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44 Baptisms in Samburu Kenya!



THIS "SUMMER" WE HAVE BEEN:

- Walter has been teaching a course on Psalms and Biblical Wisdom Literature.
- He has also been teaching a class on First Peter.
- Robyn has been working on her ongoing dietetics course work, to keep up her registration as a Registered Dietitian.
- She has also been preparing for some upcoming women's seminars.
- We are getting ready for a trip to Lutheran Theological Seminary Tshwane, South Africa, where Walter will be teaching a course on Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, and the Epistles of John.



Pastor Kelvin Lenaseiyan baptizes 44 children in his parish

It was Trinity Sunday. For way too long the people of Ngilia Lutheran Church had been without a pastor. Rev. Kelvin Lenaseiyan, one of my students at Matongo finished his diploma in theology and was ordained in the Holy Ministry. Awaiting him were many children who had not received the gift of the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, that is, Holy Baptism. So Kelvin immediately set about to do the work to which he was called. Forty-four were baptised that day. And he has another 37 in catechesis (Christian instruction). Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

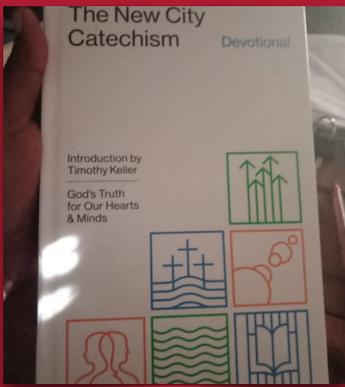
This is why we are here! We have told you the story of Kelvin over the course of several prayer letters, from our visit with him on his internship, to his return to Matongo for future training, to his ordination. Kenya, and all of East Africa, need well-trained, theologically astute pastors who do not water down the message. Rather, they study the Bible, using the Greek and Hebrew in which the Holy Scriptures were written. They dig deep into theology. They learn how to care for their people as true shepherds.

One of the great things about men like Pastor Kelvin Lenaseiyan is that he has the aptitude to ferret out false doctrine, that is, teachings which swirl around him and his people and lead them astray. He can do this because of the solid theology taught at Neema Lutheran College, Matongo, Kenya.

Because of your constant support, encouragement and prayers, we get to be a part of the Lord's mission here. And so do you! You are part of the team. Through us, you are here, raising up future pastors for the churches of East and Central Africa. We can never thank you enough! Asante sana!



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KELVIN UNCOVERS FALSE DOCTRINE

False doctrine is sneaky. It often comes in free gifts given by well-meaning people.

A few days ago, Kelvin texted me out of concern that this book was making its way into the hands of pastors and evangelists of the Lutheran Church of Kenya.

He noticed that it denied the universal call of the Gospel to all people, by teaching a Calvinist doctrine of election.

He also read how art denied the gifts given in Baptism and the bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament.

This is why you support our work here, so we can train men to read with wise discernment.

Now my task remains to use this tool to correct the misunderstandings it is giving.

I asked Kelvin about the necessity of solid teaching



This is what he wrote to me:

Hello, Professor,

Solid theology is necessary for African pastors. It helps us to dig deep into Biblical studies, to do research and to expose us to courses which make us strong in the faith.

It enables us on the African continent to know how to approach a variety of cultures with the message of salvation through preaching and pastoral work which does not despise the culture of the people.

Finally, sound theology helps the African pastor to stand firm against any error that attacks the pure Gospel. Because there are so many false teachers and “prosperity gospel” preachers rising up in every walk of life on this continent, many people desire to know how to get quick earthly gain.

But that is not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! The truth of Christ and what he has done for us is what people really need.

Therefore, it is prudent to give our pastors a strong theological background to be well-equipped with the knowledge of the Truth, which is the pure Gospel of Christ, so that all may come to him as the world’s only Saviour from sin, death, and eternal damnation.

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