



A Visit to Malawi



A NEW ENDEAVOUR!

- Walter will be busy coordinating the start up of a new seminary in Tanzania.
- This will be the first and only Confessional Lutheran Swahili language seminary in the country.
- He will be working closely with the leadership of the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD) and with partners in The LCMS.
- Pray for him as he works together to establish this new school.
- Yes, he's still at Matongo!



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Pastor Davis Wowa, Dr. Steele & Vicar Vyson Makwaka

Visiting faithful, dedicated students during their internship assignments is an enjoyable part of the work on the mission field. Vyson Makwakwa is one such man. His course work is finished, and he is ready to be ordained as a pastor in the Confessional Lutheran Church—Malawi Synod (CLCMS). Yes, he passed his internship with flying colors!

Vyson is the first Matongo-trained man in this church body. It has been my privilege to be his instructor and to advise him on this thesis. His studies were made possible by generous contributions from Christians like you.

The CLCMS is a growing church body, which is committed to being faithful to the Word of God. It was a joy, not only to visit Vyson, but also to spend three days with Rev. Davis Wowa, the Executive Chairman of the CLCMS. We discussed the challenges they face and the joys of preaching the pure Gospel of Jesus, so that people hear the message of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Christ.

It was a joyful Sunday as we gathered to hear Vyson proclaim the Gospel. Rev. Wowa made sure Vyson conducted the entire service as well so I could evaluate him properly. (I wasn't concerned, But it was a good call!) Pray that God raises up more men like him for the CLCMS.



The Congregation gathers for a photo after church



KIDS ARE CUTE EVERYWHERE!

It doesn't matter where you go, kids are cute. These three children greeted me with the biggest smiles as I visited the poorer areas of Mzuzu, Malawi.

They don't have all the advantages that American kids enjoy. Yet, they delight in being greeted by a pastor.

A friendly greeting may become one of the keys to them seeing the Church as a welcoming community.

Please pray for the youth of the Church worldwide. Jesus loves and values children. So does his church.

Youth are the future of the Church.



Vyson teaching the Catechism Saturday afternoon.

Youth are the future of the Church. I guess that goes without saying. But the statement isn't really correct. The Church doesn't merely need young people. The key to the future for the Church in Africa, in America, in fact, everywhere is this: The Church needs youth who are well-grounded in the Word of God. Teaching children is a major job for a Lutheran pastor.

During my Saturday visit to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mzuzu, Malawi, I saw and heard Vyson engage the youth in a deep discussion of the Christian Faith. Using the Small Catechism and the Bible, he asked questions and received answers; he was asked questions, and led them into God's Word for the answers.

Vyson credits the teaching he received at Matongo for his understanding of the Gospel. We know it is the Holy Spirit, who will continue to guide him as he studies.

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