our way, about an hour from campus, where Walter preached to them. It was a Communion Sunday. So Walter and the parish pastor, Rev. Gordon Alex, served God’s people with the precious and life-giving Body and Blood of Christ Jesus our Lord. The choirs sang and the people rejoiced to hear how Christ comes to them in Word and Sacrament. We enjoyed the fellowship of those who say: “Christ is risen! Alleluia!”

We pray that soon the government of Kenya will allow schools to reopen. We certainly appreciate their caution. But in the meanwhile, the voice of the Gospel is not silenced. Our students are back home sharing the Word. And with your support, the work continues! Alleluia!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That the recent surge in COVID here may soon end.
- That our students will be able to return in May, so we can resume all classes.
- For Walter as he prepares to teach seven courses next semester.
- For Robyn as she prepares to teach Home Economics courses next semester and also in the following one.
- For the Office of International Mission as they seek a replacement for Dr. Aadland, who has retired from the field.
- Thanksgiving for continued support of international mission despite the challenges of these days.
- For our Kenyan coworkers, that they, too, remain healthy and safe.

HEBREW BIBLE PROJECT

Great news! The Hebrew Bibles (Reader's Edition) have arrived in Kenya. Yes, it took a while. After all, they traveled through Germany to get here. But they have made it in time for the next semester.

The pastoral students are excited to be able to study the Old Testament in Hebrew. They look forward to seeing Jesus on every page of Holy Scripture.

This ability—to learn how to see our Savior in the entire Bible—is a skill that we emphasize in all our work here at Matongo.

When they see Jesus, they then know how better to show Jesus to others, to tell the wonderful story of God's grace in Christ for all.

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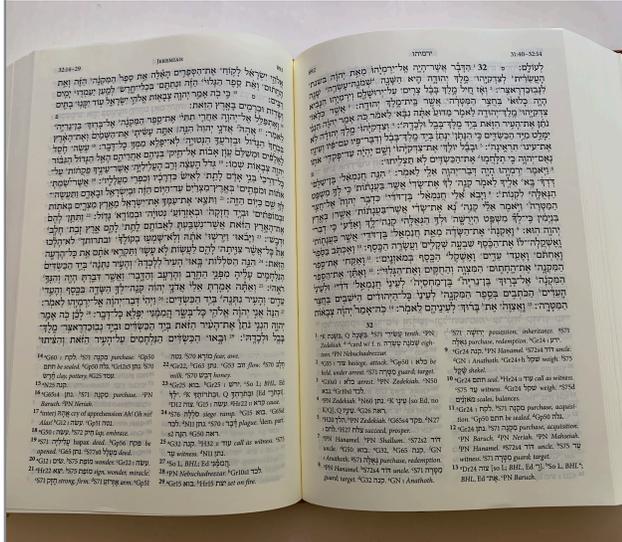
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